



The Apple

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Dear Parents/Carers

It has been brilliant walking around the school this week. The children have clearly engaged with their new themes and there is a buzz about the work that they are doing. We are desperate for each and every child to enjoy school and the themes are a crucial aspect of this aim.

As a staff we are currently focusing on the mathematical skills of pupils. Our latest INSET focused on ways to increase the pupils' confidence with mental methods whilst this week's staff meeting looked at the way in which we mark pupils maths work. There are some great apps available for tablets and phones which can support this at home. However, practising by asking quick fire questions or reciting times tables is still just as valuable as ever!

Paul Hill
Headteacher

Shutting School For Snow

With winter upon us and a cold spell forecast we would like to ensure that all Parents/Carers are aware of the way in which we would notify you should we have to close school. **We would never take this decision lightly and would only close the school should we assess the situation and realise that staff or pupils would be in danger should we open.** Notification of any closure would be by local radio (BBC Lincolnshire), word of mouth, Twitter, Facebook and **most importantly the school website.**

Dentist

As a school we understand that children will need to visit the dentist during school time. However in order to be able to record this accurately on the school register we need to have seen evidence of the appointment. As such can Parents/Carers please pick up an appointment card before or during the appointment and show this at the school office when picking up or dropping off your child. Thank you.

British Heart Foundation Day

This year the School Council have chosen to support the British Heart Foundation. On 6th February we will hold a "Wear Something Red Day" and ask pupils to bring in 50p each to donate to the British Heart Foundation.

UNIFORM SWAP SHOP

The school council will soon be beginning a small business initiative in order to raise funds, which they will decide how to spend. The intention is to have a uniform swap shop. **They have decided to charge 10p to swap a good quality item of uniform and 50p to buy a good quality second hand item of uniform. The swap shop will take place on the Infant Playground on Fridays at 8:30am.** Any old (but good quality) items of uniform that can be donated would be warmly received – just drop them off at the school office. Posters will be put up to remind you!

Milk in School

A number of Parents/Carers have been asking me about milk in school. We have been negotiating with a company who can provide milk for the school and will send a letter home in next week explaining the new government legislation. The letter will show how parents can either pay for milk for their child, or apply for free milk where the pupil is currently eligible for Free School Meals.

DISCO

We will be having a school disco on the 10th February, tickets are now on sale in the office. We have decided to experiment with a new system for the pupils in Years 3-6. The price has increased by 50p but this will include drinks and a packet of crisps. This will allow children to enjoy their time in the disco rather than spending a long time waiting at the tuck shop.

Home School Agreement

We still have a number of pupils who have not returned the signed agreement section of the new Home School Agreement. Please ensure that they are returned as quickly as possible. Spare copies of the Home School Agreement are available from the school office.

Energy Drinks

A number of pupils have been including energy drinks to school with their packed lunch. This type of drink has been in the news lately as many contain stimulants that give a quick burst of energy but then cause concentration issues once the boost has gone. As such it would be great if these drinks were not sent to school.

Dates for your diary:

8 th Feb	Swimarathon
5 th March	World Book Day
17 th and 18 th March	Parents Evening