

# Applebee Wood

## Community Specialist School



### Newsletter - Friday 12th January



#### Learning | Caring | Growing | Sharing

##### 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

- Monday 22nd January— Year 9 Vaccines
- Wednesday 31st January—Exhibition Day 2pm-3pm
- Wednesday 31st January—KS3 Residential Hothersall Lodge
- 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 via email, 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.



##### Staff News

It is with great sadness that we will be saying goodbye to one of our Assistant Headteachers Miss Elliott.

Miss Elliott has been a real asset to our school over the last 7 years. Miss Elliott has given her time to the children and families of Applebee Wood making a positive difference.

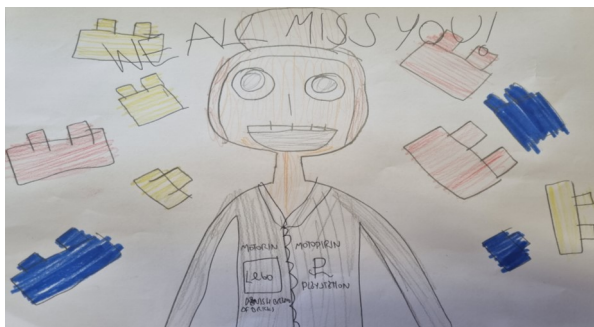
During Miss Elliott's time here she has been a fantastic science teacher and was promoted to Assistant Headteacher where she continued her hard work and devotion to her role.

A large part of Miss Elliott's time at Applebee Wood was given to the Duke of Edinburgh Awards where she worked hard in arranging the outdoor activities and camping trips to ensure pupils achieved numerous awards. We are proud that 3 of our pupil's achieving the highest award possible of **GOLD!**

Continuing with Miss Elliott's love of the outdoors she has been an amazing Forest School teacher/leader, and has dedicated her time and effort to developing and enhancing the outdoor Forest School area, passing skills on to the pupils, including her knowledge and her passion for the outdoors.

All the pupils will miss her open fire S'mores hugely as will we!

We wish Miss Elliott all the very best for the future and we will miss her hugely.





[www.applebeewood.co.uk](http://www.applebeewood.co.uk)

### 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](mailto:jbeaghan@applebeewood.co.uk)  
Miss S Walton—[swalton@applebeewood.co.uk](mailto:swalton@applebeewood.co.uk)

### **School Office Team e-mails:**

School Bursar: [bursar@applebeewood.co.uk](mailto:bursar@applebeewood.co.uk)  
School Office: Miss L Clayton & Mrs L Thompson  
[office@applebeewood.co.uk](mailto: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](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](https://lancashire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Free_school_meals_and_pupil_premium)

## Leaflets and Information...



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.



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](mailto:jan.townley@westlancsscouts.org.uk)  
[lizzy.baker@westlancsscouts.org.uk](mailto: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.

For further information please contact our team.  
[jan.townley@westlancsscouts.org.uk](mailto:jan.townley@westlancsscouts.org.uk)  
[lizzy.baker@westlancsscouts.org.uk](mailto:lizzy.baker@westlancsscouts.org.uk)

