



# The Apple

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Dear Parents/Carers

It has been another busy week with a lot going on in and around school. Sunday saw about 30 Parents, Carers, Pupils and Staff members participate in the Grantham Rotary Club Swimarathon. It was a great effort from all involved and we did brilliantly. Thank you to all of you who swam or came to support us.

On Tuesday the Juniors had a great time at the Disco. Thank you to all of the staff who stay behind to make such events possible. The children are fortunate to have staff who will give up their personal time to ensure that school events can happen.

Tuesday also saw the first governors meeting since we became an academy. The governors act as critical friends to the school, checking that the decisions made are for the correct reasons and ensuring that children are at the centre of all that we do. It was an excellent first meeting and I am looking forward to future meetings. During the meeting the School council presented their reasons for wanting to have a school tie. They did brilliantly and I will feedback the governors concerns to see if they can come up with some solutions!

The KS1 pupils were visited by an author/illustrator this week. Melanie Williamson has written books such as "Wolf's Magnificent Master Plan". She a great time meeting the children and showing them the joys of writing and illustrating.

On Wednesday a group of children in the Juniors went to the Change for Life Festival at the Kings School. They did brilliantly and were a credit to the school.



Finally, today is the last day of this half term meaning that we are half way through the school year! We are making great progress and are delighted with the behaviours and attitudes of the pupils here at school. I hope that all of the children have a fantastic break and come back refreshed on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

Paul Hill  
Headteacher

## **Lollipop Man**

We are delighted to report that we are expecting Mr Charles to return as our lollipop man after the holidays. It will be fantastic to have him back.

## **World Book Day**

World book day is fast approaching (5th March). As a school we feel it is a great opportunity to celebrate the joy of reading. This year we would like all of the children to come dressed in their pyjamas (onesies etc) and bring in a favourite bedtime book. Please ensure they have plenty of layers underneath, especially considering the cold weather we have experienced this half term.

## **Volunteer dates**

Thank you to those Parents/Carers who have expressed an interest in volunteering in school. Mr Hill will be running two induction sessions to get things started. These will be on:

Weds 25th February at 2:30pm  
Fri 27th February at 9am

These sessions are designed to ensure that you are familiar with the school's procedures so must be completed along with a DBS check prior to any volunteering.

## **Football Team News**

The school football team was in action on Thursday evening playing at home against Huntingtower. They put in a great shift, the A team lost 5-0 and the B team recorded a 4-0. Well done to all of the children who played.

## **E-safety**

As more and more children have access to computers, laptops, tablets and smartphones it is really important that Parents/Carers understand the dangers of allowing primary aged children unsupervised access to the internet. Whilst the internet is brilliant there are a huge range of issues that can arise for children and it is important that parents and carers are aware of these. A great website to look at is: [www.thinkyouknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkyouknow.co.uk)

There is a section specifically designed for Parents/Carers which is full of advice. Why don't you take a look?

## **Dates for your diary:**

<b>5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>World Book Day</b>
<b>13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Comic Relief</b>
<b>17<sup>th</sup> &amp; 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Parents Evening</b>