

Appleton Wiske Community Primary School



Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

YEAR 6 SATS

Our Year 6 pupils have worked incredibly hard over the last few months in preparation for their SATs; they can relax now having completed all their tests this week. We are very proud of the children and their outstanding attitudes. I would like to say a big thank you to Miss Rowling for all her hard work in the lead up to the SATs, for preparing the children so well and for providing them with breakfast before each test. I hope the children agree that it has been a fairly positive experience! Thank you also to Mr Hills for helping to prepare the hall for each test and, along with Mrs Noble, for providing the food for SATs breakfast club.



ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance is currently 95.11% 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 3 for winning the fortnightly attendance award.



MAY FAYRE

Thank you for supporting us at our recent May Fayre celebrations. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. The children embraced the occasion and did a great job with their dancing which was very technical and extremely tricky! Thank you to Roots Farm Shop for providing scones, Stamfrey Farm for providing cream and Bluebird Care for providing jam and prizes. We really appreciate all of their support. A big thank you also to the Friends of the School for organising and running such a successful event. We raised a total of **£160.69** which is fantastic.



YEAR 3/4 DYNAMO CRICKET CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to our Year 3/4 cricket team for winning the recent small schools tournament on Wednesday 8th May. The children were absolutely fabulous throughout and played with great team spirit. Well done to Arthur, Barney, Bella, Betty, Fab, Izzy, Noah, Oliver, Rory and Will. The team has qualified for the finals which includes larger schools from other areas – good luck to all the children.



SPECIAL CLASS 1 VISITOR

On Thursday 16th May, Class 1 received a visit from Harry's baby sister Grace. The visit was arranged by Mrs Hainsworth who seized the opportunity to link Grace's birth with Class 1's science work on life cycles and development. Thank you to Mrs Huckle for bringing Grace to meet our children – it was a lovely visit.



D-DAY – 6TH JUNE

On Thursday 6th June, Father Simon will be leading a special assembly to commemorate D-Day – the Normandy landings of World War II – which is the largest seaborne invasion in history. The operation laid the foundations of

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the Allied victory on the Western Front. Please get in touch if you would like your child to share any family stories related to D-Day, or if you have any items that you would like to share such as photographs or medals. Thank you.



Please remember that we have started a new health and wellbeing program called myHappyMind which is already popular with the children and staff. To further embed this learning, myHappyMind has developed a Parent App which will support you as a parent in understanding what your child is learning. There are also activities for you to do together at home and a Kids Zone featuring myHappyMind Games plus much more! To access these materials just go to <https://myhappymind.org/parent-resources> to create your free account. You will need to enter your name, email and authentication code 121371. Or simply scan the QR code above to sign up.



FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL FAQs

Jo Sygrove – Chairperson for the Friends of the School – has put together a useful list of FAQs. We would love to see more people join the group, either as a member of the committee or to help out at events (or both). Please read the responses below and hopefully we will see more volunteers in the future. Thank you.

- ***Do I have to attend every meeting?***

Not at all! Our meetings take place every few months and if you are unable to always attend simply let us know. While the meetings are helpful to know what is upcoming you are not obliged to attend every one and dates or important information will be sent out in the minutes after each meeting. The school newsletter will contain parent information and the Friends of the School communication is via email.

- ***Do I have to commit to anything?***

How involved you are is up to you. There are three voluntary posts within the group, the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. These posts are currently filled but it is put to the group as voluntary to take one over as and when that might be expected. Anyone else who comes along is there as they wish to support and help the school and can be as involved as much as they like.

- ***Do I have to have a child currently in the school?***

No, the Friends consist of current parents, grandparents, teachers and parents whose children have now left who all simply wish to support the school.

- ***Will I be asked to do anything?***

At each meeting upcoming events are discussed. Any actions that need to take place such as collecting prizes etc. will then be discussed and anyone who feels they can do this will usually volunteer. Likewise, if helpers are required we will simply establish who is available for them. Nobody is asked directly.

- ***Can I attend meetings without helping at events?***

Yes, ideas for fundraisers and support outside of the events are just as important!

- ***Will I miss out on my child's performance etc. if I am helping out?***

Events where the children are involved in events, such as Sports Day or the May Fayre, we try to make sure no one misses out. Tasks such as serving are stopped during some events or swapped between parents so you can watch your child. If you need to go to them just tell us, we are all in the same boat and no one will mind!

- ***Can I help at events if I am unable to attend meetings?***

We regularly have parents helping out who are not formally part of the Friends, any help is always gratefully received.

- ***I would like to attend but I have nobody to look after my children***

We have recently started to hold meetings within school during club hours. Meeting times and dates will be in the newsletter and will state whether you can put your child in club during the meeting.



DONATION

Thank you to the Ferrie family for donating a ride-on tractor for the outdoor area and train set for the EYFS areas of provision. The children are already making good use of these items in their learning.



PARKING ISSUES

Our May Fayre was so popular that, unfortunately, there were parking issues that affected the village. Please try to park with due care and consideration for other road users and the residents of Appleton Wiske. Thank you.

We have one more week of school before May Half Term. We finish school on Friday 24th May and return on Monday 3rd June. I hope you enjoy the break with your children and families.

Have a great weekend.

Yours faithfully

N Clark

Mr N Clark
Head Teacher

Diary Dates

21st May – Y5/6 Dynamo Cricket – Northallerton Leisure Centre
 21st May – Bewerley Park Residential Information Session for Y5/6 Parents
 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
 4th June - New Parents - Information Evening (5.00pm – 6.00pm)
 5th June - Olivia Stockdale - Vet (Class 1 talk)
 5th - 7th June – Y5/6 Residential – Bewerley Park
 6th June – Empathy Day
 11th June – Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics – Northallerton Leisure Centre
 18th June – Sports Day (Afternoon)
 20th June – Teddy Bears’ Picnic
 24th June – Tempest Photography – Group Photographs
 25th June – Y3/4 Tennis – Northallerton Leisure Centre
 2nd July – Y1 Multi Skills – Northallerton Leisure Centre
 4th – 5th July – Y5/6 Bicycle Road Safety Training
 16th July – Class 3 Production (1.30pm and 6.00pm)
 19th July – Leavers’ Assembly
 19th July – School Closes for Summer



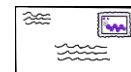
ABSENCE

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 20th May 2024 and 3rd June 2024



MONDAY 20TH MAY 2024

SCHOOL CAKE

TUESDAY 21ST MAY 2024

PAINTING

WEDNESDAY 22ND MAY 2024

COMPUTER GAMES

THURSDAY 23RD MAY 2024

BASKETBALL / OUTDOOR GAMES

FRIDAY 24TH MAY 2024

FILMS AND GAMES

MONDAY 3RD JUNE 2024

TRAIL MIX

TUESDAY 4TH JUNE 2024

COLOURING PAGES

WEDNESDAY 5TH JUNE 2024

COMPUTER GAMES

THURSDAY 6TH JUNE 2024

FOOTBALL / OUTDOOR GAMES

FRIDAY 7TH JUNE 2024

FILMS AND GAMES

LUNCH MENU

W/C 20TH MAY 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

LUNCH MENU

W/C 3RD JUNE 2024

Main Choice **OR** SANDWICH

Monday - Beef Burger in a Bun **OR** Ham Sandwich

Tuesday - Mac & Cheese **OR** Tuna Sandwich

Wednesday - Roast Gammon & Potatoes **OR** Cheese Sandwich

Thursday - Chicken Korma **OR** Egg Mayo Sandwich

Friday - Battered Fish & Chips **OR** Chicken Sandwich