



The Apple

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Dear Parents/Carers

It has been another brilliant week at school and we are now in a Christmassy mood. Whilst it seems that the build up to Christmas begins earlier each year the Foundation Stage Nativity is the day on which I really feel like Christmas is coming. The children in both Mrs Addlesee's and Miss Mandefield's class did us proud and performed brilliantly for Parents and Carers on Tuesday and Wednesday!

The Christmas mood continued yesterday with children wearing Christmas clothing and enjoying this year's Panto. The Pantomime provides wonderful learning opportunities for the children and is great fun.

Somehow during the week the Juniors even managed to fit in a satellite phone call to Sarah Outen who was in the middle of an incredible journey around the world using just a bike, a kayak and a rowing boat! This was an amazing opportunity for the pupils to see how having a resilient character allows you to manage things that other people do not think possible. We will continue to work on the idea of resilience in the New Year.

Finally, this morning we had our rehearsal for the performance for pupils in Years 1-6. It's shaping up brilliantly and we are looking forward to having Parents and Carers in the audience next week.

Paul Hill
Headteacher

Taking Photos in School

As we are midway through our Christmas productions it is an opportune time to inform you of the schools current policy with regard to photography when Parents/Carers attend school performances. All Parents/Carers are allowed to take photos at performances but these provide personal memories and must **not be shared using social media**. In order to share images of your child you need to crop each photo so that no other child can be seen. There are a variety of reasons for which other Parents/Carers may not want images of their child to be shared and it is essential that we abide to this policy.

Swimarathon

Please let the office know if you would like to take part in the Swimarathon this year. This is the final chance as Mrs Toole will begin to select teams next week!

Cake Sale – TODAY

Don't forget to pop to the new Studio Hall today – there is a cake sale and tombola!

Sickness and returning to school

All schools have time when sickness bugs are more common and ours seems to have been this week. We have had to send a number of children home who have informed us that they were sick during the night or in the morning before arriving at school. Please ensure that your child has not been sick for at least 24 hours prior to their return to school. In this way we slow down the spread of any sickness bugs.

Lunches

The new lunch menus are available from the office!

Home School Agreements

Whilst many Parents/Carers have returned the new Home School Agreement a number have not. This is an essential document for each child's time in the school as it ensures that pupils have access to all of the resources needed and share our expectations. If you have lost your copy then please pop to the school office – you can check the wording on the school website and then sign the slip when arriving at the office.

Governors

This newsletter is the last opportunity for those interested in being a governor to send their personal statement (no more than 200 words) to the office. If we get less than 3 candidates then those Parents/Carers who have put their names forward will be appointed automatically.

Shutting School For Snow

With winter upon us and a cold spell forecast we would like to ensure that all Parents/Carers are aware of the way in which we would notify you should we have to close school. **We would never take this decision lightly and would only close the school should we assess the situation and realise that staff or pupils would be in danger should we open.** Notification of any closure would be by local radio (BBC Lincolnshire), word of mouth, Twitter, Facebook and **most importantly the school website.**

Christmas Card Recycling

After Christmas we will be recycling Christmas Cards to raise money for "Inspire+" our local sports charity.