

## Dates For Your Diary:

20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parents Evening (3.45-8.00pm)
21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Parents Evening (3.45-5.00pm)
25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Flu Immunisation
11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Fayre (3:30pm—5:00pm in the School Hall)
12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Violin Concert Class 5 and 10 (Invitation Only)
13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Lunch

## School Term Dates:

Term 1	4 Sept - 18 Oct
	October Break
Term 2	29 Oct - 19 Dec
	Christmas Break
Term 3	6 Jan - 13 Feb
	February Break
Term 4	24 Feb - 2 Apr
	Easter Break
Term 5	20 Apr - 22 May
	May Break
Term 6	1 Jun - 21 Jul
	Summer Holiday



# 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 even enjoyed a reading workshop with our reception children and their parents/carers!



A huge thank you to everyone who came and was involved in the organisation of the event. We hope it gave you a few more ideas about reading at home with your children and also that you enjoy your free copy of the book 'The Cave'!



I hope that you all have a restful and enjoyable half term break and I look forward to seeing you again in a week's time. Please remember that the children will return to school on **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October**.

**Chris Heathcote**

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**Headteacher**

## Attendance for the term

Attendance continues to improve at school and for the last academic year (2018-19) we were above the national average for the first time in our recent history, achieving 96.1%. Thank you for all of your support! As the national average has now risen to 96%, we need to ensure that we maintain this momentum and that attendance continues to improve. 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	180 days of education	171 days of education	161 days of education	152 days of education	143 days of education
	10 days absence	19 days absence	29 days absence	38 days absence	47 days absence
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.	

## Poppies (Remembrance Day)

Each year the Royal British Legion distribute poppies throughout the nation. We always support the poppy appeal and use assembly to explain the significance of Remembrance Day. As such, we will be collecting donations for poppies upon our return from the half term break. Children will simply need to bring a suitable donation to school.

**FORTNITE BATTLE ROYALE**

Fortnite - Battle Royale is a free to play section of the game Fortnite. The game sees 100 players dropped on to an island from a battle bus, where they have to compete until one survivor remains. The last remaining player on the island wins the game. Players have to find hidden items, such as weapons, to help them survive longer in the game. To make the game more challenging, there is an added twist called 'the storm' which reduces the size of the island from the start of gameplay, bringing the players closer together in proximity. The game is available on PC, PlayStation 4, Xbox One, Mac and iOS.

**12+**

### What parents need to know about FORTNITE: BATTLE ROYALE

**MICROTRANSACTIONS**  
Newly featured items are released daily and are only available to purchase within 24 hours of their release. These are cosmetic items, called skins, gliders, and 'emotes', which change how characters appear, but do not impact the game play. Once purchased, the player has full use of these in the future. The skins are very attractive for parents to purchase and even cosmetics are awarded to them. Also available to purchase in the game is a 'Battle Pass'. When a new Battle Pass is released, users can take part in a series of challenges, earning more rewards (cosmetics) by progressing through different tiers. Whichever rewards their achieve can then be used in the game.

**HACKER ATTACKS**  
News sites have reported that it is not uncommon for online reports from people who said their accounts had been compromised by hackers, who had gained access to users' accounts in the game and accrued hundreds of pounds in fraudulent charges.

**NO PROOF OF AGE REQUIRED**  
Signing up to the game is relatively easy. Users have the option to log in with either their Facebook or Google+ account or their email address. When signing up with an email address, no proof of age is required. If your child is under the age of 14, it is important to check whether your child has the game downloaded.

**TALKING TO STRANGERS DURING SQUAD MODE**  
There are many accounts on Facebook and Twitter which claim to give away free money (known as 'V Bucks') for games which will be transferred to their Xbox Live or PSN cards. Any giveaway promotion from Fortnite will be in the game. It is important to check the authenticity of these accounts before giving away personal information or money to claim 'V Bucks'. The website or accounts may ask you to share your account name and password in order to claim the money. If these offers seem too good to be true, they usually are.

**AGE RESTRICTIONS**  
PEGI has given the game a rating of 12+. Even though the game includes violence and weapons such as crossbows, grenade launchers, rifles, pistols, shotguns and more, PEGI say "more graphic and realistic looking violence towards fantasy characters is allowed. Any violence towards human characters must look unrealistic unless it consists of only minor or trivial injury such as a slap," making the game 'suitable for children aged 12 and over'.

**'FREE' TO PLAY**  
The game is free to play. However, if playing on Xbox, you will need an Xbox gold subscription, which does require a fee.

**IT CAN BE ADDICTIVE**  
Games can last around 20 minutes but this varies according to the game. Children may feel angry after losing the game and will want to continue playing until they achieve their desired results. The competitive nature of the game may make it difficult for them to stop playing halfway through as their position in the game could be affected.

**IT CAN BE PLAYED ON THE GO**  
The game was released on mobile devices in April 2018, meaning it can be played without the need for a dedicated games console. Some schools have reported that the game is addictive for students while in the classroom. As the game is available outside of the home, parents may not be aware of how long their child is playing the game.

