

Applebee Wood

Community Specialist School



Newsletter - Friday 27th September

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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

- Thursday 3rd October—Flu Vaccinations
- Wednesday 16th October—Careers Fair
2pm-4pm
- Thursday 17th October—Beetle Drive
- Thursday 17th October—School Closes
3.10pm
- Monday 28th October—School Re Opens
8.40am
- Monday 25th November—School Trip
(Aladdin Pantomime)

Data Collection sheet

Your child will be receiving a Data collection sheet for you to complete. Please make sure you complete and return these forms back to school as soon as possible.

It is extremely important that your child's information and contact details are correct and up to date, should we ever need to contact you in an emergency or otherwise.



Thank you to everyone who attended and supported our Coffee Morning. Total amount raised so far is over £150 which is amazing and all for a wonderful cause!



Cake Sale

We are having a cake sale for all pupils on Monday 30th September.

We are selling the cakes for 50p each, monies raised will go towards our Macmillan final total.

This Week...

Attendance Matters

The winning classes for attendance this week is: **Wilson, Morpurgo, Franklyn, Scott & Hastings with 100%**

Well done to everyone!

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.

Morpurgo Class

Morpurgo Class have made 'Owl Babies' with pine cones that have been made in class linking to our story Owl Babies. We have also made Owl Rice Cakes which the children thoroughly enjoyed.



Willow

Willow our Therapy Dog was 2 on Monday and she is bringing a cake in with her to share with the pupils today!



Star of the week

Well done to Jaime in Simmonds Class for all his hard work in his lessons this week.



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>

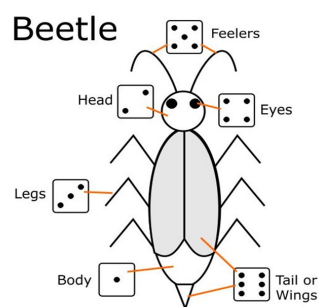
Thank you.

Beetle Drive

Beetle drive will take place Thursday 17th October 6pm-8pm.

What is the Beetle Drive?

Beetle is a British party game in which we draw or make a beetle in parts. The game may be played solely with pen, paper and a die or using a made game set, some of which contain custom score pads and dice and others which contain pieces which snap together to make a beetle/bug.





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

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.

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....

Skips Safety Net Keeping children safe online

A Parent's Guide to Fake News

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

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@skipssafetynet.org Tel: +44 121 227 1941

www.skipssafetynet.org

Developed in partnership with:

- Home Office
- West Midlands Police
- West Midlands Probation Unit
- West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner

hcrq 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
Our right to privacy is important. If we are concerned about the safety of you, your child or someone else but we would usually speak to you first. Your messages are stored and can be seen by other professionals who will follow the same confidentiality rules. We will try to keep your messages safe and secure. We will only share your messages if we think it is necessary to do so. We will only share your messages if we think it is necessary to do so. We will only share your messages if we think it is necessary to do so.

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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

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

Youth Voice Community Education Trust

Come along to Preston North End Community and Education Trust's new youth club.

Enjoy social time whilst meeting new people. Have your voice heard, get involved and shape future activities in your community.

Who
Open to all 10 to 16-year-olds.

When
Thursdays 5.30pm until 7pm, starting on 5th October 2023.

Where
Preston North End Community Offices, Alan Kelly Stand, Deepdale Stadium, Sir Tom Finney Way, Preston, PR1 6RU.

Cost
Free for all, refreshments provided.

Please scan QR code to sign up

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