



# The Apple

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## Dear Parents/Carers

The weather has really turned this week meaning that we really need all of the children to have the correct clothing when they come to school. A number of pupils have been forgetting coats and we would not want any of them to miss out on outdoor break should the weather worsen.

Since we came back a number of classes have been working together for one reading session a week. Older children have been listening to children in lower year groups on a weekly basis. This is fantastic to see. It is beneficial to the older children who are able to cement their understanding and practice their communication skills. It is also of huge benefit to the younger pupils who get additional one to one reading time.

Finally, on February 2<sup>nd</sup> we have organised for a company called Roots to Food to come to school. This will be a fantastic experience for the children as they learn about both cooking and nutrition. There will also be a parental workshop after school. More information about the company can be found at [www.rootstofood.com](http://www.rootstofood.com)

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## DISCO

There will be a disco for pupils in Years 3, 4 5 and 6 on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February. Tickets are now available in the school office.

## Boccia

A group of year 6 girls went to the Boccia festival at the Meres last week – they were brilliant!



## Dates for Your Diary:

2nd February	Roots to Food
9th February	Disco for Years 3,4,5 and 6
12th February	Last day before half term
22nd February	Return from half term
3rd March	World Book Day
15th March	Parents' Evening (later session)
16th March	Parents' Evening
18th March	Sports Relief

## Staying Safe online

At Christmas many children receive some brilliant electronic gifts including computers, tablets, consoles and games for electronic devices. As technology continues to develop quickly it is important to ensure that you have safeguards in place when your child is using such devices. This week we are highlighting a couple of helpful resources whilst reminding you about aspects of gaming that can cause concern.

## Think U Know:

This is a fantastic website with age appropriate sections for children as well as a brilliant guide for parents. It has a wealth of information alongside games/clips to help your child to understand both the benefits and drawbacks of the internet. Simply google ThinkUKnow to find the site.

## Kidsrex:

Kidsrex is a child friendly search engine which filters out most of those websites that you would not like your child to come across when searching. Whilst no search engine can ever guarantee it is 100% free of inappropriate content this is certainly a lot more robust than the search engines that are usually used.

## Chat Rooms within games:

A number of games commonly used by children in primary schools have chat rooms in which the players can begin conversations. This may be done either by typing messages or when children have headphones and a microphone. Such games include Minecraft, Club Penguin and other multiplayer online games. If you allow your child to use such games it is essential that you check the content of any typed messages or listen in on the conversations happening. This will ensure that you know should any inappropriate conversations take place and you will then be able to reinforce the idea of being SMART:



## Shutting School For Snow

With winter upon us and a cold spell forecast we would like to ensure that all Parents/Carers are aware of the way in which we would notify you should we have to close school. **We would never take this decision lightly and would only close the school should we assess the situation and realise that staff or pupils would be in danger should we open.** Notification of any closure would be by local radio, word of mouth, Twitter, Facebook and **most importantly the school website.**