

Applebee Wood

Community Specialist School



Newsletter - Friday 2nd February

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Notice: Nut Allergies

Please be aware that we are now a

NUT FREE SCHOOL

Please do not send any nuts or items containing nuts into school. Thank you

Calendar Dates

- Wednesday 7th Feb—Young Voices Concert (leave school at 2pm) (Collection 10.30pm from school)
- Friday 9th Feb—Wear Red Day (for a donation)
- Friday 9th Feb—School Closes 3.10pm
- Monday 19th Feb—School re opens 8.40am

Facebook Page

Parents/carers sending friend requests will receive a direct message, asking them to confirm their child's details before being accepted.

Please check your spam folder for messages.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61551996003916>

Thank you.



Attendance

We continue to monitor attendance and we are identifying persistent absentees.

A persistent absentee is any child whose attendance has fallen below **90%**. We know that poor attendance has a detrimental impact on education and we will continue to work with our families to improve this.

You will notice that there is now an attendance section on our website where we will be posting weekly attendance data for each class.

Hothersall Lodge

KS3 arrived safely for our residential. On the first day our teams have done canoeing, team challenges, gorge walking and the indoor climbing wall. After our tea, we played wink murder and once the rain stopped raining, we went outside and played team hide and seek in the dark.



This Week...

Attendance Matters

The winning class for attendance this week is: **Donaldson & Park with 100 %**

Well done to everyone!

Stars of the week

Well done to Jayden and Tee-Jay for having an AMAZING cooking lesson on Wednesday!



Chinese New Year

Some photos of Hawking, Rashford and Attenborough - having lots of fun - getting creative during Chinese New Year.

Cooking egg fried rice - making wishes on oranges, crafting dragons and making wall and window decorations.



Work Experience

A note from Mrs Nickeas. Could all year 11 pupils please return their work experience medical forms asap, please?

School Council

School council will be selling Valentine's badges 50p and key rings £1. School council members will come around to sell them.



Rosen Class

Rosen class enjoyed our Chinese New year celebrations. We watched dragons dancing, tasted some Chinese foods and learnt some Chinese writing. We enjoyed Dragon Splat for an Attention Autism session.



Sponsors

Does anyone know a company that could sponsor the last day of the KS4 residential to the Isle of Man, please? We need £400. The company we were hoping to sponsor us, can no longer do it. Thank You



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Outstanding Debt on ParentPay

Please can all outstanding debt be paid on parent pay. It should be **NO MORE THAN 2 WEEKS** owing of Dinner Money, Twilight or Breakfast Club.

If you don't have ParentPay please send cash in an envelope with you're child's name on, amount and payment type of the Money you owe.

If debt persists, you will be asked to provide a Packed Lunch until payment has been made.

Please access the app with the link below:

<https://www.parentpay.com/>

ParentPay

Bank Transfer has changed to One-click payments

Please notify your parents, and encourage them to use One-click payments if they aren't already

Bank Transfer has been renamed One-click payments

To make our payment options easier to understand, we've updated the name of ParentPay Bank Transfer.

Some of your parents may already be using this functionality, so please let them know that those already using this feature won't need to do anything – just look out for our new One-click payments button as it has replaced the Bank Transfer button at checkout.

It's likely that there are parents at your school who aren't taking advantage of this functionality yet. One-click payments is designed to save parents time at checkout, so recommending it to them can help them get the best out of ParentPay.

We've created some [handy guidance](#) to make sure it's as simple as possible to set up, so please feel free to share this with your parents.

[Find out more](#)

ParentPay Group, The Exchange, Express Park, Bristol Road, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 4RR, England,
[Unsubscribe](#) [Manage Preferences](#) [Marketing Privacy Policy](#)

Useful Numbers & E-mails

Applebee Wood Community Specialist School:
01772 336976

Emergency Out of Hours Answerphone:
07860766041

Mrs J Beaghan Emergency Out of Hours Answerphone:
07727312028

Twilight & After School Clubs Phone number:
07376606009

Pastoral Pupil Support Team e-mails:

Mrs J Beaghan—jbeaghan@applebeewood.co.uk
Miss S Walton—swalton@applebeewood.co.uk

School Office Team e-mails:

School Bursar: bursar@applebeewood.co.uk
School Office: Miss L Clayton & Mrs L Thompson
office@applebeewood.co.uk

LCC Transport Office: 01772 705055

LCC SEND Team: 01772 531597

Parent Apps—Absence Reporting

We are pleased to announce that parents and carers can now report their child's absence through Parent Apps.

