



# The Apple

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## Dear Parents/Carer

The last two weeks here at school have been brilliant. The children have been working incredibly hard and you can feel the focus and enjoyment in each and every class as you walk around the building. The period from now until Easter is extremely important in each child's development as we seek to consolidate learning from the last term whilst ensuring that each and every child makes the greatest possible progress.

Last week we enjoyed a brilliant assembly with Sam Ruddock who competed in the shot put at the Paralympics. He taught us that the way in which we respond to our feelings is really important. He did not do as well as he would have liked at the Paralympics but showed us that it was because he didn't have the techniques to control his anxiety. It was a great example to the children and we wish Sam well in his competitions this year.



Some of our Year 5 pupils attended a Badminton Festival last week. They behaved brilliantly and were a real credit to the school—well done to all involved.

Finally, I am currently teaching maths booster sessions 3 times a week at 8:10am in the morning. As such I will not be on the playground as often as I usually would be. If you would like to see me then please do make an appointment at the office.

*PJ Hill*

## Lost Uniform

Can all Parents/Carers please ensure that all items of school uniform are labelled with your child's name. In this way we can ensure that we can find uniform when it goes missing. The correct time to enquire about missing uniform is at the end of the day as it means that there is time to search properly if we need to. Demanding that uniform is found as you drop your child off in school is not the correct action. We can not postpone the start of a school day to search for uniform. Thank you all for your help in this matter.

## Twitter and Facebook

We have now collected the reply slips or Home School Agreement forms for all pupils with regard to the possibility of putting photographs with pupils on Facebook and Twitter. As such we will begin to use images of pupils for whom we have permission. If you change your mind at any point then please let the office staff know.

## Dates for your Diary:

1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Film Night (fully booked)
5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Swim Marathon <i>details to follow</i>
10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Last day before half term

## Ways a Parent Can Help with READING

- 1 Let your child see you reading!**  
Have magazines and books in your home.
- 2 Help your child find appropriate reading and word games online.**  
Keep a dictionary on hand. Help your child look up new words.
- 3 Read mysteries with your child and try to figure out the clues together.**
- 4 Movie version coming out?**  
Read the book together first, then talk about which you each liked better.
- 5 Set aside a time and place for your child to read -**  
like a comfy chair and a reading light in a quiet place
- 6 Visit your public library regularly.**  
Look for and read together the books that were your favorites when you were a kid.
- 7 Encourage your child to write -**  
letters, thank you notes, emails, journals, lists, stories about their own trips, events, and daily life
- 8 Ask your child questions about what her or she is reading, such as:**  
- What is the story about?  
- Who are the important people in the story?  
- Where does the story take place?  
- Why do you think that person made that choice?  
- What do you think will happen next?  
- How did you know about...?  
- Would you recommend this book to your friends?
- 9 Ask your child to draw a comic strip about what happens in the story.**  
Provide word searches, crossword and other word games and puzzles, or help your child make his/her own



**Share with your child about what you're reading... and encourage your child to do the same**

## Parking Outside School

A number of members of the school community have informed us of their concerns about the way in which Parents/Carers are parking when dropping pupils off and picking up. We have been particularly concerned about the number of cars that have been mounting the pavements and have almost collided with pupils. Please park responsibly around the school grounds

## E-safety

thinkuknow.co.uk is a fantastic website to help you to understand the potential dangers that your child faces on the internet. It has a range of activities for pupils of all ages and also has a section dedicated to parents. If your child has access to the internet when using a phone, laptop, console, tablet, mp3 player or any other device then this site is well worth a visit. Why not take a look this weekend?

