

Appleton Wiske Community Primary School



Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are all healthy and well. We have been back at school for two weeks since the half term break and I have to say it's an absolute pleasure seeing the children working so hard on their learning. They are full of enthusiasm and positivity, especially now that the weather is starting to improve!

ATTENDANCE ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance is currently 95.46% 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 4 for winning the fortnightly attendance award.**



EXCITING NEWS – A NEW ADDITION TO OUR SCHOOL FAMILY!

I am delighted to share some wonderful news with you. Mrs Jackson has given birth to a beautiful baby girl called Nancy. Mrs Jackson and Nancy are doing really well and we send our warmest congratulations to them during this special time.

20MPH LIMIT THROUGH APPLETON WISKE VILLAGE

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As you will be aware, the speed limit through the village has been reduced to 20mph which is absolutely fantastic news. Our Year 6 pupils and Junior Road Safety Officers were in the paper alongside myself and Councillor Keane Duncan. You can read my full quote below and see a link to the article on our Facebook page.

At Appleton Wiske Community Primary School, our children's health, safety and wellbeing are our main priorities. As such, we have supported the Parish Council's campaign to introduce a 20mph speed limit through the village and have backed the '20's Plenty' initiative. There have been significant concerns for some time now about a potential accident outside school due to speeding vehicles. Our Junior Road Safety Officers have discussed the importance of road safety in assemblies and raised the profile of this important issue for our pupils. We are absolutely delighted that North Yorkshire Council has now implemented a 20mph speed restriction through Appleton Wiske village which includes the road outside our primary school. This will certainly have a positive impact on the safety of our whole school community for years to come.



LUNCHTIME TASTER SESSION

On Tuesday 4th March, our pupils enjoyed a visit from the NYES catering team who set up a taster session in order to promote school lunches and encourage children to try new menu items. The pupils had a great time and the vast majority absolutely loved the food on offer.



WORLD BOOK DAY

We enjoyed celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 6th March. The outfits were brilliant so well done to all the children, families and staff for embracing this event.

Happy, Healthy and Productive



PHONICS INFORMATION SESSION – MONDAY 10TH MARCH AT 3.30PM

There is still time to sign up for our phonics information session for parents/carers of Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children. Please return your slip or email the school office. Thank you.



BINGO NIGHT – THURSDAY 13TH MARCH AT 6.00PM

Don't forget to return your reply slip to confirm your attendance at our Bingo Night. It should be lots of fun with prizes and cash rewards!



RED NOSE DAY – FRIDAY 21ST MARCH

Children can come to school in non-uniform with a splash of red and they can bring along a suggested donation of £2.00. Thank you in advance for supporting this important charity. Please remember that Friday is our PE day so children will need suitable clothing and footwear.



EASTER EGG COMPETITION AND ASSEMBLY – FRIDAY 4TH APRIL AT 2.00PM

Our Easter Egg competition will take place on Friday 4th April at 2.00pm. Your child can decorate a boiled egg and bring it into school on Thursday 3rd or Friday 4th April. The cost is £1.00 per entry. We will announce the winners in our Celebration Assembly.



MATCHED FUNDING

A massive thank you to Simon Heywood who has secured over £1000 for the Friends of the School through his employer's matched funding scheme. This is an incredible amount of money and will certainly be put to good use. Match giving, or match funding, is a simple way to maximise the fundraising efforts of a school's PTA. Usually, a company pledges to match a sum of money relating to the amount the employee has either raised or donated to a charity. We would really appreciate it if you could ask your employers if they operate a matched funding scheme. The Friends of the School would love to hear from you if this applies to your organisation as it will help us purchase resources and offer additional experiences for our pupils. Thank you.



REDEEM YOUR VOUCHERS FOR FREE HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD THIS EASTER

All families whose children receive benefits-related free school meals will be issued vouchers to access free places on FEAST activities this Easter. You should receive the vouchers via email or text, from a platform called Holiday Activities. Follow the link in this email to redeem your voucher and book your child's place on some of the fantastic activities on offer in our area.

To learn more about FEAST, and for information on activities, eligibility, paid-for places and how to manage your booking [visit the website](#).



EYFS DONATIONS

Many thanks to Mr and Mrs Brown for providing us with some fantastic mud kitchen resources for our EYFS outdoor area. They are very much appreciated and will make a big difference to the children's learning.

Have a great weekend.

Yours faithfully

N Clark

Mr N Clark
Head Teacher

What's Happening

- 7th March - Book Sale outside School – 3.30pm
- 10th March - Phonics Information Session – Reception/Y1/Y2
- 13th March - Bingo Night – 6.00pm
- 17th March - Virtual Child Author visit (Maz Evans) – Class 4
- 18th March - Y5/6 Dodgeball – Northallerton Leisure Centre
- 20th March - Class 2 visit to New Life Baptist Church, Northallerton
- 21st March - Red Nose Day
- 31st March - Village Walk – Class 2
- 1st April - Y5/6 Netball – Northallerton Leisure Centre
- 4th April - Easter Assembly – 2.00pm
- 4th April - School closes for Easter

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 10th March 2025 and 17th March 2025.



MONDAY 10TH MARCH 2025	COOKING – S'MORES DOUGHBALLS
TUESDAY 11TH MARCH 2025	CRAFTS – FAMILY TREES
WEDNESDAY 12TH MARCH 2025	COMPUTER GAMES
THURSDAY 13TH MARCH 2025	FOOTBALL/OUTDOOR GAMES
FRIDAY 14TH MARCH 2025	FILMS & GAMES
MONDAY 17TH MARCH 2025	COOKING - CHEESE CRISPIES
TUESDAY 18TH MARCH 2025	CRAFTS – PUPPETS
WEDNESDAY 19TH MARCH 2025	COMPUTER GAMES
THURSDAY 20TH MARCH 2025	TENNIS/OUTDOOR GAMES
FRIDAY 21ST MARCH 2025	FILMS & GAMES

LUNCH MENU W/C 10TH MARCH 2025

Main Choice **OR** JACKET POTATO = JP



- Monday – Chicken Nuggets & Fries **OR** Cheese JP
- Tuesday - Sweet & Sour Pork Noodles **OR** Baked Bean JP
- Wednesday - Roast Chicken & Yorkshire Pudding **OR** Tuna JP
- Thursday - Macaroni Cheese **OR** Cheese JP
- Friday - Fish Stars **OR** Baked Bean JP

LUNCH MENU W/C 17TH MARCH 2025

Main Choice **OR** JACKET POTATO = JP

- Monday - Italian Pasta Bake **OR** Baked Bean JP
- Tuesday - Minced Beef Loaded Wedges **OR** Tuna JP
- Wednesday – Sausage & Mash **OR** Baked Bean JP
- Thursday - Chicken Korma & Rice **OR** Cheese JP
- Friday – Fish Fingers and Chips **OR** Baked Bean JP