

Appleton Wiske Community Primary School



Newsletter

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20th November, 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a busy couple of weeks since the last newsletter. This week's focus on anti-bullying is an important aspect of the school's work and the children and staff have all signed the Anti-Bullying Charter. Our Anti-Bullying Policy was emailed to you all and is available on the school website. If you have any queries about our approach to bullying, I would be more than happy to discuss this with you.

DEFENDERS OF HEALTH PROJECT

<https://www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/news/18874091.appleton-wiske-primary-school-pupils-support-global-health-project>

I am sure you have all read the article in the Northern Echo (see the link above). We are delighted to be taking part in the Defenders of Health project, which celebrates and raises awareness of global health. On Wednesday 18th November, Brad Gudger, one of our former pupils and Mrs Gudger's son, helped to launch the project by leading a session with children in Class 2 and Class 3 on Microsoft Teams. Diagnosed with leukaemia when he was 19, Brad went on to receive The Diana Award for his work with young people and the cancer community. As well as founding his own charity, Alike, to combat loneliness and isolation among young people with cancer, he also acts as a youth advisor to the NHS, World Health Organisation and most recently the UN. Brad was simply inspirational and left a lasting impression on our young people, who are now really enthused and excited about the project. If you would like to learn more about the project, you will find the following link useful:

<https://www.defendersofhealth.co.uk>

DEFENDERS OF HEALTH DAY!

We are going to celebrate Defenders of Health by holding a themed day. The children can come to school dressed as a 'Defender of Health'. For ideas, click on this link: <https://www.defendersofhealth.co.uk/defenders-of-health-day>

If you would like any help with this, please get in touch.

The date is to be confirmed because we are trying to organise a virtual 'visit' from a special guest. However, we are hoping to hold our Defenders of Health Day in the **week beginning 30th November**. We would really appreciate it if you could be planning your child's outfit in advance of the date being confirmed.

Thank you ever so much for your support.



POPPY APPEAL

On Sunday 8th November, Mrs Gudger represented the school at the Remembrance Service in the village, and Sophie Connolly also attended on behalf of the Cubs. In total, 38 people were able to attend. On Wednesday 11th November, we learned about Remembrance and held a two-minute silence. We raised £171.59 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Thank you for your support.



CHILDREN IN NEED

On Friday 13th November we held a non-uniform, wear something spotty, day to raise money for Children in Need. We raised £156.15 which is a great effort. Thank you for your continued support.

IS THERE A 'GRUMPY OLD TROLL' UNDER THE BRIDGE?

What a lovely surprise class 1 children received when they arrived at Forest School this week. A new bridge had been built to cross over the ditch into the woodland area. It was a mystery. After some investigating, the children discovered that Mr Blackwood had been very busy and he has achieved his 'Bridge Building' badge! We would like to say a MASSIVE thank you to Mr Blackwood for all his hard work and for helping us to cross the ditch safely.

Happy, Healthy and Productive



CHRISTMAS CARDS

To allow some normality this year and to bring some festive cheer, children will be allowed to exchange cards within their bubbles. Unfortunately, we are unable to collect cards in the Christmas Post Box as they would need sorting for each class and then distributing. I hope you can appreciate that things are a little different this year. If the children just bring cards for friends in their own bubbles this will be much better than not being able to send any at all.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

We are waiting for official guidance from NYCC regarding Christmas decorations and activities. There's a joke about Elf and Safety we could all relate to here! I really hope that we can decorate classrooms, have a tree in the hall and enjoy some fun activities (within our bubbles of course). I will keep you informed.

PARENTPAY

Please can I remind you to ensure that there are sufficient funds in your account for the week before booking a club place.



PARENTPAY – MEAL SELECTOR

Please remember to continue ordering your child's meal online. If your child is off ill please could you delete your pre-ordered meal choice on ParentPay, as this helps the teacher, admin staff and cook. Thank you.

SALE OF NEW 'STOCK' UNIFORM

We have some items of uniform for sale that were bought in for the New Parents' Evening. They will be sold at discounted prices. Please ring or email the school if you are interested in purchasing any. Items available are:

- 1 x Yellow Polo Shirt – Size 22/24 - £4.00
- 3 x White Polo Shirt – Sizes 5/6 - £4.00 each
- 1 x White Polo Shirt – Size 7/8 - £4.00
- 1 x Red Coat – Size 9/10 - £15.00
- 1 x Red T-Shirt – Size 5/6 - £3.00
- 2 x Red Woolly Hats - £3.00 each
- 1 x Red Cap - £3.00
- 1 x Black Sports Shorts – Size 18/20 - £3.00
- 2 x Red Sweatshirts – Sizes 5/6 - £8.00 each
- 1 x Red Sweatshirt – Size 7/8 - £8.00
- Water Bottle with Lid and Cap - £2.00

Finally, I would just like to say **thank you to you all** for helping to keep our school as safe as possible by following the latest guidelines which were emailed to everybody.

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend with your loved ones.

Yours faithfully

Mr N Clark
Head Teacher



DIARY DATES

Defenders of Health Day – Date TBC
 9th December – Christmas Lunch
 11th December – Christmas Jumper Day – Save the Children
 18th December – Last Day of Term
 4th January – Staff Training Day
 5th January – Children return to school

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 23RD NOVEMBER & W/C 30TH NOVEMBER 2020**



MONDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2020	CHILDREN'S CHOICE
TUESDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2020	CHRISTMAS PLANNING FOR THE CLUB'S TREE
WEDNESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2020	COMPUTER GAMES
THURSDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2020	FOOTBALL OR INDOOR GAMES
FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2020	FILM FRIDAY – MONSTERS UNIVERSITY - POPCORN AND PIZZA
MONDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2020	CHILDREN'S CHOICE
TUESDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2020	THE CLUB'S TREE ADVENT CALENDAR
WEDNESDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2020	PURPLE MASH/GAMES
THURSDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2020	FOOTBALL OR INDOOR GAMES
FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2020	FILM FRIDAY – FINDING NEMO – POPCORN AND PIZZA

LUNCH MENU – from 23RD NOVEMBER 2020

Main Choice **OR SANDWICHES**

Monday – Cheese & Tomato Pizza **OR** Egg Sandwiches
 Tuesday – Chicken & Vegetable Pie **OR** Cheese Sandwiches
 Wednesday – Meatballs **OR** Ham Sandwiches
 Thursday – Chicken Korma **OR** Tuna Sandwiches
 Friday – Fish Fingers **OR** Chicken Sandwiches

LUNCH MENU – from 30TH NOVEMBER 2020

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

Monday – Beefburger in a Homemade Bun
 Tuesday – Chicken Fajitas & Vegetable Rice
 Wednesday – Minced Beef & Dumplings
 Thursday – Roast Pork Loin
 Friday – Salmon & Sweet Potato Fishcake

COMMUNITY LINKS



LET'S LIGHT UP APPLETON WISKE

Christmas tree lights switch-on **FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER – 6.30PM**. Sadly due to COVID, the traditional Christmas Lights ceremony outside the shop cannot be held. Many people created home Christmas displays visible from the street, in windows, front gardens, hedges and greens. Let's switch on together then we can all walk around the village, admire the displays and wish friends and neighbours a Merry Christmas. Maintaining social distancing.

ROAD CLOSURE – 23rd NOVEMBER

Between 9:30am and 3:00pm, the road near school will be closed with a diversion in place due to works being carried out by Northern Powergrid. The work is expected to start on **23rd November** and will last for approximately 5 days.

USED STAMPS COLLECTION FOR BONE CANCER RESEARCH TRUST - Please keep sending in your used stamps.

