



15 September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

It's great to be back. Our pupils have enjoyed the first two weeks of the new school year and they have already settled in really well. They are making the most of their opportunities inside and outside the classroom and it is lovely to see them getting on so well with one another. A big well done to our new Reception pupils for embracing life at Appleton Wiske and putting a smile on everyone's faces! They are a joy to have in school.

TRIBUTE TO MRS PAM ROUNCE

I have some sad news to share with the school community. Mrs Pam Rounce, former Head Teacher of Appleton Wiske School, has passed away after a long battle with cancer. Mrs Hainsworth was a colleague and close friend of Pam's and has written the following tribute:

Pam initially came to Appleton Wiske as a teacher in Class 1 where she was the calmest, kindest and most patient teacher with the youngest children in the school. She inspired many children and adults over the years and children were so fortunate to have had Pam as their first teacher which meant they had the best start to school life ever. A few years later Pam became Head Teacher where she created a lovely, caring atmosphere across the whole school with everybody working and learning together. Visitors always commented on how approachable, friendly and positive Pam and her team made them feel. Pam was always a child at heart and her legacy lives on through the 'Pam Rounce Team Trophy' which is awarded every year in the final whole school celebration assembly.



Our whole school attendance is currently 95.95% which is below our target of 97%. Please remember that I am unable to authorise holidays. **From September 2023, penalty notices will be issued for unauthorised absences which reach the local authority limit.** Thank you for helping us to maintain high rates of attendance. **Well done to Class 1 for winning the fortnightly attendance award.**



KEY STAGE 1 FUN RUN

Well done to all of our Year 1/2 pupils for representing our school at the recent fun run in Northallerton. They were a credit to our school and behaved impeccably throughout the event. Mrs Gudger and Mrs Jackson were very impressed with their positive attitudes. Congratulations to our medal winners – Darcy, Dylan H, Ellie, Henry A, Jack F, Jessie and Percy.



TRIM TRAIL, PLAYGROUND and SCHOOL GROUNDS

Our pupils are loving the extension to the trim trail and new playground markings. It's great to see them enjoying such a wide range of activities and taking on new challenges. You will have noticed that we have lots of overhanging branches and untidy hedges at the moment. We can only apologise for this. Rest assured, we have contacted the grounds team at NYC and hope to have everything tidied up very soon. A massive thank you to two of our parents – Nikki Easby and Helen Smith – for tackling our front garden; we really appreciate your help.

Happy, Healthy and Productive



HARVEST FESTIVAL – FRIDAY 6TH OCTOBER AT 2.00PM

Save the date for our Harvest Festival. The children are looking forward to singing songs, performing and sharing their work with you.



20MPH LIMIT

North Yorkshire Highways are conducting a speed survey within Appleton Wiske village from Thursday 14th September to Friday 22nd September. You will see two sets of speed tubes laid across the road, one between our school and pre-school and another one by the play area before the bridge. This is in response to the parish council's longstanding campaign to have 20mph as the designated speed within the village. Please help us achieve this by driving with care, at 20 mph over these speed tubes, so that the survey concludes that 20mph, and not 30mph, is the appropriate speed limit within Appleton Wiske.

Finally, I would just like to say that we aim to be an open and friendly school. The partnership between home and school is vital in helping us to provide the best possible education for your children. If you would like to speak to a member of the team about any issues or concerns, please catch me on the school gate or ring the office to make an appointment. Thank you for your support.

Have a great weekend.

Yours faithfully

Mr N Clark
Head Teacher

DIARY DATES



18th September – Skip 2 Be Fit & Young Leader Training
 26th September - Y5/6 Quicksticks Hockey
 3rd October - Y3/4 Quicksticks Hockey
 5th October – Tempest Photography – Individual Photos
 6th October – Harvest Festival – 2.00pm
 10th October - Y5/6 Tag Rugby
 20th October – Flu Vaccinations
 24th October - Y5/6 Girls Football
 27th October – School Closes for Half Term
 6th November – School Re-opens
 7th November – Y5/6 Football
 14th November – Y1/2 Multi-Skills

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, Thank you.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please let us know your club arrangements. Booking forms and Parental Contracts are available from the office.

CLUB ACTIVITIES – W/C 18TH SEPTEMBER AND 25TH SEPTEMBER 2023



MONDAY 18 TH SEPTEMBER 2023	BUILD A SANDWICH
TUESDAY 19 TH SEPTEMBER 2023	PAPER MACHE PLANETS
WEDNESDAY 20 TH SEPTEMBER 2023	COMPUTER GAMES
THURSDAY 21 ST SEPTEMBER 2023	OUTDOOR GAMES
FRIDAY 22 ND SEPTEMBER 2023	FILMS AND GAMES
MONDAY 25 TH SEPTEMBER 2023	CARAMEL COOKIES
TUESDAY 26 TH SEPTEMBER 2023	PAINTING OUR PAPER MACHE PLANETS
WEDNESDAY 27 TH SEPTEMBER 2023	COMPUTER GAMES
THURSDAY 28 TH SEPTEMBER 2023	BENCHBALL
FRIDAY 29 TH SEPTEMBER 2023	FILMS AND GAMES

LUNCH MENU W/C 18TH SEPTEMBER 2023

Main Choice **OR** Jacket Potato

Monday - Mac & Cheese **OR** JP with Baked Beans
 Tuesday - Nacho Beef Bake & Rice **OR** JP with Tuna
 Wednesday - Roast Chicken & Mash **OR** JP with Veg Bolognese
 Thursday - All Day Breakfast **OR** JP with Cheesy Beans
 Friday - Salmon Star & Chips **OR** JP with Cheese



LUNCH MENU w/c 25TH SEPTEMBER 2023

Main Choice **OR** JACKET POTATO = JP

Monday – Pizza **OR** JP with Veg Bolognese
 Tuesday - Chicken & Tomato Pasta **OR** JP with Baked Beans
 Wednesday - Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding **OR** JP with Tuna
 Thursday - Chicken Korma & Rice **OR** JP with Cheese
 Friday - Fish Fingers & Chips **OR** JP with Baked Beans