



16 December 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

The holiday season is nearly upon us and we have some very excited children in school. It has been a busy and productive few weeks and I am sure that everybody is looking forward to the Christmas break.

### ATTENDANCE



Our whole school attendance is currently 95.6%. In January, I will be providing individual attendance reports based on autumn term data which I hope you will find useful. Please remember that holiday requests will not be authorised. **Well done to Class 3 for winning the fortnightly attendance award.**

### CHRISTMAS ROUND-UP



#### CLASS 1 NATIVITY

Well done to our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils for their outstanding Nativity performances on Tuesday – we are all very proud! It was great to see so many visitors supporting our pupils – we hope you enjoyed the show. A big thank you to the Class 1 staff for all their hard work in producing such a fabulous Nativity.

#### MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

Well done to Beatrix and Gemma for their brilliant duet on the piano during last week's Celebration Assembly; I could see how impressed everybody was with their performance. Well done also to our Class 2 pupils who played a musical piece on their ocarinas during a whole school assembly last week.

#### CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Thank you to our wonderful Cook – Elaine – for providing us with a delicious Christmas Lunch on Wednesday. It was a lovely occasion with lots of good cheer and merriment.

#### CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Our Christmas Carol Service was a popular community event and it was good to see so many guests singing along with the children. The performances were excellent! Thank you to Father Simon for joining us and adding that extra bit of gravitas to the proceedings.

#### CLASS PARTIES

Each class has enjoyed a Christmas Party in the school hall with games, activities and treats. We even had a visit from a very jolly chap with a big beard and red suit! "Ho ho ho!"

#### FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL

A big thank you to the Friends for organising a very successful Hundred Square competition. We have raised a grand total of £288 which is tremendous. The money will go towards enrichment activities and resources for our pupils. I would also like to say a massive thank you to everybody who donated items for the hampers which looked absolutely fantastic! Congratulation to the following families who have all won a hamper: Heald-Orton, Quy, Brook, Green and Bell as well as Jackie from Appleton Wiske Post Office.



## **AMAZON SMILE**



If you shop with Amazon, please login through Amazon Smile and select Friends of Appleton Wiske School. As a registered charity, we earn commission on items purchased. It is very easy to do and doesn't cost you a thing. Thank you.



## **YEAR 2 MULTISKILLS**

All of our Year 2 pupils enjoyed taking part in a Multiskills event on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December where they were able to develop a range of skills including throwing, catching, running and jumping. It was a fun session and several children came home with medals. Well done to Arthur, Barney, Bella, Bennji, Eva, Fabian, Henry, Ollie and Rory!



## **CLASS 1 TRIP TO DANBY LODGE**

On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December, Class 1 enjoyed an exciting trip to Danby Lodge where they followed a trail and adventures linked to the characters in the story of One Snowy Night by Nick Butterworth. The children were amazing throughout the day and completed fun activities and games linked to our science topic on animals. They ended the day with a storytelling session in a Mongolian Yurt, warming themselves with hot chocolate and a cosy log burner.

## **SAVE THE CHILDREN**



Save the Children

We would like to thank you for supporting our Christmas Jumper Day – in total we raised £125.15 for 'Save the Children'.



## **SCHOOL MEALS**

Please note that a school meal will cost £3.25 from January 2023. A letter explaining the price increase was sent to all families this week.

I would like to wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. We look forward to seeing the children return to school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

Yours faithfully

Mr N Clark  
Head Teacher

## DIARY DATES



16<sup>th</sup> December – School Closes for the Christmas Break  
2<sup>nd</sup> January – Bank Holiday  
3<sup>rd</sup> January – Staff Training Day  
4<sup>th</sup> January – School Re-opens  
17<sup>th</sup> January – Y5/6 Football Competition  
24 January – Y3/4 Tball Competition  
3<sup>rd</sup> February – Y3-6 Cross Country

## **ABSENCE NOTES**

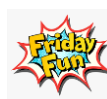
Please could you ensure that you send in an absence note if your child has been off school. This is a legal requirement for the school to keep with the registers. Thank you.



## **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

Please let us know your club arrangements for this term. Booking forms and Parental Contracts are available from the office.

**CLUB ACTIVITIES – W/C 2<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY 2023 AND W/C 9<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2023**



<b>MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY 2023</b>	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>
<b>TUESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JANUARY 2023</b>	<b>STAFF TRAINING DAY</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2023</b>	<b>COMPUTER GAMES</b>
<b>THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2023</b>	<b>SPORT – FOOTBALL / INDOOR GAMES</b>
<b>FRIDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2023</b>	<b>FILM FRIDAY</b>
<b>MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2023</b>	<b>PIZZA ROLLS</b>
<b>TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2023</b>	<b>CLUB BOARD DECORATIONS</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2023</b>	<b>COMPUTER GAMES</b>
<b>THURSDAY 12<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2023</b>	<b>SPORT – FOOTBALL / INDOOR GAMES</b>
<b>FRIDAY 13<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2023</b>	<b>FILM FRIDAY</b>

## **LUNCH MENU**

w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY 2023

Main Choice **OR JACKET POTATO = JP**

**Monday** – Bank Holiday

**Tuesday** – Training Day

**Wednesday** – Roast Turkey & Stuffing **OR JP with Cheese**

**Thursday** – Chilli Con Carne & Naan Bread **OR JP with Tuna**

**Friday** – Fishwich (Salmon) **OR JP with Baked Beans**



## **LUNCH MENU**

w/c 9<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2023

Main Choice **OR SANDWICH**

**Monday** – Pizza **OR Tuna Sandwich**

**Tuesday** – Pasta Bolognese **OR Egg Mayo Sandwich**

**Wednesday** – Sausages & Yorkshire Pudding **OR Ham**

**Sandwich**

**Thursday** – Chicken Wrap, Vegetable Rice **OR Cheese Sandwich**

**Friday** – Fish Fingers **OR Tuna Sandwich**



## COMMUNITY LINKS

**USED STAMP COLLECTION FOR BONE CANCER RESEARCH TRUST AND CYSTIC FIBROSIS**

**Please keep sending in your used stamps.**