## Top Tips for Parents

**LIMIT GAME TIME**  
Parents can use parental controls on Xbox and PC to limit the time a child is playing games on these devices. Be aware that the game is available on iOS and will soon be available on all mobile. With this in mind, it is worth having a conversation with your child about how long you would like them to play the game for. Even though the game is free, around 20 minutes to play the game could take them away from a game and play. It may be worth imposing a limit on the amount of matches they play rather than a time limit.

**LOOK OUT FOR VBUCK SCAMS**  
It is important that your children are aware of the scams that they may come across online in connection with the game. Open up conversation with them about scams and how they should never share their username or password with people in order to gain anything for the game.

**RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS**  
Fortnite - Battle Royale is a free to play game but there are still options to make additional purchases. If you do not want your child to make purchases, ensure your card is not associated with their account. If you are happy for your child to make purchases in the game, but want to restrict spending, we suggest using a payasafund or a games console gift card. These can be purchased in specific amounts, which will allow you to restrict the amount your child spends and remove the need for a credit/debit card to be used with their account.

**USE A STRONG PASSWORD**  
It may seem like a simple tip, but it is important that your child selects a strong password when creating an account, particularly if a credit/debit card is associated with the account. This will help reduce the risk of their account being hacked.



### Halloween in Class 14!

Class 14 have been doing some pumpkin carving this week and then writing Halloween inspired poems! What fantastic carvings, cut with skill and precision. A big thank you to Mrs Walker who provided some of the pumpkins from her allotment!



### Aldi Kit For Schools Campaign

A huge thank you to everyone who has donated stickers for the Aldi campaign. We managed to fill our poster and will now be receiving a free kit to use as part of our PE sessions!

### Football

The football teams have played their first matches of the league this week against Huntingtower. The A team had a hard fought game with some brilliant saves from both Goalkeepers. They managed to secure a hard fought 3-1 win, players of the match were Jack S. and Cole G-R. who were superb in defence.

The newly formed B Team showed excellent skills on the ball and worked well together. Again both Goalkeepers played fantastically well resulting in only one goal scored. A 1-0 win for Isaac Newton!! Players of the match were Liam C. and Riley C.

### Netball

The Netball team have made a great start to the season with preliminary matches played at Priory Ruskin. Our first match was against Marston where we won 4-1, showing great passing and movement. The second match against Belmont had the team working hard

with lots of turnover balls, resulting in a 7-4 win. Players of the match were Layton S. and Ellie-Mae L.

The second round of netball matches were played last night. We began playing a friendly against Grantham Prep. A tentative start where we had to dig deep to create chances but once the team found their feet they were able to win 8-4. Player of the match going to Charlie H. The second game against St Sebastian saw a fantastic team performance with some great shooting and defending, resulting in an 8-0 win. Player of the match was Amelia K.



### Christmas Fayre

Our school Christmas Fayre will take place on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December, from 3.30pm-5.00pm in the school hall. After half term we will begin to collect donations for the Christmas Fayre.



These will include:

- Tombola items
- Toys and books for children (in good condition)
- Bottles of wine
- Sweets
- Chocolate Bars

Please hand in any donations to the school office- they will all be gratefully received. Thank you for your support.

### Amazing Artwork

Our Year 3 and 4 children are going to have some of their fantastic art work displayed at a real art gallery! Theresa Lynch (who used to work at the school as a TA) kindly came over to collect the work and we look forward to finding out what other people think of it. A huge thank you to Mrs Yates for organising this!



### Are you entitled to Free School Meals?

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive a free school meal through the Universal Infant Free School Meal Scheme. However, If your child is in Reception to Year 2 and you are in receipt of the benefits listed below the school can receive additional funding. We would encourage you to apply for this to enable us to access this funding to help us to further enhance the opportunities that we provide for the children.

If your child is in Years 3 to 6 they may be eligible for free school meals if you are in receipt of one or more of the following qualifying benefits:

- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2019 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If you think you are eligible, you will have to apply yourself via Lincolnshire County Council's online free school meals application service using the following: <https://lcc.cloud.servelec.synergy.com/parentportal>

*If you need any support with the process then please do not hesitate to pop into the school office.*

### Healthy Packed Lunches

Good nutrition in childhood can help to prevent a variety of health problems, both in the short term and later in life. There is increasing concern that many children are consuming too much fat, sugar and salt and too little fibre, fruit and vegetables. Packed lunches can contribute to almost a third of a child's weekly food intake and therefore need to be balanced and nutritious.

A good packed lunch contains:

- A starchy food, such as bread, rolls, pitta bread, naan bread, potatoes, rice, noodles. (These foods are good for children to fill up on.)
- A good source of protein, iron and zinc such as meat, fish, beans or eggs.
- A good source of calcium such as milk, cheese, yoghurt or fromage frais.
- One portion of fruit and one portion of vegetable or salad to provide all the other vitamins and minerals. A piece of fruit could be a piece of fresh fruit, dried fruit or tinned fruit in fruit juice. A piece of vegetable could be fresh vegetables such as a carrot stick, salad or a vegetable dish.

