



29 September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are all healthy and well. We have enjoyed a busy couple of weeks at school with lots to celebrate.



ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance is currently 95.31% 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 2 for winning the fortnightly attendance award.**



FOREST SCHOOL

The Reception pupils and some of our Year 1 pupils enjoyed their first Forest School session of the year on Tuesday, taking part in a range of activities linked to outdoor learning. They made their own wooden 'shops' and 'hideouts', engaged in a range of role play activities, listened to stories in the dens and had fun on the rope swing. They also had time for toast and s'mores prepared on the fire. Mrs Hainsworth and Mrs Gudger were very impressed with all the children's attitudes throughout the session. A massive thank you to Ken Blackwood who spent a considerable amount of time preparing the area for the children which included mowing paths, removing nettles, preparing the fire circle, collecting wood and providing resources.

YEAR 5/6 HOCKEY TOURNAMENT



Our Year 5/6 hockey team had a great time at the recent tournament in Northallerton. They competed with eight other teams and finished in second place which is a fantastic achievement. Mr Hills and Mrs Noble were delighted with the children's attitudes, effort and team spirit throughout the event. Well done to Annabelle, Charlie, Edward, Imogen, Jemima and Zak.



CLASS 3 SCIENCE LESSON

Thank you to Charlie P's parents for providing animal hearts for dissection in science linked to their current topic. It was an excellent hands-on experience for the children and they embraced the opportunity with sensible attitudes. Miss Rowling was very impressed with how the children approached their learning in such a different learning environment. Not for the squeamish!

CLASS 1 STUDENT TEACHER

Miss Alice Burton is in the third year of her teaching degree at Durham University and is on placement at our school this term. Miss Burton is based in Class 1 and is already enjoying working with our lovely pupils.



HARVEST FESTIVAL - FRIDAY 6TH OCTOBER AT 2.00PM

We are looking forward to our Harvest Festival next Friday. Please join us in the school hall to see the children performing and singing. This year, we are supporting Hambleton Foodshare and they would be grateful for any of the following items: toothbrushes, toothpaste, small jars of coffee, small sugar, washing powder, deodorant, tinned

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ready meals, corned beef, tinned ham, tinned fruit, custard, cup a soup, noodles. Please bring your donations to school on Thursday 5th or Friday 6th October. Thank you.



PARENT CONSULTATIONS

We are looking forward to meeting with you and discussing how the children have settled into the new school year. If you have misplaced your booking form, please contact the school office.

GOVERNING BODY

Our Governing Body is made up of the following members:

Scott Wilson (Chair of Governors) – Co-opted

Jane Quy (Vice Chair of Governors) – Parent Governor

Louise Bell – Co-opted Governor

Kate Green – Local Authority Governor

Simon Heywood – Parent Governor

Clare Moore – Co-opted Governor

Michael Nightingale – Associate Governor

Heather Patel – Parent Governor

Karen Hainsworth – Staff Governor

Neil Clark – Head Teacher

Mandy Lambert – Clerk to Governors

FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL

Thank you to everybody who attended the recent AGM. We are looking forward to another year of events and fundraising opportunities. The following roles have been agreed for this academic year:

Chairperson – Jo Sygrove

Treasurer – Katy Wilson

Secretary – Ken Blackwood

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 23rd November at 6.00pm at the Lord Nelson. We hope to see as many family members as possible. Thank you for your support.

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could be raising free donations for Friends of Appleton Wiske School with easyfundraising? There are over 7,000 brands on board ready to make a donation – including Amazon, eBay, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com and M&S – and it won't cost you a penny extra to help us raise funds. All you need to do is:

- Go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-appleton-wiske> and join for free.
- Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
- After you've checked out, the brand will make a donation to Friends of Appleton Wiske School at no extra cost to you whatsoever!



HALLOWEEN DISCO – THURSDAY 26TH OCTOBER, 6.00pm – 7.00pm

The Friends of the School have organised a Halloween Disco for the children. There will be a flyer sent out soon. Entrance is £4 per person and will include a drink and snack. Fancy dress is optional!



FRONT GARDEN

A big thank you to Judy Walls, Nikki Easby and Helen Smith for looking after our front garden – it is looking great!

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UNIVERSAL INFANT FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Please remember that every child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 is entitled to a free school meal. The uptake of school meals in Reception is quite low with a few of the children bringing packed lunches to school. This is absolutely fine but I just wanted to remind you all that school meals are free. I would encourage all the Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children to choose a school lunch as they are healthy and nutritious and help to promote a balanced diet.



All the Fun of the Fair – Census Day

On Thursday 5th October there is a change to the published menu. There will be a special 'All the Fun of the Fair' menu of Pizza served with chips and Jelly and Ice-Cream.



CLASS 1 NATIVITY – WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER

Save the date for our Class 1 Nativity. There will be a performance at 9.30am and a performance at 2.00pm. We are going to hold a raffle so we would really appreciate any donations nearer the time. Thank you.



CHRISTMAS CARDS

The children are designing their own Christmas cards for you to purchase for family and friends. Look out for more information about this soon.



CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAY CAKES

Please could I ask that children who are celebrating a birthday, and would like to share a cake with their friends, bring in individually wrapped cakes, buns or muffins. These will be handed out at the end of the day to be taken home; this gives parents the chance to see what their child has been given in case there are any allergies or food intolerances. Please also remember that we do not allow nuts in school. Thank you for your understanding.

Have a lovely weekend with your children and families.

Yours faithfully

Mr N Clark
Head Teacher

DIARY DATES



3rd October - Y3/4 Quicksticks Hockey
 4th October – Class 3 (Y5 only) Parent Consultations
 5th October – Tempest Photography – Individual Photos
 6th October – Harvest Festival – 2.00pm
 9th October – Class 1 & 2 Parent Consultations
 10th October - Y5/6 Tag Rugby
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 20th October – Flu Vaccinations
 24th October - Y5/6 Girls Football
 26th October – Halloween Disco – 6.00pm – 7.00pm
 27th October – School Closes for Half Term
 6th November – School Re-opens
 7th November – Y5/6 Football
 14th November – Y1/2 Multi-Skills
 17th November – Children in Need Day
 23rd November – Crucial Crew, Carlton Lodge – Y6

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 2ND OCTOBER AND 9TH OCTOBER 2023



MONDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2023

ANIMAL CRACKERS

TUESDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2023

PAPER MACHE PLANET PAINTING

WEDNESDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2023

COMPUTER GAMES

THURSDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2023

FOOTBALL / INDOOR GAMES

FRIDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2023

FILMS & GAMES

MONDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2023

HALLOWEEN CHEESE ON TOAST MUMMY

TUESDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2023

HALLOWEEN CRAFTS

WEDNESDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2023

COMPUTER GAMES

THURSDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2023

TENNIS / INDOOR GAMES

FRIDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2023

FILMS & GAMES

LUNCH MENU

W/C 2ND OCTOBER 2023

Main Choice **OR** SANDWICH

Monday - Pasta Bolognese Bake **OR** Cheese Sandwich
 Tuesday - Chicken Burger in a Bun **OR** Ham Sandwich
 Wednesday - Roast Loin of Pork **OR** Chicken Sandwich
 Thursday – Pizza & Chips **OR** Tuna Sandwich
 Friday – Battered Fish **OR** Egg Sandwich



LUNCH MENU

w/c 9TH OCTOBER 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