

# Appleton Wiske Community Primary School



## Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

Season's greetings! We have enjoyed a busy and exciting few weeks in school and, as the calendar year draws to a close, I want to express my thanks to you all for your continued support. Our school thrives because of the amazing community we have. Thanks also to our wonderful pupils and staff for their enthusiasm, hard work and positivity that brighten our school every day.



### ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance is currently 95.14% which is below our target of 97%. Please remember that I am unable to authorise holidays. **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 3 for winning the fortnightly attendance award.**



### CHILDREN'S NATIVITY - THE DONKEY SELLER

A big well done to all the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 for their fabulous Nativity play! The performances were fantastic and I was incredibly proud of all the children. Thank you to the staff for their hard work and commitment and for making it a memorable event for everyone. Both performances were well-attended and I received some lovely comments from visitors; thank you for all your support.



### MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December we were treated to a tremendous musical performance from our talented pupils. Well done to Lucy, Beth, Jay, Ellie and Amelia for their stunning piano recitals and thank you to their teacher Mrs Dyke. Well done to all of our Year 5/6 pupils for their impressive guitar and ukulele performances and thank you to our peripatetic music teacher Mrs Rhodes. Thanks also to the parents, grandparents and family members who came along and supported the children.



### CHRISTMAS LUNCH

A special thank you to our school cook Elaine for preparing such a delicious Christmas lunch on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December. It brought festive cheer to the school community and was enjoyed by all!



### CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY - 'SAVE THE CHILDREN'

The pupils and staff enjoyed wearing their Christmas jumpers on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you for supporting 'Save the Children'. We raised a total of £111.50 which is very much appreciated.



### WHOLE SCHOOL PANTOMIME TRIP TO SEE SLEEPING BEAUTY

We thoroughly enjoyed our whole school trip to see Sleeping Beauty at Darlington Hippodrome on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. It was a fantastic experience for our pupils with lots of laughter and excitement. It is no mean feat

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taking all seven year groups on a school trip so I would like to thank the staff for making it such a well-organised event. Thanks also to Louise Bell for providing additional support.



### CAROL SERVICE

Our whole school Carol Service on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December was a lovely event and was well attended by parents and family members. The singing was excellent and it was great to see the school community come together to celebrate the festive season. Thank you to Father Simon for leading the service with prayers and a blessing.



### CHRISTMAS BAKE-OFF

Thank you to the Friends of the School for organising our Christmas Bake-off. We had lots of entries which is particularly impressive considering how busy everybody is at this time of year. The biscuits and cakes looked tremendous – well done to all the children who entered the competition. Congratulations to the winners:

Cakes: Poppy Allonby (1<sup>st</sup>), Jake Hare (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Ivy Love (3<sup>rd</sup>)

Biscuits: Henry Brown (1<sup>st</sup>), Eliza Staples (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Bella Sygrove (3<sup>rd</sup>)

Our bake sale was a great success and raised £149 for school funds. Thank you very much for all your support baking and buying the biscuits and cakes!



### 100-SQUARE COMPETITION

Many thanks to the Friends of the School for organising the 100-square competition and thank you to everyone who bought a square. We raised £258 which is absolutely fantastic.



### CLASS PARTIES

The class Christmas parties were full of fun with dancing, games, and plenty of treats to go around. The children had a great time partying with their friends! Thank you to the staff for organising the parties.



### FATHER CHRISTMAS VISIT

We were delighted to have a special visit from Father Christmas on the last day of term! The children were thrilled to meet him, and his presence added a touch of magic to our festive celebrations.



### FOREST SCHOOL

The Reception and Year 1 pupils have enjoyed forest school this term and can look forward to more sessions next term. We will provide more information about the arrangements soon. Please continue sending your child to school in forest clothes every Tuesday (including the first day back after Christmas) so we can provide forest school sessions on the school grounds. A big thank you to Ken Blackwood and Clare Moore for providing invaluable support.



### INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done to two of our pupils – Chloe and Grace – for performing in the Appleton Players production of Peter Pan. I hear it was an excellent pantomime with lots of laughs!



### PE DAYS

PE days will continue on Tuesdays and Fridays so please send your child to school in their PE kit on those days. Thank you.

## FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL MEETING – MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY



A huge thank you to the Friends of the School for all that they do. Our next meeting is on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January at 5.00pm in school. Everyone is welcome so please join us. If you are struggling with childcare, your child can go to After School Club while you attend the meeting.



### REQUEST FOR UNWANTED TOYS

Mrs Hainsworth is setting up a 'small world' area in the EYFS classroom and would appreciate any unwanted toys donating to school. After Father Christmas has visited, if you are having a clear out and would like to donate any toys to school, we would be very grateful for any items that are in good condition. Thank you.



### REDEEM YOUR VOUCHERS FOR FREE HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD THIS CHRISTMAS

Vouchers have now been issued to all families whose children are eligible for free places on FEAST activities this Christmas. Vouchers are sent via email or text from a platform called Holiday Activities. Follow the link below to redeem your voucher and book your child's place on some of the fantastic activities on offer. If you believe your child is eligible and you have not yet received your voucher, or you have lost it, please contact the school office. To learn more about FEAST, and for information on activities, eligibility and how to manage your bookings, [visit the website](#)

## SPRING TERM STARTS TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY



Please remember that school reopens for the children on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January as we have a staff training day on the Monday.

Thanks again for all your support and we look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year.

Have a very merry Christmas.

Yours faithfully

*N Clark*

Mr N Clark  
Head Teacher

# What's Happening

- 6<sup>th</sup> January - School Training Day
- 7<sup>th</sup> January - School reopens
- 13<sup>th</sup> January - Friends Meeting
- 22<sup>nd</sup> January - Y3-Y6 Cross Country, Northallerton Leisure Centre
- 11<sup>th</sup> February - Safer Internet Day
- 14<sup>th</sup> February - School closes for Half Term
- 24<sup>th</sup> February - School opens



## 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 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 and 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025.**



<b>MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025</b>	<b>SCHOOL TRAINING DAY</b>
<b>TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025</b>	<b>CRAFTS</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025</b>	<b>COMPUTER GAMES</b>
<b>THURSDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025</b>	<b>INDOOR GAMES</b>
<b>FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025</b>	<b>FILMS &amp; GAMES</b>
<b>MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025</b>	<b>COOKING</b>
<b>TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025</b>	<b>CRAFTS</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025</b>	<b>COMPUTER GAMES</b>
<b>THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025</b>	<b>INDOOR GAMES</b>
<b>FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025</b>	<b>FILMS &amp; GAMES</b>

## LUNCH MENU W/C 6<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025



Main Choice **OR** JACKET POTATO = JP

- Monday - Cheese Whirl & Baby Potatoes **OR** Cheese JP
- Tuesday - Chicken Korma **OR** Tuna JP
- Wednesday - Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding **OR** Baked Bean JP
- Thursday - Spaghetti Bolognese **OR** Cheese JP
- Friday - Battered Fish & Chips **OR** Baked Bean JP

## LUNCH MENU W/C 13<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025

Main Choice **OR** SANDWICH

- Monday - Pizza & Potato Wedges **OR** Egg Mayo sandwich
- Tuesday - Curried Chicken Rice **OR** Cheese Sandwich
- Wednesday - Minced Beef Pie **OR** Tuna Sandwich
- Thursday - Meatballs with Pasta **OR** Ham Sandwich
- Friday - Salmon Star & Chips **OR** Cheese Sandwich