



19 April 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you enjoyed the Easter break with your children and families. The first two weeks of the Summer Term have flown by and, as ever, I have been really impressed with the children's outstanding attitudes. We are hoping for some better weather soon so we can make the most of the outdoor environment; it will be great to see the children playing on the school field. I hope you found the class newsletters useful and informative. Please do get in touch if we can help with any queries or concerns. Thank you for your continued support.



ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance is currently 95.12% which is below our target of 97%. Please remember that I am unable to authorise holidays. **From September 2023, penalty notices are being 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.**

CLASS STRUCTURE 2024-25

I am delighted to inform you that we have 19 new Reception starters for September 2024. I believe this is a new record for our school! As you will be aware, our numbers vary from year to year and our Governing Body review the class structure well in advance of the new school year. Based on pupil numbers, we have made plans to move to the following 4-class structure from September 2024:

Reception

Year 1/2

Year 3/4

Year 5/6

A class teacher post has been advertised for Year 1/2 which can be viewed on the North Yorkshire Council jobs website. I will update you on our staffing model in the coming weeks.

EASTER EGG COMPETITION

Well done to all the children who took part in our Easter Egg competition and congratulations to the winners:

Class 1 – Jessie (1st), Mollie (2nd), Lucy (3rd)

Class 2 – Beth (1st), Betty (2nd), Maddy (3rd)

Class 3 – Jack (1st), Zak (2nd), Beatrix (3rd)

Many thanks to the Friends of the School and Bluebird Care for providing such fantastic prizes.



FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL

The next Friends of the School meeting is on Monday 22nd April at 5.00pm. Free childcare is available in our After School Club. Just turn up for the meeting with your child. Please remember that we are registered with easyfundraising which means over 7,000 brands will now donate to us for FREE every time you use easyfundraising to shop with them. These donations will help SO MUCH, so please sign up to support us – it's completely FREE and doesn't take long. <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-appleton-wiske>



MAY FAYRE – FRIDAY 3RD MAY AT 2.30PM

Please join us on Friday 3rd May for our May Fayre which will take place on the school playground followed by refreshments and stalls.

Happy, Healthy and Productive



We have introduced a program to all year groups at school called myHappyMind, which is based around helping children to understand how their brain works and to support them in developing positive skills and habits to be their very best selves! myHappyMind is delivered in schools by class teachers through a series of interactive lessons and then the children apply these learnings throughout the day. To further embed this learning, myHappyMind has developed a Parent App. These resources can be accessed online on your computer, or through an app on your phone. The Parent App will support you as a parent in understanding what your child is learning, activities for you to do together at home and also a Kids Zone featuring myHappyMind Games plus much more! See the attached letter for more information.



Our Reception and Year 1 pupils are fortunate to attend weekly Forest School Sessions which help to develop a wide range of skills outside the classroom. Mrs Hainsworth and I would like to say a big thank you to Mr Ken Blackwood and Father Simon Golding for giving up their time recently to maintain the area and fix the rope swing – we really appreciate it. These sessions could not go ahead without the use of Tony and Linda Elsdon's land which we access at no cost to the school. Thank you very much to the Elsdons for supporting our school.



APPLETON WISKE PRESCHOOL OFSTED REPORT – GOOD IN ALL AREAS



A massive well done to Liz Huckle and her team at Appleton Wiske Preschool for their successful Ofsted inspection. The preschool plays a vital role in our community and the report reflects the hard work and commitment of all the staff. We are very proud of our links with Appleton Wiske Preschool and feel fortunate that we have such a positive relationship which benefits the school community.

AUCTION OF PROMISES FUNDRAISER FOR PRESCHOOL



- Saturday 18th May
- 7.30pm - midnight
- Auction of promises, pie and peas, disco
- £10 a ticket (adults only)
- Licenced bar
- Tickets available from Appleton Wiske preschool, Appleton Wiske Village Shop and Duke of Wellington, Welbury

Auction to include 35 fabulous promises including a £550 Forzo watch, £750 pair of diamond earrings kindly donated by Whittakers Jewellers in Yarm and 2 nights c/w hot tub at Roseacre Retreat kindly donated by Mr and Mrs Hare.

An online bidding site will be shared on Appleton Wiske Preschool's Facebook page.

Have a great weekend.

Yours faithfully

Mr N Clark
Head Teacher

upcoming events

1st May – Y5/Y6 Science workshop, Northallerton School
 3rd May – May Fayre
 6th May – Bank Holiday
 8th May – Y3/4 Dynamo Cricket – Northallerton Leisure Centre
 13th - 16th May – Year 6 SATs
 21st May – Y5/6 Dynamo Cricket – Northallerton Leisure Centre
 22nd May – Class 3 start Swimming lessons – 7 weeks
 24th May – School Closes
 3rd June – School Reopens
 4th June – Y3/4 Sportshall Athletics – Northallerton Leisure Centre
 5th - 7th June – Y5/6 Residential – Bewerley Park
 11th June – Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics – Northallerton Leisure Centre
 12th June – Tempest Photography – Group Photographs
 18th June – Sports Day (Afternoon)
 20th June – Teddy Bears’ Picnic
 25th June – Y3/4 Tennis – Northallerton Leisure Centre
 2nd July – Y1 Multi Skills – Northallerton Leisure Centre
 16th July – Class 3 Production (1.30pm and 6.00pm)
 19th July – Leavers’ Assembly
 19th July – School Closes for Summer

ABSENCE

Please ensure the school office is notified by 9.00am either by telephone or email if your child is absent from school due to illness.

Thank you.



COMMUNITY LINKS



Used stamp collection for bone cancer research trust and RNIB.

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 22nd April and 29th April 2024



MONDAY 22ND APRIL 2024	TOMATO PASTA POTS
TUESDAY 23RD APRIL 2024	BRITISH WILDLIFE DISPLAY BOARD
WEDNESDAY 24TH APRIL 2024	COMPUTER GAMES
THURSDAY 25TH APRIL 2024	FOOTBALL / INDOOR GAMES
FRIDAY 26TH APRIL 2024	FILMS AND GAMES
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MONDAY 29TH APRIL 2024	LEMONADE SCONES
TUESDAY 30TH APRIL 2024	BRITISH WILDLIFE DISPLAY BOARD
WEDNESDAY 1ST MAY 2024	COMPUTER GAMES
THURSDAY 2ND MAY 2024	FOOTBALL / INDOOR GAMES
FRIDAY 3RD MAY 2024	FILMS AND GAMES

LUNCH MENU

W/C 22ND APRIL 2024

Main Choice **OR** JACKET POTATO = JP

Monday - Pasta Bake **OR** Baked Bean JP
 Tuesday - All Day Breakfast **OR** Cheese/Baked Bean JP
 Wednesday - Roast Chicken & Mash **OR** Tuna JP
 Thursday - Pasta Bolognese **OR** Cheese JP
 Friday – Crispy Salmon Bites **OR** Battered Fish **OR** Baked Bean JP



LUNCH MENU

W/C 29TH APRIL 2024

Main Choice **OR** JACKET POTATO = JP

Monday - Pizza & Potato Wedges **OR** Baked Bean JP
 Tuesday - Chicken Pita Pocket & Rice **OR** Tuna JP
 Wednesday - Minced Beef & Mash, Cheese JP
 Thursday - Sausage & Tomato Pasta **OR** Baked Bean JP
 Friday - Fish Fingers & Chips **OR** Cheese JP