The function can be found under content and is labelled Absence Reporting. Please complete the form with an explanation of why your child is absent, attaching a copy or photograph of the accompanying documentation. School will receive the submitted form and be aware of your child's absence.

This week you will have received an email or text message asking you to register for Parent App. Please ensure that you register for Parent App system to enable you to be kept up to date with messages about your child from school.

Please contact the office for your log in details if required.

Free School Meal Information

Universal Free School Meals Versus Free School Meal Eligibility

Universal infant free school meals (**UIFSM**) are available to all pupils in reception, year 1 and year 2. Funding is provided to the school directly, and is used by the school to provide free school meals to infants at UK schools.

Free School Meals (**FSM**), on the other hand is financial support provided to children of families who fall under certain qualifying criteria. These criteria, and more information can be found below and on the Lancashire County Council Website, at:

https://lancashire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Free_school_meals_and_pupil_premium

While parents may not need to apply for FSM for their child if the child is still young enough to receive UIFSM, it is still important to tell the local authority if your family falls under any of the qualifying criteria. This is because if you don't do so, you will not be able to receive free school meal vouchers over the summer, or in the event of school closures. Additionally, schools only receive pupil premium funding for every child registered for FSM.

Free School Meal Eligibility

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Universal Credit with a household income of less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
 - Income-Based Jobseekers' Allowance
 - Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance
 - Child Tax Credit, **not** entitled to Working Tax Credit and household income less than £16,190
 - Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
 - Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
 - Income Support
 - Working Tax Credit 'run on' – the payment you receive for a further four weeks after you finish work
- If your child is currently eligible for free school meals, that eligibility will be protected until Universal Credit is introduced (expected March 2022) even if your circumstances change. If your child is still in education on this date, they will be eligible until they finish the phase of schooling (primary or secondary) they are in.

If you have a younger child starting school in September and you are no longer eligible, they will not be protected because this would be a new claim.

https://lancashire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Free_school_meals_and_pupil_premium

Leaflets and Information....



We can help with all kinds of things like.....

Emotional Health & Wellbeing
Keeping Healthy Bedwetting
Sleep Bullying Dental Health
Growing Up Keeping Safe
Support with Medical Conditions
in School

Confidentiality

We might inform someone if we are concerned about the safety of you, your child or someone else but we would only do so if you first. Your messages are stored and can be seen by other healthcare staff who follow the same confidentiality rules. We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate message back to confirm we have received your text. Texts will only be seen between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays).

If you need help before you get back from UK, contact your GP, nearest walk-in centre or dial 111. If it is an emergency call 999 or go to the emergency department (A&E). Our text number does not receive voice calls or MMS picture messages. We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only (which does not include messages sent from landlines, international mobile numbers and some 'tethered' or 'marketing' mobile apps). To prevent the health professional from sending messages to you, text STOP to our number.



Young People
Scan this QR
code to find
support

Text a school nurse directly to talk about
health or emotional wellbeing:
If you're 11-19 text our ChatHealth line on:
07507330510
or scan the QR code



Parents scan
this QR code to
find support

If you're a parent of 5-19 year old text our
Lancashire ParentLine for support on:

07312263554

or scan the QR code

care.think.do.

 ChatHealth

Scouts gives
young people
#SkillsForLife.

Squirrels (4-6yrs)
Beavers (6-8yrs)
Cubs (8-10 ½)
Scouts (10 ½-14)
Explorers (14-18)

Want to try something new?
Want to learn a new skill?
Want to meet a new group of
friends?

Each week we help young people have fun, go on adventures and develop **#SkillsForLife**. Why not be one of them!

Register your interest at <https://westlancsscouts.org.uk/want-to-join/> and we will match you up with the right group for you.

For further information please contact our team.
jan.townley@westlancsscouts.org.uk
lizzy.baker@westlancsscouts.org.uk



Can you make a difference?

- Squirrels (4-6yrs)
- Beavers (6-8yrs)
- Cubs (8-10 ½)
- Scouts (10 ½-14)
- Explorers (14-18)

Can you help young people in West Lancashire step up and dream big?

We need volunteers to help our young people develop
#SkillsForLife.

If you can spare some time as a volunteer, please register at <https://westlancsscouts.org.uk/want-to-join/> and we will find the perfect role for you.

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