

# Applebee Wood

## Community Specialist School



### Newsletter - Friday 26th April

**RESPECT | BELONGING | TRUST |**  
**| RESILIENCE | ASPIRATION**

#### 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

- 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
- Friday 14th June—Silver Duke of Edinburgh Expedition
- Tuesday 18th June—Exhibition Day (2pm to 3pm)
- Wednesday 26th June—Year 11 Prom

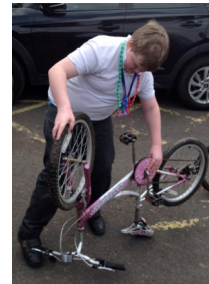
#### Hawking Class

Hawking Class enjoyed the African Drums this week fantastic job!



They also checked and repaired some of our school bikes in the shed. Pumping up tyres and identifying those that needed further attention.

Well done!



#### Brunel Class

Brunel Class had a trip to Blackpool Zoo on Tuesday. We had an amazing time and saw all the animals. We especially loved the Sea Lion Show.



## This Week...

### Attendance Matters

The winning classes for attendance this week is: **Wilson, Morpurgo, Park, Peake and Bevan with 100%**

Well done to everyone!

### Stars of the week

A huge well done to Phoebe who did a 5 mile walk on Saturday and raised £600 for Rainbow Hub!

Phoebe has personally raised £11k for Rainbow Hub and as a family they have raised £23k in total.

Amazing job well done!



Well done to Kody from Wilson class he's had an amazing week reading every day also independent playing at the park for our PE lesson.



### 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.

### IQM Award

As a school, we have worked really hard to achieve this incredible Inclusion award! A special mention to Miss Hall, who has been the driving force behind this achievement. Her hard work and dedication to our school is amplified within the incredible feedback we have received.

Please see the link below for the full article.

<https://iqmaward.com/news/applebee-wood-achieves-centre-of-excellence/>

### Dahl Class

On Thursday in Dahl Class. Mr Byrom-Jones brought in his tortoise Oliver to support our learning of animal classification in Science. We learnt that Oliver was a reptile because he had scales and was cold blooded . We also found out that his diet largely consists of leafy plants and vegetables. Dahl class really enjoyed stroking him, bathing him and cleaning his shell with a toothbrush. Oliver liked it too!





[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 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](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**

Find our Twitter page at:

[www.twitter.com/applebee\\_wood](https://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.

## 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....

**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 Guides 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

www.skipssafetynet.org

Developed in partnership with:

- Home Office
- Police and Crime Commissioner
- Local Authorities
- 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

SCAN ME

CONFIDENTIALITY

Our messages are confidential. If we are concerned about the safety of you, your child or someone else, we will usually contact you first. Your messages are shared and can be seen by other health professionals who will then take the appropriate action. We will not share your information with anyone else without your permission. We will not share your information with anyone else without your permission. We will not share your information with anyone else without your permission.

**Young People**

Scan this QR code to find support

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**Parents scan this QR code to find support**

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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

**NHS**

**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

www.lancashire.gov.uk/SEND

www.facebook.com/LancashireLocalOffer

**Lancashire County Council**

## 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 reminder 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 that your smartphone is a powerful tool. It contains a lot of personal information, including your photos and personal details. If someone else gets access to your phone, they could see all this information. So, it's important to keep your passcode safe. Don't share it with anyone, not even your friends. And don't write it down or put it in your phone's memory.

**RESPECT PARENTAL CONTROLS**

If you're allowed to have a smartphone, it's because your parents or carers think that you're responsible enough to use it safely. They might not want you to use it all the time, but they do want you to use it responsibly. So, make sure you follow the rules that your parents or carers have set for you. Don't use it when you're driving or when you're in a dangerous situation. And don't use it when you're in a place where it might be dangerous.

**TALK TO A TRUSTED ADULT**

Whether it's about a problem you're having, a question you have, or a decision you need to make, it's always a good idea to talk to a trusted adult. This could be your parent, your carer, a teacher, or a friend's parent. They can help you make the right decision and keep you safe.

**STAY ALERT**

It's easy to get distracted by your smartphone. But it's important to stay alert and aware of your surroundings. Don't use your phone when you're walking or driving. And don't use it when you're in a dangerous situation. Always look up and around you when you're using your phone.

**DEVELOP HEALTHY HABITS**

Smartphones are a great tool, but they can also be addictive. It's important to develop healthy habits when it comes to using your phone. Don't use it for too long at a time. Take breaks when you're using it. And don't use it when you're sleeping. By developing healthy habits, you can make the most of your smartphone without letting it control you.

**IGNORE UNKNOWN NUMBERS**

There are a lot of people out there who want to sell you something or get your personal information. They might call you or text you, but they're not who they say they are. So, it's important to ignore unknown numbers. Don't answer the phone or text them back. And don't give them any of your personal information.

**SWITCH OFF GEOLOCATION**

Geolocation is a feature that allows your smartphone to track your location. It's useful for some things, like finding a friend or a place, but it can also be used to track you. So, it's important to switch off geolocation when you're not using it. This will help you keep your location private and safe.

**THINK ABOUT OTHERS**

When you're using your smartphone, it's important to think about other people. Don't post anything online that might be hurtful or embarrassing to someone else. And don't use your phone to bully or harass anyone. Always be kind and respectful to everyone you interact with.

**REMOVE TEMPTATION**

A good night's sleep is an important part of staying healthy. So, it's important to remove temptation when it comes to using your phone at night. Don't use your phone in your bedroom. And don't keep your phone with you when you're sleeping. By removing temptation, you can get a good night's sleep and stay healthy.

**ONLY USE AGE-APPROPRIATE APPS**

Before downloading any app, it's important to make sure it's age-appropriate. Some apps are only for people who are 18 or older. So, if you're under 18, don't download those apps. Always check the age rating of an app before you download it. And don't give out any of your personal information to anyone who asks for it.

**Meet Our Expert**

The National College

National Online Safety

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