

Applebee Wood

Community Specialist School



Newsletter - Thursday 28th March

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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 15th April—School Opens 8.40am
- Monday 8th April & Tuesday 9th April 9.00am-3.30pm Easter Holiday Club
- 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 2pm to 3pm—Exhibition Day

Wishing everyone a happy Easter and we look forward to see you all on Monday 15th April



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>

Attendance Matters

The winning classes for attendance this week is: **Morpurgo, Dahl & Peake all with 100 %**

Well done to everyone!

Stars of the week

All 21 pupils in the Isle of Man! Exemplary behaviour, manners and effort with everything we have done!

Lewis Wright for efforts and progress in reading in Bevan class



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.

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.

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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

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
- 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

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 smartphones at Christmas, or you might be eagerly anticipating getting a new one at some point during this year. Whether it's 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 to keeping your phone secure. Don't tell anyone your passcode, not even your friends. If you forget it, you'll need to reset it, which means losing all your data.
- 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 use parental controls to help you stay safe online, so don't try to turn them off or delete them.
- TALK TO A TRUSTED ADULT**
Whether it's about a new app, a game, or a problem you're having with your phone, always talk to a trusted adult. They can help you stay safe and make sure you're using your phone responsibly.
- STAY ALERT**
It's easy to get distracted by your phone, but always stay alert. Don't use your phone while driving or walking, and don't use it in dangerous situations.
- 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, and take regular breaks.
- IGNORE UNKNOWN NUMBERS**
There are some scammers who might call or text you, so don't answer or reply to unknown numbers. If you get a suspicious call or text, tell a trusted adult.
- SWITCH OFF GEOLOCATION**
If you use your phone a lot, you'll be able to see where you are on a map. But this can be dangerous, as it means that anyone who knows your phone number can see where you are. Turn off geolocation when you're not using it.
- ONLY USE AGE-APPROPRIATE APPS**
Before downloading a new app, check what age it's for. Don't download apps that are for older people, as they might contain inappropriate content.
- REMOVE TEMPTATION**
A good night's sleep is an important part of staying healthy. Make sure you're not using your phone in bed, as it can affect your sleep quality. Put your phone on 'do not disturb' at night.
- THINK ABOUT OTHERS**
Remember, your phone is not just for you. It's also for your friends and family. Don't post anything online that might hurt or embarrass them.

Meet Our Expert **The National College** **National Online Safety** **#WakeUpWednesday**