

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.

RIENDS 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. <u>https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-appleton-wiske</u>

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.

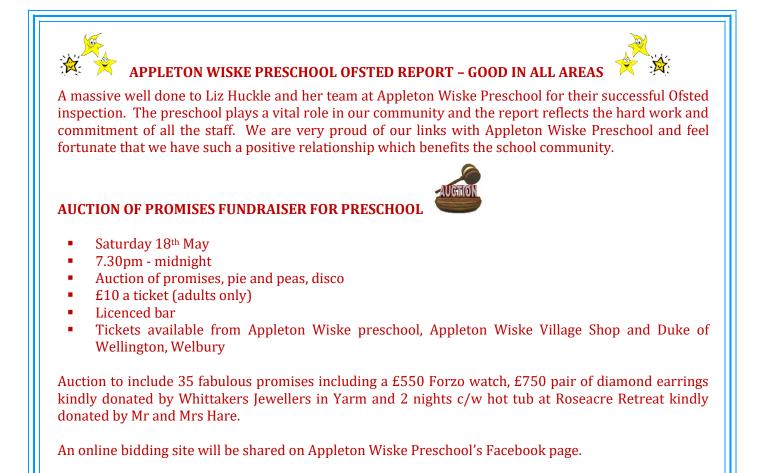
Happy, Healthy and Productive



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.



Have a great weekend.

Yours faithfully

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Mr N Clark Head Teacher



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**

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