

Applebee Wood

Community Specialist School



Newsletter - Friday 19th April

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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 24th April—Thursday 25th April
Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Expedition
- Thursday 25th April—Friday 26th April
Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Expedition
- Tuesday 30th April—Exhibition Day
(2pm to 3pm)
- Monday 6th May—Bank Holiday
(School Closed)
- Tuesday 7th May—Inset Day (School Closed)
- Wednesday 8th May—School Re Open
8.40am
- Friday 10th May— School Photographs
- Friday 10th May—Silver Duke of Edinburgh
Expedition
- Monday 27th May—Friday 31st May
Half Term (School Closed)
- Monday 3rd June—School Re Opens 8.40am

Isle of Man Residential

21 Key Stage 4 pupils went to the Isle of Man for 4 days, before the Easter holidays. They did lots of different outdoor activities (despite the weather!) and thoroughly enjoyed them all. The pupil's behaviour was exemplary, and the staff thoroughly enjoyed the pupils' company. We will be holding an awards afternoon soon to celebrate the success of the residential.



Attendance Matters

The winning classes for attendance this week is: **Donaldson, Dahl & Rashford with 100%**

Well done to everyone!

Star of the week

Willow our therapy dog is star of the week for walking 100.54km in March. She raised just over £200 for Dementia UK. Her biggest walk was 20km which took over 4 1/2 hours!



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.

Holiday Club

The primary pupils stayed in school and enjoyed playing on a bouncy castle and inflatable football. They also made pizzas, decorated pizza boxes and enjoyed playing with their friends. The senior pupils went to Blackpool zoo on the wettest, coldest day of the Easter holidays, but still enjoyed themselves! The details of the summer holiday club will be coming out soon. (Primary 5th and 6th August. Secondary 8th and 9th August.)





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 Contact Numbers:

Emergency Number—07782 173845

Safeguarding—07782 173788

Pastoral—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

Find our Twitter page at:

www.twitter.com/applebee_wood

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.

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

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Care Group

ChatHealth

Parent or carer ?

You can text a school nurse on

07312263554

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

The single online assurance if you are concerned about the safety of your child or someone else but you would usually speak to you first. Your messages are stored and can be seen by other healthcare staff who follow the same confidentiality code. We wish to say to you whether the messaging app and you shared your information through it. You will need to give us permission to share your information with our clinical team and have consent to allow sharing back both ways.

If we need help please say so. Ask how to contact your GP, request social contacts at 011 111, it is an emergency call or 999. If you are worried about your child's health, you can also contact your local authority or NHS Direct. The support messaging from LCR website contains many further ideas and available resources and free guidance. Please remember that we are here to provide confidential advice. To prevent the health professional from sending messages to you, text STOP to our number.



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Young People
Scan this QR code to find support

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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

SCAN ME

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

07312263554

or scan the QR code

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