



# The Apple

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Dear Parents/Carers

I am delighted to announce that we became an Academy on Monday. This is a huge step forward for us as we can now enjoy the freedoms that Academisation will bring. Whilst you will not see any differences from day to day we are sure being an Academy will allow us to maintain all of the progress that we have made since the inspection last November.

It has been another brilliant week at school, especially on Thursday. The Juniors were treated to a visit from Paralympian Sam Ruddock. He taught us about the value of setting a goal and then working towards it.



We also had a hula hoop frenzy! All of the children in Years 1-4 really enjoyed a hula hoop workshop and some of the staff even learned to hula hoop for the first time. I am really looking forward to the Foundation Stage Nativity next week and the Year 1-6 Christmas Show the week after!

Paul Hill  
Headteacher

## 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, word of mouth, Twitter, Facebook and **most importantly the school website.**

## Carols

Well done to all of the pupils in the school choir. Your singing at St Wilframs yesterday was fantastic!

## Christmas Cakes and Tombola

We will be holding a cake sale and Tombola in the new Studio Hall on 12<sup>th</sup> December straight after school. Don't forget to visit.

## OFSTED

Our latest letter from OFSTED is now on the school website (click in the Statutory Information tab and then OFSTED). We are delighted with the progress that we are making and had already begun to act on all of the areas for development suggested within the letter. As you all know, we have been focusing on maths since September and will leave no stone unturned in our drive to ensure that all children reach their potential.

Unfortunately we have only received 3 responses to the OFSTED meeting scheduled for next week. As such we will be cancelling the event. If any Parents/Carers would like to book in to discuss it with me then please call the school office and they will find a mutually convenient time in my diary.

## Parent Governors

Following Academisation we are required to form a new Governing Body which will need 2 Parent/Carer Governors to act as critical friends to the school. It would appear that more than 2 Parents/Carers would like to stand. As such can each of those Parents/Carers who would like to put their names forward please send a letter to the office with a statement of no more than 200 words. The letter should outline the reasons for which you feel they would make a good governor. Should more than two Parents/Carers stand then this statement will be used in a letter to all Parents/Carers in order that votes can be cast. We look forward to hearing from each candidate.

## Christmas productions

You should all have received a letter regarding Christmas Events at School. If you have not received it then please take a look in the newsletter section of the school website.

## Poppies

We received formal notification that we raised over £230 for this year's poppy appeal in the build up to Remembrance Day this year. Thank you all for your support.

## Pirate Ship – in mornings

We are delighted that the Pirate Ship on the Infant Playground is now back in use. Unfortunately that has given us a new headache as the change in weather means that use of the Pirate Ship prior to school has become too risky. As such we would ask that all Parents/Carers keep their children off the ship. We would hate to have any accidents. School staff will assess the safety of the ship each day to ensure that frost etc has melted prior to use.