



# The Apple



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## Dear Parents/Carer

What a brilliant half term. We have packed so much in that the children and staff must all be exhausted. This week has been no different as we enjoyed the school discos, had photos taken and KS1 even managed to meet an author!

The children will return to school on **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October**. The staff will be reviewing and adapting the curriculum on the Monday in order to ensure that we continue to provide an exciting and rich learning journey for all pupils. Enjoy the break!

**Paul Hill**  
**Headteacher**

## The Rotary Shoe Box Collection

We will be sending out 20 shoe boxes to children across the world this Christmas. For those children it may well be the only present they get this Christmas and any donations would be gratefully received. Some suggestions of things that would be appropriate:

- Toy cars
- Small teddies
- Marbles
- Bubbles
- Bouncy balls
- Pens and paper
- Hat and gloves

Please ensure toys are not damaged or broken and are small enough to fit multiple items in a small sized box. All donations must be handed in no later than **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November** after half term to your class teacher.

## Governor Vacancy

We are currently seeking to appoint a new Parent Governor. If you would like to put your name forward then please pick up a letter from the school office. Mr Hill would be delighted to meet with anybody who would like to discuss the role – just book an appointment by calling the office.

## Christmas Fair

After half term we will be collecting the following for the Christmas Fair. If you are able to help it would be much appreciated:

- ♦ **Tombola Items** – unwanted gifts, wine etc
- ♦ **Sweets** for the lucky bag game
- ♦ **Cakes books and Toys on the day of the fair** (we haven't got enough storage space beforehand)

## Lincoln City Trial

A number of children have mentioned that they will be attending the Lincoln City Football Club open trial during the half term break. Please remember that they must be registered otherwise they will not be allowed to participate.

## Attendance for the term

Attendance has seen a significant rise this term and we are delighted that we have broken through the 96% barrier. Thank you for all of your support. Unfortunately there are a number of children who are not attending as well as they could. This means that we need to send letters home and this may eventually lead to a fine. If you do get a letter then please do all that you can in order to ensure that your child is at school as often as possible.

Every School Day Counts Your Child Deserves an Education					
190 school days in each year	10 days absence	180 days of education	19 days absence	171 days of education	29 days absence
				161 days of education	38 days absence
				152 days of education	47 days absence
				143 days of education	
100% Excellent	95% Good	90% Poor	85% Very Poor	80%	75%
This is the best chance of success. Get your child off to a flying start. You should be aiming for 96% and above.		WORRYING Less chance of success. It's harder for your child to make progress.		SERIOUS CONCERN Not fair on your child. Could lead to court action or Fixed Penalty Notice.	

**Help your child become a better READER**

Questions to ask your child while reading fiction text.

- Who is the main character?
- What is the setting in the story? Does the setting change?
- What was the problem in the story and how was it solved?
- Did the character change during the story? How?
- How are you like the main character? How are you different?
- What do you predict will happen next in the story?
- Why do you think the author chose this title for the story?
- Do you like the title of the story? Why or why not?
- Can you think of a different title for the story?
- Which character from the story would you choose to be your friend? Why?
- Which part of the story was the most exciting? Why?
- Did you like the end of the story? Why or why not?
- Which parts in the story could really happen? Which parts could not really happen?

## Dates for your Diary:

30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	INSET day – No Children
31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Children Return to School
7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parents Evening (late)
8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parents Evening