



The Apple

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Dear Parents/Carers

We have had yet another great week at school. Yesterday we experienced a fantastic assembly listening to Sam Ruddock (Paralympian). Sam taught us about the value of trying to beat our previous best. He is going to the Paralympics this year to compete in the shot put and we can't wait to see how he does.

The work that the pupils are producing continue to amaze me. I have been particularly impressed with the work in the Foundation Stage where the children are going from strength to strength. Their phonics knowledge is exceptional and I am sure that Parents/Carers can really see the progress being made.

Thank you everyone who attended the Bingo yesterday evening. We managed to raise £50 and had a fantastic time. Yesterday evening also saw the school football teams in action against Long Bennington. The A team were beaten 4-1, although the score didn't reflect the balance of play. The B team managed to win 1-0 and put in an epic defensive performance. Well done to all involved.

Paul Hill
Headteacher

Reminder about attendance rules

If a child arrives after 9am then they are marked as late. The registers close at 9:20am - children are marked as late "after the register closes" after this.

Requests to stay in at break times

A number of Parents/Carers of pupils in Years R and 1 have been requesting that their child is kept in at lunch time. As a school we will always ensure that we meet the needs of pupils following guidance by a medical professional. However, as a general rule, when a child is not well enough to go out to break then they are not well enough to come to school. Remember – getting cold does not give you a cold. The NHS website says:

"Getting a cold from going out in the cold or after washing your hair is a myth".

The cold allows symptoms to develop but only if you are already carrying the cold virus in your nose!

Year 3 Residential

All of the pupils in Year 3 should have received a letter about a residential visit next year. Please ensure that you respond as quickly as possible so that we can confirm our arrangements. Priority will be given to those pupils whose Parents/Carers returned the slip in the letter previously sent out.

Dates for Your Diary:

15th March	Parents' Evening (later session)
16th March	Parents' Evening
18th March	Sports Relief
24th March	Chocolate Tombola and Second Hand Uniform Sale in big hall

SPORTS RELIEF – IMPORTANT NEWS FLASH

Next Friday (18th March) is Sports Relief. We would like all of the children to come to school in sports kit, including appropriate footwear (of their choice but appropriate for a normal school day) rather than their uniform. We will then run keep fit sessions for each class in exchange for a £1 donation towards this great charity. Please ensure that children are not wearing earrings.

SATs week

This Year the pupils in Year 6 will take their Standard Attainment Tests (SATs) on the following dates. If you have a pupil in Year 6 then please remember the dates and ensure that your child arrives at school promptly.

We do not want the pupils to become stressed or disenchanted with school during the build-up. As such we have explained that we do not mind how each pupil does so long as they try their hardest.

Mon 9 May	Reading test
Tues 10 May	Grammar test followed by: Spelling Test
Weds 11 May	Maths Paper 1 (arithmetic) followed by Maths Paper 2 (reasoning)
Thurs 12 May	Maths Paper 3 (reasoning)

The SATs are important as they are used to gauge future progress, especially in Year 11 (GCSE year). As such doing well now is a firm foundation for the future.

DON'T BE LATE!

Number of minutes late a day	Number of days missed a year!
5	1 and a half days
10	2 and three quarter days
15	4 and a quarter days
20	5 and three quarter days (over a school week)
25	7 days
30	8 and a half days

This is based on children spending 5 hours and 20 minutes in class each day.