



18th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

It's good to be back! Although it is far from 'business as usual', we are delighted to see all our pupils return to school. They are a credit to you and have displayed outstanding attitudes to school life, settling in well to new routines and taking on new challenges with confidence. It has been fantastic to see the children socialising within their bubbles, re-establishing old friendships and developing new ones. Well done to all the children, and a special well done to our new Reception children who are an absolute joy to have in school.

Thank you for all your kind words of support since we re-opened for all our pupils – it is much appreciated by the staff. Here is a message that I received from a parent a few days ago:

"I would like to say how grateful we are for the way in which you have welcomed the children back to school and made them feel safe. I know that _____ was apprehensive on Wednesday morning about being back in a larger group than he has been in for months, but when I collected him from school on Wednesday he was beaming having been back and expressed how safe he felt and how happy he was being back with his friends. Thank you to you and the staff for your transitioning of the children back to school."

APPLETON WISKE PRE-SCHOOL – PLACES AVAILABLE

We are very proud of our links with Appleton Wiske Pre-School and the transition that our Reception children receive before joining us at school. There are funded and non-funded places still available, so if you know anybody who has children of pre-school age please could you let them know about the superb pre-school in Appleton Wiske. Liz Huckle and the team would love to hear from any prospective parents.

www.appletonwiskepreshool.co.uk

NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our new school website is now 'live'. The address has not changed:

www.appletonwiske.n-yorks.sch.uk

I am still in the process of updating some of the content but the majority of pages are up to date. We hope you find the website useful.

ATTENDANCE

I am unable to authorise holidays during term time and must advise you that NYCC may impose fines on unauthorised absences. Thank you for your support in helping us to maintain good rates of attendance at this challenging time.

DROP-OFF AND COLLECTION TIMES

A big thank you from me for all your support with this. After the initial excitement on the first day, which felt like a reunion and was completely understandable, we feel that the staggered start times and collection times are working well. We understand that these new arrangements can never be perfect and appreciate your patience at these critical times of the school day.

APPLETON WISKE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Appleton Wiske Educational Foundation has made a significant financial contribution to the school. Because of their support, we are able to continue providing whole class music lessons to our Year 5/6 pupils; this is the third year that we have provided music lessons to our pupils and it is making a significant difference to the music provision in school. The Foundation has also put a large sum of money into school funds to help make our Club financially viable after a difficult few months during lockdown. This has enabled us to continue providing the service to all our families with no increase in cost. You may have read that schools are to receive additional funding from the Government for pupils to 'catch-up' with their learning; the Educational Foundation has also made a significant contribution to this scheme. On behalf of our school, I would like to thank the Foundation for supporting us at this challenging time.

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BREAKFAST CLUB AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Our Breakfast Club and After School Club are available to all our children. Due to relatively small numbers and space in the hall and outside for social distancing, we are able to include children from all three bubbles. If you would like to book your child into Breakfast Club or After School Club, please enquire at the school office.

AMAZON SMILE

Please remember that we benefit from your purchases on Amazon. Login with your usual details via Amazon Smile (it's easy to do) and select our school. To date we have received £76.41. Thank you.

GIFT FROM YEAR 6 LEAVERS

Thank you very much to the parents of our Year 6 Leavers for their generosity. We have purchased a giant world map which looks absolutely fantastic on the outside wall. The children will have hours of fun learning about countries of the world during playtimes! **We do hope all our Year 6 Leavers are settling in well and enjoying their new schools.**

WILDLIFE AREA

During the summer holidays, a group of volunteers cut back and tended to our wildlife area. This was a huge job and involved a lot of hard work, including the disposal of all the cuttings. A massive thank you to Bethany, Josh, their parents and grandparents, and also to Roger and Rosy Key who have been involved in the project from the beginning. We are very grateful and look forward to using the wildlife area again this year.

SCHOOL GARDEN

Over the last year, the Scouts and especially Mrs Connolly have done a fantastic job looking after our front garden. It really does look superb! Unfortunately, they are unable to continue maintaining the garden so if there is anybody out there with 'green fingers' and some spare time, we would love to hear from you! Thank you very much to Mrs Connolly and the Scouts for all their hard work.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS – WEDNESDAY 23RD AND THURSDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER

Please sign up to meet your child's teacher on Microsoft Teams or arrange a telephone appointment. If you have any difficulties with these options, please get in touch.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Have a great weekend with your families.

Yours faithfully



Mr N Clark
Head Teacher



DIARY DATES

23rd September – Parent Consultations 3.30pm-5.30pm – Years 1-6
 24th September – Parent Consultations 1.00pm-5.30pm – Years 3 & 4
 24th September – Parent Consultations 3.30pm-5.30pm – Years 1 & 2, 5 & 6
 5th October – Flu Immunisation Programme
 8th October – Tempest Photographs – Individual – 8.30am

ABSENCE NOTES

Please could you ensure that you send in an absence note if your child has been off school. This is a legal requirement for the school to keep with the registers. Thank you.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please let us know your club arrangements for next term. Booking forms and Parental Contracts are available from the office. CLUB ACTIVITIES – W/C 21ST & W/C 28TH SEPTEMBER 2020



MONDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2020	CHILDREN'S CHOICE OF ACTIVITIES
TUESDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2020	CLUB'S DISPLAY TREE PROJECT
WEDNESDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2020	POWERPOINT THEN GAMES
THURSDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2020	ROUNDERS
FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2020	FILM FRIDAY
MONDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER 2020	CHILDREN'S CHOICE OF ACTIVITIES
TUESDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 2020	CLUB'S DISPLAY TREE PROJECT CONTINUED
WEDNESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 2020	CLUB'S NEWSLETTER
THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2020	CRICKET
FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2020	FILM FRIDAY

LUNCH MENU – from 21ST SEPTEMBER 2020

Main Choice **OR** JACKET POTATO with a choice of filling

Monday – Beefburger in a Homemade Bun with Chips
 Tuesday – Chicken Fajitas & Vegetable Rice
 Wednesday – Minced Beef & Dumplings
 Thursday – Roast Pork Steaks with Apple Sauce & Gravy
 Friday – Salmon & Sweet Potato Fishcake

LUNCH MENU – from 28TH SEPTEMBER 2020

Main Choice **OR** SANDWICHES

Monday – Sausage in a Homemade Bun **OR** Cheese Sandwiches
 Tuesday – Pasta Bolognaise **OR** Tuna Sandwiches
 Wednesday – Roast Chicken **OR** Ham Sandwiches
 Thursday – Mexican Beef Wraps **OR** Cheese Sandwiches
 Friday – Battered Fish **OR** Egg Sandwiches

COMMUNITY LINKS

USED STAMPS COLLECTION FOR INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND - Please keep sending in your used stamps.



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