



The Apple



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Dear Parents/Carer

Doesn't time fly? We are now half way through the school year! The children are doing brilliantly and the weeks continue to be crammed full of exciting events.

The end of last week saw the Foundation Stage pupils have a real treat. Each of the children were able to use a real firefighter's hose and see how a fire engine worked. The children were all really excited and had a great time.



On Sunday we managed to use every lane of the Meres swimming pool as staff, children and Parents/Carers from each year group took part in the Rotary Club Swim Marathon. It was an epic effort from all involved in which we expect to raise around £1800 in sponsor money. We would like to say a huge thank you to all involved, the Rotary Club are extremely grateful for our efforts. Can all participants please collect their money and return it to school as soon as possible.

On Monday the Year 5 pupils visited Rutland Water where they had a great day that fitted brilliantly with their topic about "Watery Worlds". They completed team-building activities, learned all about the dam/reservoir, filtered dirty water and even got to use a real bird hide to have a look at the different types of bird that visit the area.

On Wednesday the Year 2 gymnastics team took part in the local cluster competition. They were on wonderful form and managed to win the whole event!



The school disco was a real treat last night with the children from the Juniors having a great time. Thank you to all of the staff who volunteered to help out. Well done to all of the children who behaved brilliantly whilst dancing the evening away.

Finally, have a great half term break. We are looking forward to seeing you again on 20th February for another action packed half term!

**Paul Hill
Headteacher**

Scarlet Fever

During the week we were informed that there has been a case of Scarlet Fever amongst the children in the school. Although scarlet fever is usually a mild illness, it should be treated with antibiotics to minimise the risk of complications and reduce the spread to others. The symptoms of scarlet fever include a sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. This is followed by a fine red rash which typically first appears on the chest and stomach, rapidly spreading to other parts of the body. On more darkly pigmented skin, the scarlet rash may be harder to spot, but it should feel like 'sandpaper'. The face can be flushed red but pale around the mouth. If you think you, or your child, have scarlet fever:

- See your GP or contact NHS 111 as soon as possible
- Make sure that you/your child takes the full course of any antibiotics prescribed by the doctor.
- Stay at home, away from nursery, school or work for at least 24 hours after starting the antibiotic treatment, to avoid spreading the infection

Inhalers

Please remember that children who need inhalers should have their inhaler at school throughout the week. We have inhaler boxes in class in which we keep them so that they are always easily accessible. Some children have been saying that they no longer need them. If this is the case then we need a letter from home to confirm that the inhaler is no longer needed. Many thanks for your support in this.

Family Bingo

Tickets are now on sale for our Family Bingo on 16th March. Just pop to the school office to get yours - £1.50 which includes your games and a hotdog! It would be great to have a big turnout.

Chocolate Tombola

We are still collecting for our chocolate tombola, just drop any donations off at the school office.

E-safety

If your child is going to be using a phone, laptop, computer, tablet or other internet enabled device over the half term break then please remember to go over the SMART rules with them.



Dates for your Diary:

20 th Feb	First Day Back at School
21 st Feb	Year 3/4 Viking Day
23 rd Feb	Y1 Tattershall Castle
24 th Feb	Y2 Tattershall Castle
27 th Feb	Year 6 Visit the Deep
28 th Feb	Year 5 Visit the Deep
2 nd March	World Book Day
7 th March	Y5 PGL Day
14 th March	Parents' Evening
15 th March	Parents' Evening
16 th March	Family Bingo
31 st March	INSET Day

World Book Day

This year World Book Day will be on 2nd March. This year's theme will be "Wizards and Witches". As ever, we would encourage all of the children to dress up as one of their favourite Witches or Wizards from a book. Here are some book covers to inspire you:

