



The Apple



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Dear Parents/Carer

At the end of last week and the beginning of this week the pupils in Years 4 and 5 have been involved in our house games competition. Each year group has been competing in a range of team games and the results so far have been as follows:

Year 5:

Hockey winners - Saunders (yellow)

Football winners - Saunders (yellow)

Netball winners - Robertson (red)

Year 4:

Hockey winners - Robertson (red)

Football winners - Saunders (yellow)

Netball winners - Saunders (yellow)

Unfortunately the weather means that we have needed to postpone the Year 6 games until after the Easter break.

On Tuesday the school violinists were invited to St Wulfram's Church in order to listen to the Manchester Camerata Orchestra. It was an amazing experience as they heard a range of music including contemporary pieces and arrangements that dated back to the 18th century. The whole experience really captured their imagination and we hope that some of them will go on to play in such an amazing orchestra in the future.

Finally, the netball team was in action at the Grantham Schools' Tournament which they won! Well done to each member of the team.

Paul Hill
Headteacher

School Uniform

As a school we are extremely proud of the way in which the pupils have always had been dressed appropriately in line with the Home School Agreement which is signed by all Parents/Carers. Over the past few weeks the number of children who are not dressing appropriately has increased noticeably. We would really appreciate your support in returning to our usual high standards. The main issues have been inappropriate haircuts, hooped earrings and pupils wearing trainers.

The Final Gunge Results

The children were delighted to see that both Mr Hill and one other member of staff gunged (we are not sure at the time of writing this letter). They will both have been gunged this afternoon.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all members of the school community that voted. We raised well over £100 for Comic Relief.

Dates for your Diary:

30 th March	Chocolate Tombola
30 th March	Last Day for Children at school
31 st March	INSET Day
18th April	Children return to school
8th -12th May	Year 6 SATs

Attendance

Unfortunately we have had to send out another wave of letters about pupils' attendance here at school. Whilst the vast majority of children have brilliant attendance rates there are a number of children who have been absent from school for more than 10% of the year so far. This means that on average they are missing half a day a week and are considered persistent absentees by the Department for Education. We have about 30 children who are on 88%-90% attendance. It would be brilliant if these children were able to make it up to 95% by the end of the school year!

Every School Day Counts Your Child Deserves an Education					
190 school days in each year	10 days absence	19 days absence		29 days absence	
	180 days of education	171 days of education	161 days of education	152 days of education	47 days absence
				143 days of education	
	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.	