



The Apple

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Dear Parents/Carer

Welcome back! I hope that you all had a great Easter and enjoyed time together. We are already enjoying our new themes here at school which are as follows:

- FS: Cheeky Chicks and Creepy Critters
- Year 1/2: Go Wild
- Year 3/4: Extra-Ordinary Egyptians
- Year 5/6: The Alchemist

The children in each year group have been extremely enthusiastic about the new themes and there has been a real buzz around the school as they begin to dig deeper into each topic. I have already seen some witches and wizards in Year 5 and have spotted a number of Year 4 pupils hunting for clues about Ancient Egypt.

We had a really busy end to the Spring Term and enjoyed a lot of sporting events. Year 4 took part in the annual Table Tennis Competition. After some hard fought matches, Phoenix triumphed as the overall winner following her final head to head with Damir. Well played everyone!



Our two hockey teams played at the Grantham Schools' Tournament and both performed brilliantly. One of the Teams won the whole event and will now go on to represent the Grantham Schools at the County Finals!

Some of you will have seen that the local press have reported upon a new school that will be built in Grantham. Poplar Farm School will be part of our Academy Trust (CIT). We are really excited that we will have another local mainstream primary school to share ideas and resources with!

Paul Hill
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary:

26th April	Classes 3 & 4 Yorkshire Wildlife Park
27th April	Classes 5 & 6 Yorkshire Wildlife Park
8th -12th May	Year 6 SATs
16th May	Class 9 Eureka
17th May	Class 10 Eureka

Year 6 SATs

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:

8 May 2017	English reading
9 May 2017	English grammar – Questions English grammar 2: spelling
10 May 2017	Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic Mathematics Paper 2: reasoning
11 May 2017	Mathematics Paper 3: reasoning

Hot School Meals

If your child is having a hot school meal then please remember to complete the menu to state their preference. When the menu has not been completed the children automatically get the main meal and pudding. We have seen a number of pupils who are not eating a full lunch rise as they do not like the option that they have been served. Thanks for your support.

Attendance

Don't forget that we are having a real drive to improve our attendance figures this term. The table below shows how a child's percentage of attendance can impact upon their learning.



Percentage Attendance	Days off per year	School Time Missed By Year 6
100%	0	0
95%	9½	$\frac{1}{3}$ of a school year
90%	19	$\frac{2}{3}$ of a school year
85%	28½	1 whole school year
80%	38	One and $\frac{1}{3}$ school years
75%	47½	1 and $\frac{2}{3}$ school years