

Applebee Wood

Community Specialist School



Newsletter - Friday 22nd March

RESPECT | BELONGING | TRUST |
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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

- Monday 25th March—KS4 Isle of Man
- Thursday 28th March—School Closes 3.10pm
- Monday 15th April—School 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.

Attenborough Class

On Wednesday, Attenborough class (Year 8) enjoyed a trip out to Manchester's Natural History Museum. We saw ancient Egyptian artefacts including real mummies as well as dinosaur fossils and animal species from around the world. The boys were great ambassadors for the school as they behaved impeccably all day. Well done Attenborough.



Coffee Afternoon

Thank you to everyone who attended our Coffee Afternoon to help raise money for our Isle of Man trip.

Mrs Nickeas and the children are truly grateful!

We raised £183.00 which is Amazing!



Attendance Matters

The winning classes for attendance this week is: **Peake with 100 %**

Well done to everyone!

Stars of the week

Well done to Aishah from Rosen class who joined in group time independently.



Well done to Freddie from Carroll class for making good choices and helping others



Attendance

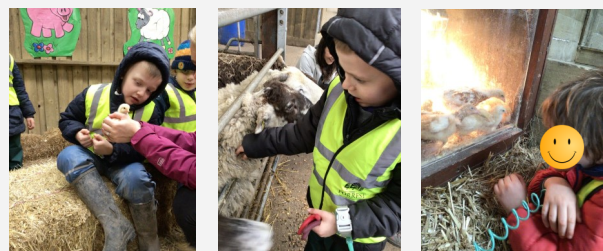
We continue to monitor attendance and we are identifying persistent absentees.

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.

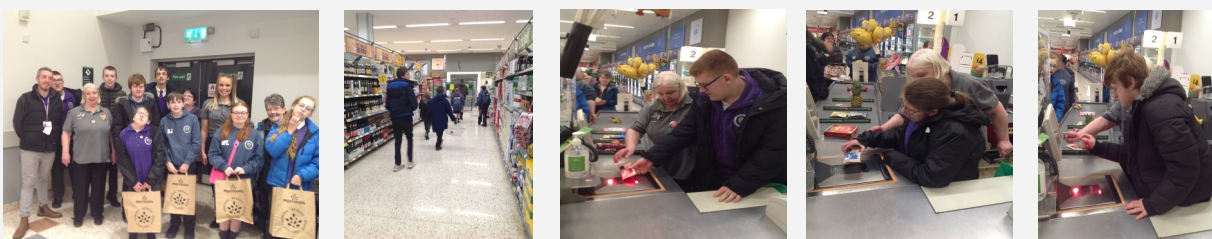
Donaldson & Rosen

Rosen and Donaldson classes had a wonderful time at Smithall's Farm on Monday.



Bevan Class

Thank you very much to Morrisons Leyland for a fantastic shopping experience this morning. The staff, Tasha and Sandy, were amazing, they had endless patience, helped the pupils with their purchases and showed them how to operate the till. All the pupils from Bevan Class thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We definitely have some shop assistants in the making.





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

Skips Safety Net Keeping children safe online

A Parent's Guide to Fake News

IT'S ON THE INTERNET SO IT MUST BE TRUE!

Scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent's Guide on how to help keep your children safe online

Don't believe everything you see online!
Young people can very easily be dragged into things without parental guidance and support.

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

Skips Educational Email: info@skipssed.com Tel: +44 121 227 1941

Skips www.skipssafetynet.org

Developed in partnership with:

- Home Office
- Metropolitan Police
- West Midlands Police
- West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner

hcrgr 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

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

If you're a parent of 5-19 year old text our Lancashire ParentLine for support on:
07312263554
or scan the QR code

NHS

care.think.do

Lancashire SEND Partnership

Are you a child or young person with SEND or a parent carer?

Have your say about the services you receive by filling in this short survey.

- The surveys are open year-round, open to all children (5+), young people and parent carers
- Your child does not need to have a diagnosis or support in place to complete the surveys
- We use your feedback to develop and improve our services

Parent Carers Survey

Child/Young Person Survey

Lancashire County Council

www.lancashire.gov.uk/SEND
www.facebook.com/LancashireLocalOffer

SMARTPHONE SAFETY TIPS for young people

You may have been lucky enough to have unopened a smartphone at Christmas, or you might be eagerly anticipating getting a new one at some point during this year. Whatever it'll be your first ever phone or an upgrade on your old mobile. It's always useful to have a checklist about how to set it up and adjust the settings to keep yourself - and your valuable personal info - safe and secure. We've collected some expert tips to help you enjoy your smartphone in the healthiest way possible.

- NEVER SHARE YOUR PASSCODE**
Remember, your passcode is crucial information. Your passcode gives a lot of access to your phone. If you share it with someone else, they can access all your personal information, photos, messages, and more. Don't share your passcode with anyone.
- RESPECT PARENTAL CONTROLS**
If you're allowed to have a smartphone, it's because your parents or carers have decided that you're old enough to have one. They might have set some rules for you, like not using it at night or not using it in certain places. Make sure you follow these rules.
- TALK TO A TRUSTED ADULT**
Whether it's about a new app, a new game, or a new feature, always talk to a trusted adult first. They can help you understand what you're doing and make sure you're safe.
- STAY ALERT**
When you're using your phone, be aware of your surroundings. Don't get so absorbed in your phone that you forget to look up. This is especially important when you're walking or driving.
- DEVELOP HEALTHY HABITS**
Phones offer a great amount of entertainment and information, but it's important to use them in a healthy way. Don't use your phone for hours on end. Take breaks and make sure you're getting enough sleep.
- IGNORE UNKNOWN NUMBERS**
There are many scammers who will call you or text you. Don't answer unknown numbers or text messages from people you don't know. If you're unsure, ask a trusted adult.
- SWITCH OFF GEOLOCATION**
When you're using your phone, it might be able to tell where you are. This is called geolocation. It's useful for some apps, but it can also be used to track your location. Turn it off when you're not using it.
- ONLY USE AGE-APPROPRIATE APPS**
Before downloading a new app, check what age it's for. Some apps are only for people who are 16 or older. Make sure you're using apps that are appropriate for your age.
- REMOVE TEMPTATION**
A good night's sleep is an important part of staying healthy. Make sure you're getting enough sleep. Turn off your phone at night so you can sleep peacefully.
- THINK ABOUT OTHERS**
When you're using your phone, think about how it might affect other people. Don't post anything online that might be embarrassing or hurtful to someone else.

Meet Our Expert

The National College

National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday

Twitter: @nationalonline_safety Facebook: NationalOnlineSafety Instagram: @nationalonline_safety YouTube: national_online_safety