

# Appleton Wiske Community Primary School



## Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you enjoyed the Easter break with your children and families. The Summer Term is well under way and is always a busy and exciting time in school with lots of events and opportunities available for the children. They have returned to school full of enthusiasm and keen to learn. The weather makes a big difference and I'm delighted that we are finally able to use our school field again; the children have been loving it! We always aim to be a friendly and welcoming school, so please get in touch if we can help you with anything.



### ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance is currently 96.94% which is close to 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 1** for winning the fortnightly attendance award.



### SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding is the most important aspect of our work in school. If you ever have any concerns, please contact me via the school office. For more information about safeguarding in our school, visit the safeguarding page on our website: <http://appletonwiske.n-yorks.sch.uk/safeguarding>.



### HEADTEACHER RECRUITMENT UPDATE

The Headteacher vacancy has been advertised and interviews will be taking place during the week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> May. We will keep you updated with any further updates.



### EASTER BAKE-OFF

It seems a long time ago now but the Easter Bake-off was a great success. The quality of baked goods was really impressive. Thank you to the Friends of the School for organising the bake-off and for providing prizes. Well done to all the children who took part and congratulations to the winners:

Class 1 – Jasper, Sadie and Sienna (1st), Evelyne (2nd), Daisy and Archie (3rd)

Class 2 – Lucy (1st), Marleigh (2nd), Mollie (3rd)

Class 3 – Stan (1st), Henry B (2nd), Caleb and Dylan (3rd)

Thanks to all of you who helped with the baking and also to everyone who came back after the assembly and bought some cakes. We raised **£217.00** for school funds which is fantastic.



### YEAR 5/6 NETBALL CHAMPIONS

Our Year 5/6 netball team took part in the small schools tournament in Northallerton on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April. Their attitudes were exemplary and they represented the school with pride. The team played some brilliant netball and finished in 1st place! Congratulations to Amelia, Bella, Beth, Betty, Emma, Evissa, Fab, Maddy and Noah.

**Happy, Healthy and Productive**

## FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL



### WE NEED YOUR HELP

The Friends of the School play a vital role in enriching the experiences of all our pupils. Through their hard work and dedication, they help to subsidise school trips, organise enjoyable events, provide prizes for children, and purchase valuable resources for the school – such as playground equipment including new football goals. They also fund the provision of fresh fruit for pupils each day, supporting healthy eating across the school. These contributions make a real difference, ensuring that children benefit from opportunities and experiences that go beyond the classroom. However, the group urgently needs more volunteers to continue this important work. Without additional support, there is a real risk that the Friends of the School may not be able to continue in the future. This would have a significant impact on what we can offer our pupils. If you are able to spare any time – whether regularly or occasionally – we would love to hear from you. Thank you for your support.



### NEXT MEETING – WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE AT 5.00PM

Please join us at the next Friends of the School meeting. Everyone is welcome and free childcare is available in our After School Club. Thank you.



### MATCHED FUNDING


A huge thank you to parent and governor Simon Heywood for raising £329 through his employer's matched funding scheme. The money has been gratefully received by the Friends of the School.



### MAY FAYRE – FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY AT 2.30PM

Join us on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May for our May Fayre which will take place on the school playground followed by refreshments and stalls, including a uniform swap shop. Please ensure your child wears full school uniform for the occasion – many thanks.

### GREAT NEWS FOR OUR COMMUNITY!

Appleton Wiske ARA is excited to announce that the village tennis courts are now open for everyone to enjoy — completely free of charge! There will no longer be a paid membership for the tennis club, so feel free to come along, have a game, and make the most of the courts. The doors will be open, and over the coming weeks the courts will be refreshed, including cleaning and new nets. If you've supported the tennis club in the past, we'd love your continued support. You can do this by purchasing an ARA 200 Club number — just £20 per year, with the chance to win cash prizes! To get your 200 Club number, please contact: Katy – 07730 570 904. Let's make the most of this fantastic community space — see you on the courts! 



### THANK YOU

We would like to say a big thank you to Lauren and Natalie Howard for their very kind donation of soft play equipment, it will be put to good use and enjoyed by the children.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully

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Mr N Clark  
Head Teacher

## DATES TO REMEMBER

28 <sup>th</sup> April	-	Y5/6 Dynamo Cricket, Northallerton Cricket Club
1 <sup>st</sup> May	-	May Fayre – 2.30pm
1 <sup>st</sup> May	-	Uniform Swap Shop – 3.30pm
4 <sup>th</sup> May	-	School closed for Bank Holiday
5 <sup>th</sup> May	-	School reopens
6 <sup>th</sup> May	-	Y3/4 Dynamo Cricket, Northallerton Cricket Club
7 <sup>th</sup> May	-	Residential Information for Y5/6 Parents – 3.30pm
8 <sup>th</sup> May	-	Rec/Y1 - Ripon Workhouse and Police Museum
w/c 11 <sup>th</sup> May	-	Year 6 SATs
19 <sup>th</sup> May	-	Reception trip to Thornaby Fire Station
20 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	-	Y5/6 Bewerley Park Residential
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	-	School closes for Half Term
1 <sup>st</sup> June	-	School reopens
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	-	Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics, Northallerton School
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	-	Y6 Sustainable travel event – secondary transition
12 <sup>th</sup> June	-	Sports Day – 1.00pm
17 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Leavers' Assembly – 2.00pm

## 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 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026



Main Choice **OR** SANDWICH

Monday - All Day Breakfast **OR** Ham Sandwich  
 Tuesday - Crispy Salmon Strips **OR** Cheese Sandwich  
 Wednesday - Beef & Yorkshire Pudding **OR** Tuna Sandwich  
 Thursday - Chicken Korma & Rice **OR** Cheese Sandwich  
 Friday - Battered Fish & Chips **OR** Egg Sandwich

### LUNCH MENU W/C 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026

Main Choice **OR** JACKET POTATO = JP

Monday - Chicken Katsu and Rice **OR** Baked Bean JP  
 Tuesday - Pizza **OR** Cheese JP  
 Wednesday - Roast Chicken & Yorkshire Pudding **OR** Baked Bean JP  
 Thursday - Lasagne **OR** Tuna JP  
 Friday - Fish Fingers & Chips **OR** Cheese JP

## APPLETON WISKE BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

### BREAKFAST CLUB 8AM – 8:35AM

JOIN OUR BREAKFAST CLUB FROM 8AM! CHILDREN CAN ENJOY CEREAL OR TOAST WITH JUICE TO KICK-START THEIR SCHOOL DAY.

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUB 3:15PM – 6PM

EVERY EVENING AT CLUB, CHILDREN CAN ENJOY ARTS & CRAFTS, COMPUTERS, GAMES, AND A PLAY AREA WITH TOYS. WHEN THE WEATHER PERMITS, THEY'LL HEAD OUTSIDE FOR SPORTS. COOKING CLUB WILL BE FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS ONLY – KEEP AN EYE ON THE NEWSLETTER FOR DATES!

**CHILDREN STAYING AFTER 4:15PM WILL BE SERVED A SNACK!**

FOR TERM BOOKINGS, PLEASE FILL IN A BOOKING FORM. FOR DAILY OR WEEKLY BOOKINGS, JUST EMAIL OR CALL THE OFFICE!

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