



The Apple

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Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a busy week with a lot going on here in school. We had been hoping that we would get enough snow to be able to go outside and enjoy it but the showers haven't provided enough snow to build snowmen or snow sculptures.

The school council (pupils elected by their classes to collect ideas for school improvement) has been busy coming up with ideas. They have asked me if it would be possible to have a school tie! I admire their desire to look smart and have asked them to consult with their classes to see if they think it would be a good idea. Some representatives from the school council may also come along to the first part of the next governors meeting to present their idea. This is a great example of the pupils being able to put their ideas into action. We will wait for feedback from the classes and governors before making a decision.

Year 6 had a great day with the Collingham Learning Theatre in Education Company on Tuesday. They used drama to learn about change and the choices that they will be faced with in the near future. Their end of day performance was brilliant.

Thank you to all of those pupils who wore an item of red clothing today. We will ensure that all of the 50p contributions are donated to the British Heart Foundation.

Paul Hill
Headteacher

Governors

I am delighted to announce that we have elected two new parent governors. A total of 42 votes were cast and Mr Pask and Mrs Lygo have been elected. We are extremely grateful to Miss Louth for standing.

Logo Competition

We have already received a number of entries to the school logo competition. Please see last week's newsletters for more details. Entries can be sent to Mr Hill's office and will be judged by a panel including governors and school staff.

Swimarathon

Thank you to all members of the school community who have signed up for the Swimarathon. Don't forget it's this Sunday!

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.

Dates for your diary:

8 th Feb	Swimarathon
10 th Feb	School disco
5 th March	World Book Day
13 th March	Comic Relief
17 th & 18 th March	Parents Evening

School Bank (in association with the Nottingham Building Society)

Due to changes in the Building Societies legal and regulatory obligations we are no longer allowed to open children's school bank accounts at school. Those accounts that are already open will remain in place and we will continue to offer our paying service on Fridays as we feel it is important for children to develop a habit of saving for those things that they would like to buy in the future. From now on, if you would like to open an account for your child you just need to pop to the Nottingham Building Society (next to Barclays Bank).

You will need to take:

Your child's birth certificate and a current passport or driving license

If you do not hold any of these then you will need to take two forms of ID in order that the staff can check your address and identity. If your child is over 7 then they can open an account in their own name. Under 7s will need a trustee account. You need ID for either type of account.

Picking up children at the end of the day


In the past two weeks we have had a number of incidents of Parents/Carers or those picking children up distracting children from their work when trying to attract their attention through the school windows. As a school we work hard to ensure that children are focused in lessons and understand the need for personal responsibility for their actions. We would really appreciate your support on this as it is unfair that children can get into trouble when an adult has distracted them.

Home School Agreements

We have just 30ish Home School Agreements that need to be returned to school. These only need to be signed once during your child's time at the school as any updates to it will be on the school website and here in the newsletter. Please ensure that they are returned as quickly as possible. Spare copies are available at the school office.

Volunteers

We would love to see more Parents/Carers helping out at school on a regular basis. If you have an hour a week to spare and would like to help out in school then please complete the form below. We will then hold an induction session to show the areas in which you may be able to help.

 I would like to help out in school at a regular weekly time:

Name: _____

Name of your child: _____

Child's Class: _____