

# Appleton Wiske Community Primary School



## Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

We have enjoyed a busy couple of weeks in school since my previous newsletter. As Headteacher, I have the privilege of experiencing first-hand the excellent learning that is going on in each classroom. The children have been working hard and they always impress me with their positive attitudes. We have two weeks until Easter with plenty to look forward to... including better weather (hopefully).



### ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance is currently 96.62% which is slightly 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 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>.



### SOCIAL MEDIA

Unfortunately, we are seeing an increase in friendship issues and disagreements between pupils through online games, group chats and social media. Some of the messages being shared are not always kind or appropriate, and this can quickly lead to misunderstandings or upset between children. Problems online often carry over into the school day and can affect friendships and wellbeing. I would urge parents to please try to keep a close eye on your child's online activity, including games with chat functions, messaging apps and social media groups. Many of these platforms are designed for older users and should not be accessed by primary aged children. Thank you for your continued support in reminding our pupils that the same expectations for kindness and respect apply online as they do in school.



### KS1 FUN RUN

Our Year 1/2 pupils had a great time at the Fun Run in Northallerton last week. They gave it their all and did well to get round the course. Their attitudes were fabulous. Well done to all the children and congratulations to our medal winners – Evelyn, Honey and Lilly.



### PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Thank you to everyone who attended our parent consultations last week. I hope you found it useful discussing your child's progress. We always aim to be a friendly and welcoming school, so please get in touch if we can help you with anything regarding your child's education.

Happy, Healthy and Productive



## WORLD BOOK DAY

The children and staff enjoyed celebrating their love of reading last week during World Book Day. The range of outfits was fantastic and everyone looked great. Well done to all the children for making such an effort and embracing the day.

## JANE NEWTON – YEAR 1 VISIT



On Monday, Year 1 received a visit from Jane Newton who has been working with the children over the last year on the theme of ‘emotional colours’. The focus this time was red which is all about dealing with feelings of worry. There were lots of fun activities and the children made their own sock puppets and crowns. The children responded very well during class discussions about how to manage their emotions. Thank you to Jane for giving up her time to visit our pupils.

## CROSS COUNTRY FINALS



On Monday, our cross country medal winners competed in the finals at Thirsk. The standard was incredibly high and to make it to the finals was already a fantastic achievement. All five children put in tremendous performances and demonstrated resilience and perseverance. Well done to Arthur, Ellie, Eva, Fab and Oliver R.



## YEAR 3/4 TCHOUKBALL

On Tuesday, a group of Year 3/4 pupils competed in a tchoukball tournament in Northallerton. The children enjoyed learning a new sport and worked well together. The teamwork and support on display were excellent. Congratulations to the team for finishing in 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Ava, Darcy, Ellie, Geoffrey, Jake H, Jessie, Lucy, Marleigh, Ollie B and Poppy.



## COMIC RELIEF (RED NOSE DAY) – FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

Children can come to school in non-uniform on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March. If they like, they can wear a splash of red. Please ensure that children wear trainers for PE. A suggested donation of £2 would be appreciated. Thank you.

## EASTER BAKE-OFF – FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH AT 2.30PM (RECEPTION TO YEAR 6 PUPILS)



The Friends of the School have organised an Easter Bake-off for Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March. Just like the previous bake-off, we have decided to go for a ‘free choice’ approach so your child can make any type of baked product. It costs £1 per entry and there will be prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each class. We hope you can join us for the assembly which starts at the usual time of 2.30pm. There will be a cake sale after the assembly. Nursery children are very welcome to take part but they won’t be in the assembly.



## JOIN THE FUN AT EAST HARLSEY CRICKET CLUB!

Looking for a fun, active way for your child to spend their summer? Registration will soon be open for our youth cricket programs:

- **All Stars Cricket (Ages 5–8):** A brilliant, high-energy introduction to the sport focusing on fun and fundamental movement.
- **Dynamos Cricket (Ages 8–11):** For those looking to build on their skills and play fast-paced "countdown" matches.

**Interested? Here’s how to find out more:**

- **Email:** [east.harlseycc@gmail.com](mailto:east.harlseycc@gmail.com)
- **Facebook:** [facebook.com/EastHarlseyCC](https://www.facebook.com/EastHarlseyCC)
- **Instagram:** [@eastharlseycc](https://www.instagram.com/eastharlseycc)

Have a wonderful weekend with your children and families.

Yours faithfully

*N Clark*

Mr N Clark  
Head Teacher

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 17<sup>th</sup> March - Y5/6 Dodgeball, Northallerton School & Sixth Form
- 20<sup>th</sup> March - Comic Relief – Red Nose Day
- 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Hot Cross Buns – Class 2 and Class 3
- 27<sup>th</sup> March - Easter Bake-off – 2.30pm
- 27<sup>th</sup> March - School closes for Easter
- 13<sup>th</sup> April - School Training Day
- 14<sup>th</sup> April - School reopens
- 14 April - Y5/6 BEE Netball
- 24<sup>th</sup> April - GB Extreme - Breakdancing/Beatboxing workshops
- 28<sup>th</sup> April - Y5/6 Dynamo Cricket, Northallerton School & Sixth Form
- 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

## 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 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026



Main Choice **OR** JACKET POTATO = JP

- Monday - Chicken Nuggets **OR** Baked Bean JP
- Tuesday - Pizza & Diced Potatoes **OR** Cheese JP
- Wednesday - Gammon & Mashed Potato **OR** Tuna JP
- Thursday - Spaghetti Bolognese **OR** Baked Bean JP
- Friday - Fish Fingers & Chips **OR** Cheese JP

### LUNCH MENU W/C 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 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

**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!