

14 November 2025

#### Dear Parents/Carers

We have enjoyed a busy and productive couple of weeks in school since we returned from the half term break. The children are making excellent progress in the classroom and embracing a range of opportunities. I have the pleasure of working with and chatting to all the children across the school from Nursery to Year 6 every week, and it is a genuine privilege for me to see how well they are getting on with their individual learning journeys.

# ATTENDANCE 🕹 🎉



Our whole school attendance is currently 96.61% 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.

#### APPLETON WISKE BONFIRE BAKE OFF

Our Bonfire Bake Off was a great success with so many of our pupils entering the competition. The range and quality of the baked products was amazing! A big thank you to everyone who helped their children with baking and a massive thank you for the generous donations after school. We raised a total of £198 which will go towards school funds. Thank you to the Friends of the School for organising the Bake Off and for providing prizes.

Well done to all the winners:

Nursery – Archie and Scarlett (special awards for taking part)

Class 1 – Lilly (1st), Maggie (2nd), Thomas (3rd)

Class 2 – Bridie (1st), Poppy (2nd), Ivy (3rd)

Class 3 – Amelia (1st), Betty (2nd), Bella (3rd)

#### ANTI-BULLYING WEEK



This week is national Anti-Bullying Week. We have very high expectations around behaviour and a clear approach to bullying. Please see the attached poster for more information. Our Behaviour Policy and Anti-Bullying Policy are available on our school website.



#### **Remembrance Assembly**

On Tuesday 11th November, we marked Remembrance with a whole school assembly led by Father Simon. The children were attentive and respectful throughout the assembly and observed the 2-minute silence impeccably. Thank you for providing your children with donations towards the Poppy Appeal which supports the Royal British Legion.

#### **CHILDREN IN NEED**



Thank you for supporting Children In Need. The pupils looked great in their spotty and yellow outfits, and we raised **£135.75**.

## REQUEST FROM THE GREEN TEAM



The Green Team have been particularly busy recently sweeping up leaves on the playground. They have requested a wheelbarrow to help move the leaves, so if anybody would like to donate an unwanted wheelbarrow we would be very grateful. It needs to be in a fairly decent condition and suitable for ages 9-11. Thanks very much!



#### **FESTIVE EVENTS**

#### CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY – THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

Children can come to school in non-uniform and a Christmas jumper in support of *Save the Children*. We suggest a donation of £2 for this important charity. Thank you.

### CLASS 3 MUSICAL PERFORMANCE - THURSDAY 11TH DECEMBER AT 2.40PM

Join us for a musical assembly on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December in the school hall. There will be individual and group performances from all of the Year 5/6 pupils who are learning the guitar and ukulele.

#### CHRISTMAS LUNCH – FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

Our lovely cook, Elaine, is serving Christmas lunch on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December. You don't need to book in advance; children can choose on the day.

#### RECEPTION/YEAR 1 NATIVITY - A MIRACLE IN TOWN - MONDAY 15TH DECEMBER

The children have started rehearsing for their nativity – *A Miracle in Town*. Performances will take place on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am and 2.00pm. There will be two places available per child for each performance and we will send out booking information soon.

#### CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT (R-Y6) - WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER AT 2.30PM

Save the date for our Christmas Carol Concert which will take place in the school hall.

#### NURSERY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION - THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER AT 2.30PM

Our delightful nursery children will be celebrating Christmas through songs, artwork and festive activities on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm in the school hall. Families of Nursery children are welcome to join us and we will send out booking information soon.

Have a great weekend.

Yours faithfully

Mr N Clark Head Teacher

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17<sup>th</sup> November - Crucial Crew - Y6

20<sup>th</sup> November - Flu Vaccinations Rec - Y6
1<sup>st</sup> December - Staithes Museum Visit

2<sup>nd</sup> December - North Yorkshire Police - PCSO visit

4<sup>th</sup> December - Power Down Pete 11<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Jumper Day

11th December - Class 3 Musical Performance – 2.40pm

12<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Lunch

15<sup>th</sup> December - Reception/Year 1 Nativity - 9.30am and 2.00pm

17<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Carol Concert, 2.30pm - 3.00pm 18<sup>th</sup> December - Nursery Christmas Celebration - 2.30pm

19th December - School closes for Christmas

5<sup>th</sup> January - School Training Day 6<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.



#### LUNCH MENU W/C 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2025



Main Choice **OR** SANDWICH

Monday - Chicken Burger & Diced Potatoes **OR** Ham Sandwich Tuesday - Crunchy Top Mac & Cheese **OR** Tuna Sandwich Wednesday - Roast Gammon & Mash **OR** Egg Mayo Sandwich Thursday - Beef Mexican Taco with Rice **OR** Cheese Sandwich Friday - Fish Star (Salmon) & Chips **OR** Cheese Sandwich

LUNCH MENU W/C 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2025

Main Choice **OR** JACKET POTATO = JP

Monday - Pizza & Potato Wedges **OR** Baked Bean JP Tuesday - Spaghetti Bolognese **OR** Cheese JP Wednesday - Roast Chicken & Yorkshire Pudding **OR** Tuna IP

Thursday - Pork Meatballs with Rice **OR** Baked Bean JP Friday - Fish Fingers & Chips **OR** Cheese JP

