

Applebee Wood

Community Specialist School



Newsletter - Friday 4th October

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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

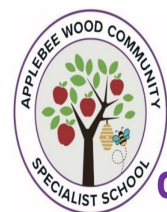
Calendar Dates

- Wednesday 16th October—Careers Fair
2pm-4pm
- Thursday 17th October—Harvest Assembly
9.30am (Wilson, Carroll & Dahl)
- Thursday 17th October—Beetle Drive
6pm-8pm
- Thursday 17th October—School Closes
3.10pm
- Monday 28th October—School Re Opens
- Monday 25th November—Parents Evening
(times to be confirmed)

School Council

School Council will be selling the following water bottles on the last day of term Thursday 17th October.

We are selling them for £9 or £10 if you want the bottle personalised. If your child would like one please bring cash in an envelope on Thursday 17th October not before.



CAREERS FAIR

**Come and join us on
Wednesday 16th October
2pm – 4pm**

**Find out about your
careers options and ask
lots of questions.**



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Community
Education Trust

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Changes to Newsletter

From next Friday the newsletter will be changing to an exciting online document. A link for Microsoft sway will be sent to parents/carers every Friday via the newsletter section on ParentApp please follow the link to view.

If you have not already signed up to ParentApp please ensure you do so, a link to sign up will be sent to you via email.

School uses ParentApp to send correspondence, messages and important information to Parents & Carers about school and your child.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported our coffee morning.

We raised a final total of **£266.57** which is amazing!

This Week...

Attendance Matters

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

Well done to everyone!

Star of the week

Well done to Caidi in Carroll Class for setting the example to others and always being kind.

Well done to Mohammed in Simmonds Class for trying hard and participation this week!



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.

One Vision

The children had a lovely time in the sensory room at One Vision on Monday doing some great relaxation.



Hastings Class

All students in Hastings showed exemplary behaviour and communication during our "map reading" walk to Holmes Farm dairy today for our ASDAN focus. Students used good awareness of road safety and were polite when speaking to the general public. The staff at Holmes Farm dairy were kind enough to treat us to milk shake and a mallow cone each. Students used good manners and were a credit to the school.



Fun Palaces at the Library

We are delighted that Fun Palaces will be returning on Saturday 5 October.

Fun Palaces is an annual weekend of free events, with arts, crafts, science, tech, and digital activities.

We're hosting 19 Fun Palaces this year across our libraries, museums and Lancashire Archives.

Follow the link for a full list of venues and activities
<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/libraries-and-archives/libraries/fun-palaces/>

Lancashire Libraries
library@lancashire.gov.uk
0300 123 6703



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 Fire Service
- 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 messages are confidential. If we are concerned about the safety of you, your child or someone else, we will 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 only contact you when we need to. We will only contact you when we need to. We will only contact you when we need to. We will only contact you when we need to.

SCAN ME

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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