



The Apple

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Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a busy week for the school with both the Local Authority and a representative from the Department of Education making separate visits. The Local Authority Adviser came to check on the progress that the school has been making since the OFSTED inspection. She was delighted with the work so far and will visit again after half term. Our visit from the Department of Education concerned the school becoming an academy. We are now aware of three other academies who would like to act as our sponsor. One of these academies will be selected by the Department for Education. The sponsor will then provide us with support in order to meet the needs of our pupils. I will keep you updated on the progress made and will inform you as soon as a decision has been taken.

Paul Hill
Headteacher

Parking

We have been made aware of a number of parking issues during the times at which pupils are entering and leaving school. Unfortunately a number of drives have been blocked and access along pavements has been restricted. It would be brilliant if we were all able to park considerably.

Dates for your Diary:

Sunday 9th February
Swimathon 9:00 am

Thursday 13th February
Hockey Tournament
Break for Half term Holiday

Monday 24th February
Return to School

Saturday 1st March
Colsterworth Music Festival

Wednesday 26th & Thursday 27th March
Parents' Evening 4:00pm - 7:00pm

Breakfast Club:

Thank you to all of those people who have responded to our letter regarding breakfast club. I am delighted to confirm that we will be able to keep the club running until the Summer Holidays. However, the money which has been made available to subsidise the club will then run out. As such we need to explore other possibilities. The current government have given schools the opportunity to fund some places at breakfast club using the "Pupil Premium". We are able to access this money for any child who has been eligible for Free School Meals during their time at the school. Using this money we would be able to offer a limited number of places to pupils who have been eligible for free school meals. If your child has been eligible for pupil premium and you would like to explore this further then please contact Mr Hill or Mrs Anderson.

P.E.

Can all parents/carers please ensure that pupils have their P.E kits in school. P.E is a brilliant part of the curriculum and an important part of the pupils learning.

Great Apps to use at home:

As children have more and more access to mobile devices we thought we would mention some useful apps:

Puppet Pals:

A wonderful app for story-telling. Simply pick your characters and settings, then move them around the screen whilst narrating!



Squeeble Spelling:



A great spelling app. Using Squeeble you are able to record the children's spellings such that they can practice to earn rewards. Whilst it isn't a substitute for writing, the game at the end makes it a good way of encouraging extra practice.