



# The Apple

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## Dear Parents/Carers

Christmas now seems like a lifetime ago! The children have settled brilliantly into their work and I have a sense of pride whenever I show visitors around the school and they comment upon the attitude and focus within each class. Unfortunately we have seen a number of pupils arriving late to school and missing out on essential learning. Please read the lateness section of this newsletter to see what an impact arriving just 5 minutes late can have on your child!

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## Scarlet Fever

During the week we were informed that there have been 2 cases 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.

## Peanuts and Fizzy Drinks

Some pupils have been bringing packed lunches to school which have food that contains peanuts within it. We have a number of severe peanut allergies in school and would ask that you do not send such items in. Can we also remind Parents/Carers that fizzy drinks are not permitted in packed lunch. Thank you for your support.

## Dates for Your Diary:

3rd March	World Book Day
15th March	Parents' Evening (later session)
16th March	Parents' Evening
18th March	Sports Relief

## Lateness

This term we will be having a push to ensure that all children are arriving at school in time to begin the school day with the rest of their class.

When a child arrives late at school, they miss valuable learning time. This is something that we must ensure does not happen.

The table below shows that way in which lateness can add up over time to make a huge difference to the amount of time that children are spending at school. We teach essential skills during the first session each morning and any lateness can make a massive difference to pupils' progress. Phonics is taught first thing in Years R,1 and 2 – as such missing these sessions effectively makes reading more difficult for your child. We welcome children into school at 8:50am each day. Children are considered to be late if they arrive after 9:00am. If they arrive after 9:20am they are marked as unauthorised absence for the morning!

**DON'T BE LATE!**

Number of minutes late a day	Number of days missed a year!
5	1 and a half days
10	2 and three quarter days
15	4 and a quarter days
20	5 and three quarter days (over a school week)
25	7 days
30	8 and a half days

This is based on children spending 5 hours and 20 minutes in class each day.



KS1 at the Space Museum