

Appleton Wiske Community Primary School



Newsletter

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4th December, 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope this finds you healthy and well. We are entering the festive season and, despite the restrictions, we intend to give your children the best possible Christmas experience at school. We have a beautiful Whitegates Christmas Tree in the school hall and there will be decorations in the classrooms too. In class assemblies, we are singing Christmas songs and learning about Advent. We are also looking forward to a range of activities such as Christmas Lunch, Christmas Jumper Day and class parties. I am proud to say that your children are full of enthusiasm and making the most of their opportunities.

FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL AGM – WEDNESDAY 20TH JANUARY AT 6:00PM

You are all 'friends of the school'. The Annual General Meeting will take place virtually on Wednesday 20th January at 6:00pm. Our chairperson, Katy Wilson, can send the virtual event details to anybody who would like to join us – please just get in touch and we can pass on your details. Ordinarily we would meet face to face and we look forward to a time in the not so distant future when this will be the case. Thank you for all of your support.

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DEFENDERS OF HEALTH DAY

On Thursday 3rd December, we celebrated Defenders of Health Day by dressing up as health care workers and other vital professionals who work so hard to keep us safe. I am sure you have seen our Facebook page, press article and previous newsletter which gave more details about the project. Thank you ever so much for 'pulling out all the stops' at relatively short notice and creating such a wonderful range of outfits for your children. They looked fantastic! The children and staff embraced the event, and we were delighted to be celebrating and learning more about global health at this critical time in our lives. A big thank you to our former pupil Brad Gudger who helped launch the project. He sent us all the following inspirational message: "I hope you all have a fantastic day, I'm so proud of Appleton Wiske Primary for leading on a project that will empower a new generation of health champions."

To see some photographs of the event, click on this link:

<http://appletonwiske.n-yorks.sch.uk/gallery>

On behalf of our school community, I would like to thank all the parents/carers and other family members who are 'defenders' of health – you are all heroes in our eyes.



SALVATION ARMY TOY COLLECTION

Many thanks to all our staff for donating to the Salvation Army toy collection through St. Mary's Church. Mrs Gudger dropped off lots of lovely gifts at the village shop which will be delivered to children whose families are struggling.

Happy, Healthy and Productive

VIRTUAL SPORTING EVENTS

Our pupils continue to receive at least two hours per week of physical activity and we are competing in a range of virtual competitions. Here is a breakdown of our most recent events and achievements:

Event	Achievements
Y3/4 Archery – Distance	Highest scorers – Sophia, Belle, Emma, Ellie, Josh and Imogen
Y3/4 Archery – Down the Middle	Highest scorers – Anouska, Jake, Ellie, Erin, Josh and Edward
Y3/4 Archery – Puzzles	Highest scorers – Anouska, Belle, Poppy, Josh and Ewan
Y5/6 Archery – Distance	Highest scorers – Dougal, Riley, Joshua and Zachary
Y5/6 Archery – Down the Middle	Highest scorers – Lilly-May, Dougal, Rosie, Riley, Fred, William, Katie, Bethany, Daniel, Zachary and Kayden
Y5/6 Archery – Puzzles	Highest scorers – Avery, Charlie, Joshua, Sophie, Bethany and Daniel
Y5/6 Orienteering	Fastest team to complete the challenge – Bethany, Hattie and Rosie – 4 mins 53 secs

We are in the process of uploading all the scores onto Koboca – a website which collates the data from all the competing schools – so we will be able to share the official results with you soon. **Many thanks to Mr Swankie, our specialist sports and PE coach, for running these events in school.**



CHRISTMAS LUNCH – WEDNESDAY 9TH DECEMBER

Roast Turkey, Sausages, Sage & Onion Stuffing with Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Carrots and Peas followed by Snowman Ice Cream. Enjoy!



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 FILMS

We have organised with Ken Blackwood and Appleton Wiske Village Hall to show Christmas films to each of our class bubbles on the following mornings: Class 1 – Tuesday 15th December; Class 2 – Wednesday 16th December; Class 3 – Thursday 17th December. I have visited the village hall and discussed the logistics with Liz Huckle at Appleton Wiske Pre-School. At no point will children from pre-school be mixing with our pupils and a full Risk Assessment will be in place for these events. It is worth noting that educational visits are permitted and encouraged whilst complying with local restrictions. If you have any concerns or would like to discuss this further, please don't hesitate to get in touch.



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.

Have a great weekend.

Yours faithfully

Mr N Clark
Head Teacher



DIARY DATES

9th December – Christmas Lunch
 11th December – Christmas Jumper Day – Save the Children
 15th December – Class 1 Christmas Film – Village Hall
 16th December – Class 2 Christmas Film – Village Hall
 17th December – Class 3 Christmas Film – Village Hall
 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 7TH DECEMBER 2020 & W/C 14TH DECEMBER 2020**



MONDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2020	CHILDREN'S CHOICE
TUESDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2020	CHRISTMAS CRAFTS
WEDNESDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2020	COMPUTER GAMES
THURSDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2020	FOOTBALL OR INDOOR GAMES
FRIDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2020	FILM FRIDAY – CHRISTMAS FILM – POPCORN AND PIZZA
MONDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2020	CHILDREN'S CHOICE
TUESDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2020	CHRISTMAS CARDS
WEDNESDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2020	PURPLE MASH/GAMES
THURSDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2020	FOOTBALL OR INDOOR GAMES
FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2020	FILM FRIDAY – CHRISTMAS FILM – POPCORN AND PIZZA

LUNCH MENU – from 7TH DECEMBER 2020

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

Monday – Sausage in a Homemade Bun
 Tuesday – Pasta Bolognaise
 Wednesday – Christmas Lunch (see above)
 Thursday – Mexican Beef Tortilla Boats
 Friday – Battered Fish

LUNCH MENU – from 14TH DECEMBER 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

COMMUNITY LINKS

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

