

# Appleton Wiske Community Primary School



## Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

We have enjoyed a busy couple of weeks since returning to school after the half term break. The children continue to impress me with their positive attitudes and enthusiasm for learning. We have lots to look forward to in the coming weeks as we prepare for the festive season.

### ATTENDANCE MATTERS



#### ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance is currently 94.75% 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 2 for winning the fortnightly attendance award.**



#### DARK NIGHTS AND ROAD SAFETY TALK

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November, our Key Stage 2 pupils took part in a discussion with the Fire Service, focusing on dark nights and road safety. They also considered how to keep safe during bonfire night and made some excellent contributions.



#### YEAR 5/6 TAG RUGBY TOURNAMENT

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November, our Year 5/6 rugby team took part in a tournament in Northallerton. They demonstrated fantastic attitudes and worked really well as a team. The standard of rugby was high and they competed impressively against the other schools, finishing in third place. Well done to Annabelle, Chloe, Dylan B, Evissa, Grace, Maddy, Noah, Rupert, Will and Zak.



#### REMEMBRANCE

Thank you to Father Simon for leading our Remembrance assembly. The children were respectful throughout and observed an impeccable 2-minute silence.



#### AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Following new guidance from the Department for Education, our After School Club is available on a Friday until 6.00pm. This was the case when the club was originally set up but we changed the finishing time to 5.00pm due to lack of demand. If you would like to book your child into After School Club on a Friday until 6.00pm, we require 48 hours' notice in order to organise staffing. Thank you.



#### READING, SPELLINGS AND HOMEWORK

Thank you for supporting your child at home with their learning – helping them with their reading, spellings and homework makes a big difference. If you would like to discuss your child's homework or if you need any support, please get in touch. Thank you.

**Happy, Healthy and Productive**

## FOREST SCHOOL - THANK YOU



A big thank you to Ken Blackwood and Simon Golding for giving up their time recently to fix the tyre swing in the forest area. We really appreciate all that you do for our school.



## ANTI-BULLYING

Please see the attached anti-bullying leaflet which includes the following statement:

*We are committed to providing a caring, friendly and safe environment for all of our pupils. Bullying of any kind is unacceptable. If bullying does occur, all pupils should know that incidents will be dealt with promptly and effectively. We expect anyone who knows that bullying is happening to tell an appropriate adult. We refuse to accept bullying behaviour in order to ensure the safety and happiness of all pupils, promote achievement, provide a model of acceptable behaviour and uphold our reputation as a caring school.*

Please contact me if you would like to discuss our approach to bullying or if you have any concerns. Thank you.



## UKULELE LESSONS

North Yorkshire Music Hub offer individual and group music lessons in school. We currently have one pupil learning the ukulele on a Thursday lunchtime. If your child is interested in learning the ukulele and you would like more information, visit the Music Hub's website: [www.northyorkshiremushub.co.uk](http://www.northyorkshiremushub.co.uk) – or contact the school office.

## FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL

The next Friends of the School meeting is on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January at 5.00pm**. Club is available for free if you need childcare. Everybody is welcome.

### 100-SQUARE COMPETITION

The Friends have organised a 100-square competition with fantastic prizes to be won, including a luxury hamper. It costs £2 to enter and you can purchase your square(s) at school events/assemblies around Christmas time. Any prize donations would be gratefully received – thank you.

### CHRISTMAS BAKE-OFF

The Friends have organised a Christmas Bake-off for Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Children can make 6 cupcakes or 6 biscuits. The cost is £1 per entry with prizes to be won. See the attached flyer for more information.

### CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS AND EASY FUNDRAISING

Please remember that we benefit from Cashpot for Schools and Easy Fundraising. We need as many of you as possible to sign up to these two schemes please. See the information below:

#### CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

The Friends have signed up for 'Cashpot for Schools'. Parentkind – the charity that supports school PTAs – have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative – all you have to do is opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our primary school and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com. Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our school. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started. Click on the link to sign up: <https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools>

#### EASY FUNDRAISING

The Friends are registered with Easy Fundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use Easy Fundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment. Click on the link to sign up: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-appleton-wiske/>

Thank you for your support.

## CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you for supporting this important charity. It was lovely seeing the children dressed up in all their different outfits. So far we have raised £125 which is fantastic.



### **NATIVITY – THE DONKEY SELLER – MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER AT 9.30AM and 2.00PM**

Please remember to book your places for the Class 1 and Class 2 Nativity. The children and staff are working hard during rehearsals and it is looking and sounding tremendous.



### **CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT – WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER AT 2.30PM**

Save the date for our Christmas Carol concert which will take place in the school hall. Afterwards, we will be announcing the winners of the 100-square competition and the Christmas Bake-off. There will then be a bake sale after school where you can buy all the delicious cakes and biscuits!

Have a great weekend.

Yours faithfully



Mr N Clark  
Head Teacher

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 18<sup>th</sup> November - Y6 Crucial Crew – Carlton Lodge
- 21<sup>st</sup> November - Flu Immunisations
- 25<sup>th</sup> November - Class 2 – Village Walk
- 9<sup>th</sup> December - Class 1/2 Nativity – 9.30am and 2.00pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Lunch
- 12<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children)
- 17<sup>th</sup> December - School Trip to Pantomime 'Sleeping Beauty'
- 18<sup>th</sup> December - Carol Concert
- 18<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Bake-Off
- 20<sup>th</sup> December - School closes for Christmas
- 6<sup>th</sup> January - School Training Day
- 7<sup>th</sup> January - School reopens

### 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 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024 and 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024



<b>MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2024</b>	<b>COOKING – CHEESE SCONES</b>
<b>TUESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2024</b>	<b>LEAF ART</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2024</b>	<b>COMPUTER GAMES</b>
<b>THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2024</b>	<b>FOOTBALL / INDOOR GAMES</b>
<b>FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2024</b>	<b>FILMS &amp; GAMES</b>
<b>MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2024</b>	<b>COOKING – HAM &amp; TOMATO PINWHEELS</b>
<b>TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2024</b>	<b>NIGHT ANIMALS</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2024</b>	<b>COMPUTER GAMES</b>
<b>THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2024</b>	<b>FOOTBALL / INDOOR GAMES</b>
<b>FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2024</b>	<b>FILMS &amp; GAMES</b>

### LUNCH MENU W/C 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2024

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



### LUNCH MENU W/C 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2024

Main Choice **OR JACKET POTATO = JP**

- Monday - Chicken nuggets & diced potatoes **OR** Cheese JP
- Tuesday - Creamy Cheesy Tomato pasta **OR** Baked Bean JP
- Wednesday – Roast Gammon & Mash **OR** Tuna JP
- Thursday - Nacho Beef Bake & Veg Rice **OR** Cheese JP
- Friday - Fish Fingers & Chips **OR** Baked Bean JP