



1 March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you enjoyed the February break with your children and families. I can't believe there are only three weeks of school remaining until the Easter holiday! We are packing as much into this half term as possible with lots of opportunities for your children to embrace. Remember to check the diary dates section of this newsletter to see what's going on.



ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance is currently 95.13% which is below our target of 97%. Please remember that I am unable to authorise holidays. **From September 2023, 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 3 for winning the fortnightly attendance award.**

YEAR 5/6 DODGEBALL



On Tuesday 20th February, our Year 5/6 dodgeball team took part in a tournament at Northallerton Leisure Centre. The children were absolutely brilliant and finished in 1st place! Mr Hills and Mrs Noble were very impressed with the children's outstanding attitudes and team spirit. Congratulations to Annabelle, Anouska, Ben, Charlie P, Daisy W, Edward, Emma M, Erin, Jemima and Teddy.

APPLETON WISKE BAKE-OFF



Food glorious food! Our bake-off was a great success and I was so impressed by the quantity and quality of biscuits, cakes and scones. Thank you very much to everybody who helped with the baking and to all the people who donated so generously. The assembly was well-attended and we sold lots of baked goods. We raised a total of £225.75 which is absolutely tremendous. Many thanks to the Friends of the School for organising the event and providing prizes. Congratulations to our winners:

Biscuits – Percy (1st), Harry (2nd), Emma M (3rd)

Cakes – Lily E (1st), Amelia (2nd), Jay (3rd)

Scones – Izzy (1st), Chloe (2nd), Josh (3rd)



YEAR 6 SATS

Well done to our Year 6 pupils for working so hard towards their end of Key Stage SATs. Miss Rowling and I have started booster sessions on Thursdays after school and we are very pleased with the children's positive attitudes.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Thank you for meeting with your child's teacher this week. We aim to be an open and friendly school so please get in touch if you would like to make an appointment at any time of the year. Thank you for your continued support.



WORLD BOOK DAY – THURSDAY 7TH MARCH

We would like to celebrate World Book Day by either dressing up as a book character or wearing PJs or onesies. This event is all about promoting a love of reading and does not require a donation. Thank you for your support.

FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL

The next Friends meeting will be on Monday 11th March at 5.00pm in school. Anybody who would like to attend but is struggling with childcare can use our After School Club service at no cost. Just turn up for the meeting at 5.00pm with your child!

EASY FUNDRAISING



Friends of Appleton Wiske School are registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment. The website link is: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-appleton-wiske/> or you can use the QR code.



EASTER DISCO – THURSDAY 14TH MARCH – 6.00PM to 7.15PM

Save the date for our Easter Disco. Tickets are £4 per pupil and include a drink and snack. Flyers with reply slips have been sent home.



COMIC RELIEF/RED NOSE DAY – FRIDAY 15TH March

Children can come to school in non-uniform with a splash of red and they can bring along a suggested donation of £2. Thank you in advance for supporting this important charity. Please remember that Friday is our PE day so children will need suitable clothing and footwear.



EASTER EGG COMPETITION AND ASSEMBLY – FRIDAY 22ND MARCH AT 2.00PM

Our Easter Egg competition will take place on Friday 22nd March at 2.00pm. Your child can decorate a boiled egg and bring it into school on Thursday 21st or Friday 22nd March. The cost is £1 per entry. We will announce the winners in our Celebration Assembly.



HEALTHY SCHOOL

Please remember to send your child to school every day with a bottle of fresh water. Bottles can then be topped up throughout the day in school. Thank you.

Have a great weekend.

Yours faithfully

Mr N Clark
Head Teacher

DIARY DATES

6th March – Key Steps Gymnastics – Northallerton Leisure Centre
 7th March – World Book Day
 11th March – Friends Meeting at School, 5pm – 6pm
 12th March – Y5/6 Netball – Northallerton Leisure Centre
 14th March – Easter Disco
 15th March – Comic Relief – Red Nose Day
 22nd March – Easter Assembly – Easter Egg Competition
 22nd March – School Closes for Easter
 8th April – Staff Training Day
 9th April – School Reopens
 24th April – Class 3 Science Workshop – Northallerton School
 3rd May – May Fayre
 6th May – Bank Holiday
 8th May – Y3/4 Dynamo Cricket – Northallerton Leisure Centre
 13th - 16th May – Year 6 SATs
 24th May – School Closes
 3rd June – School Reopens
 18th June – Sports Day
 20th June – Teddy Bears' Picnic
 16th July – Class 3 Production (1.30pm and 6.00pm)



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.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

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

CLUB ACTIVITIES – w/c 4th March and 11th March 2024



MONDAY 4th MARCH 2024

SWEET PALMIERS

TUESDAY 5th MARCH 2024

MOTHERS DAY CRAFTS

WEDNESDAY 6th MARCH 2024

COMPUTER GAMES

THURSDAY 7th MARCH 2024

FOOTBALL / INDOOR GAMES

FRIDAY 8th MARCH 2024

FILMS AND GAMES

MONDAY 11th MARCH 2024

CHEESE AND HAM PUFFS

TUESDAY 12th MARCH 2024

COLOURING PAGES AND GAMES NIGHT

WEDNESDAY 13th MARCH 2024

COMPUTER GAMES

THURSDAY 14th MARCH 2024

FOOTBALL / INDOOR GAMES

FRIDAY 15th MARCH 2024

FILMS AND GAMES

LUNCH MENU W/C 4th MARCH 2024

Main Choice **OR** SANDWICH

Monday - Pizza & Potato Wedges **OR** Egg Sandwich
 Tuesday - Meatballs & Rice **OR** Ham Sandwich
 Wednesday - Roast Chicken & Yorkshire Pudding **OR** Tuna Sandwich
 Thursday - Spaghetti Bolognese **OR** Chicken Sandwich
 Friday - Fish Star & Chips **OR** Cheese Sandwich



LUNCH MENU W/C 11th MARCH 2024

Main Choice **OR** JACKET POTATO = JP

Monday - Creamy Mac & Cheese **OR** Baked Bean JP
 Tuesday - Sausage & Mash **OR** Cheese JP
 Wednesday - Minced Beef & Dumplings **OR** Baked Bean JP
 Thursday - Chicken Korma **OR** Tuna JP
 Friday - Fish Fingers **OR** Baked Bean JP