

17 March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope this finds you healthy and well. I would like to thank you for your support last Friday when I made the decision to close our school due to the weather. I appreciate the inconvenience caused to many of you at such short notice. It certainly wasn't ideal but I do hope the children enjoyed playing in the snow!





Our whole school attendance is currently 95.44%. Please remember that holiday requests will not be authorised. Well done to Class 3 for winning the fortnightly attendance award.

YEAR 6 DEBATE AT COUNTY HALL

On Monday 6th March, we took part in a school debate in one of the council chambers at County Hall in Northallerton. It was a fantastic experience for our pupils and they enjoyed seeing the inner workings of such a grand building. The theme of the debate was 'Winning is the only reason for taking part' and we had two speakers - Poppy and Violet - arguing for and against the motion. I am incredibly proud of both pupils for their impressive speeches and they even answered follow-up questions! Well done to Poppy and Violet for representing our school and thank you to Ken Blackwood for organising the event.



YEAR 5/6 HI 5 NETBALL CHAMPIONS

On Tuesday 14th March, our Year 5/6 netball team took part in the small schools Hi 5 competition in Northallerton. Mr Hills and I had the pleasure of accompanying the team. We were so impressed with the quality of netball on display and the children's outstanding team spirit. We won all of our matches and returned to school with the trophy and gold medals! Congratulations to Alice, Beau, Belle, Bobby, Josh, Poppy, Sophia, Sophie and Violet. A special mention goes to Sophie who also won the Most Valuable Player Award - amazing!





The children looked great today in their red clothes. Many thanks for you donations – we raised a total of £113.22.

FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL

WE NEED YOU!

We desperately need more committee members. Please see the message below from Katy Wilson:

Everyone who is a parent or carer is considered a Friend but a very small group of parents and grandparents meet infrequently to organise events. The proceeds go towards supplementing school trips for each class, playground equipment and other ideas that come from the School Council. Next year we are losing over half of the committee as their children graduate to secondary school leaving us only with a parent of a current Year 5 pupil and a grandparent of a child who left two years ago. We are losing our Treasurer as well as other members. The committee cannot be sustained by two members. I propose that a new committee should form with parents or carers from all years. The more people involved the less work there is to do. There are only one or two meetings a term and very little commitment. Please consider doing this or there will be no committee next year. If you feel you can help, please email admin at the school who will forward your message to me or come along to the next Friends meeting on Thursday 19th April at 6.00pm in the Lord Nelson Inn. Thank you.

EASTER DISCO

See the details below for our Easter Disco. We would really appreciate donations of cupcakes on the day – thank you very much in advance to anybody who can help us out.



Easter Disco

The Friends of Appleton Wiske School

Thursday 30th March 6pm - 7 pm



Tickets - £4 - includes drink and a snack

Wear party clothes!



EASTER EGG COMPETITION – FRIDAY 31ST MARCH



Our Easter Egg competition will take place on Friday 31^{st} March at 2.30pm. Your child can decorate a boiled egg and bring it into school on Thursday 30^{th} or Friday 31^{st} March. The cost is £1 per entry. We will announce the winners in our Celebration Assembly. Please bring some spare cash as there will also be a prize draw available.



MAY FAYRE - FRIDAY 28TH APRIL AT 2.30PM

Save the date for our May Fayre – visitors are welcome! Each class will be dancing around the May Pole and we will even attempt the Year 5/6 ribbon dance! The Friends of the School will be selling cream teas and there will be stalls organised by the children.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully

N Clark

Mr N Clark Head Teacher

DIARY DATES

29th March – Y1-Y6 Key Steps Gym

30th March – School Disco, 6.00pm – 7.00pm

31st March – School Closes for Easter

17th April – School Opens

18th April – Y1/2 Multi-Skills

28th April – May Fayre

1st May – Bank Holiday

8th May - Bank Holiday - (King's Coronation)

9-12th May - Year 6 SATS

16th May – Residential information evening for Year 5/6 parents – 5:00pm

24-26th May – Class 3 Residential

26th May – School Closes for Half Term

5th June – School Opens

4th July - Sports Day

12-14th July – Northallerton School Transition Week

19th July – Class 3 Production (1.30pm and 6.00pm)

21st July – Leavers' Assembly

21st July – School Closes for Summer

ABSENCE NOTES

Please could you ensure that you send in an absence note if your child has been off school. Thank you.



COMMUNITY LINKS

USED STAMP COLLECTION FOR BONE CANCER RESEARCH TRUST AND CYSTIC FIBROSIS



Please keep sending in your used stamps

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please let us know your club arrangements for this term. Booking forms and Parental Contracts are available from the office. CLUB ACTIVITIES – W/C 20th MARCH AND W/C 27th MARCH 2023

the Diary:













COOKERY - CHEESY PASTRY PARCELS
MAKE AN AQUARIUM
COMPUTER GAMES
FOOTBALL / INDOOR GAMES
FILMS AND GAMES
COOKERY - EASTER COOKIES
EASTER CRAFTS
COMPUTER GAMES
BASKETBALL / INDOOR GAMES

LUNCH MENU W/C 20th MARCH



Main Choice OR SANDWICH

Monday – Pizza OR Tuna Sandwich

Tuesday - Pasta Bolognese OR Egg Mayo Sandwich

Wednesday – Sausages & Yorkshire Pudding OR Ham Sandwich

Thursday - Chicken Wrap, Vegetable Rice OR Cheese Sandwich

Friday – Fish Fingers OR Tuna Sandwich

LUNCH MENU w/c 27th MARCH

Main Choice OR Jacket Potato

Monday – Mac & Cheese **OR** JP with Cheese

Tuesday – Cheese Burger **OR** JP with Baked Beans

Wednesday – Minced Beef & Dumplings **OR** JP with Tuna

Thursday – Chicken Korma & Rice **OR** JP with Cheese

Friday – Harry Ramsdens Battered Fish **OR** JP with Tuna