



The Apple

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Dear Parents/Carer

I would like to begin by thanking all of those members of the school community who supported the dance-a-thon last Friday. We raised £288 for the NSPCC. The children danced every hour on the hour (although the weather prevented the whole school conga). We have been raising money for the NSPCC on a bi-annual basis and are extremely grateful for the time that the NSPCC take to come into school to speak to the children in assemblies.

It has been an extremely sporty week here at school with the Tennis, Football and Cross Country teams each competing. The Year 3/4 tennis teams played in their mini league on Wednesday. Both teams played brilliantly and came 2nd and 3rd. The football teams both played against Clifdale. The quality of football was excellent with both teams winning by two goals. We sent a large cross country team to the Meres on Thursday where they competed fiercely. Lerna was the first girl to finish and Ashley the first boy. We were incredibly impressed with the perseverance of the whole team!

Finally, the "Design a Flag" competition has been gathering pace with numerous entries. The deadline for children to get their entries to the school office is next Friday (11th May). It is going to be difficult to pick a winner!

Paul Hill
Headteacher

Ways a Parent Can Help with READING

- 1 Let your child see you reading!**
Have magazines and books in your home.
- 2 Help your child find appropriate reading and word games online.**
Keep a dictionary on hand. Help your child look up new words.
- 3 Read mysteries with your child and try to figure out the clues together.**
- 4 Movie version coming out?**
Read the book together first, then talk about which you each liked better.
- 5 Set aside a time and place for your child to read -**
like a comfy chair and a reading light in a quiet place
- 6 Visit your public library regularly.**
Look for and read together the books that were your favorites when you were a kid.
- 7 Encourage your child to write -**
letters, thank you notes, emails, journals, lists, stories about their own trips, events, and daily life
- 8 Ask your child questions about what her or she is reading, such as:**
 - What is the story about?
 - Who are the important people in the story?
 - Where does the story take place?
 - Why do you think that person made that choice?
 - What do you think will happen next?
 - How did you know about...?
 - Would you recommend this book to your friends?
- 9 Ask your child to draw a comic strip about what happens in the story.**
Provide word searches, crossword and other word games and puzzles, or help your child make his/her own

Share with your child about what you're reading... and encourage your child to do the same

Year 6 SATs breakfast

All year 6 children are invited to have their breakfast here at school on 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th May. They may arrive at school at 8:15. This will allow them to settle into school promptly in readiness for the SATs tests that week. If your child does not wish to attend then please ensure that he/she arrives punctually as we cannot begin the SATs until every pupil has arrived.

SATs week

This Year the pupils in Year 6 will take their Standard Attainment Tests (SATs) on the following dates.

Please ensure that all Year 6 children arrive on time during the week

Monday 14 th May	Grammar test followed by: Spelling Test
Tuesday 15 th May	Reading test
Wednesday 16 th May	Maths Paper 1 (arithmetic) followed by Maths Paper 2 (reasoning)
Thursday 17 th May	Maths Paper 3 (reasoning)

Talking to teachers

Please remember that the class teacher is the best person to talk to should you have any concerns about your child at school. On most occasions issues which are causing you to worry can be addressed instantly by the class teacher. We are always happy to arrange a time to talk.

Accept Your Place

Those of you with children who will start school next year should have received your offers. Please make sure that you accept them so that the place can be reserved. We would hate to be in a situation where a child misses out because the place has not been accepted.

Dates For Your Diary:

9 th May	FS to Wyville
12 th June	Year 4 trip
13 th June	Year 3 trip
26 th June	Year 1 trip
27 th June	Year 2 trip
28 th June	Years 3 - 6 Sports Day
4 th July	FS, Years 1 & 2 Sports Day