



The Apple

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Dear Parents/Carer

Welcome back – and a particularly warm welcome to all of our new pupils! I hope that you all had a fantastic time over the Summer. It has been brilliant to catch up with the children and hear all that they have been up to. Each class has settled in brilliantly and we are delighted to be back.

We have a fantastic term lined up for the pupils and will be continuing with the new curriculum. The children will be studying the following themes:

Year R:	Stories
Year 1/2:	Fit as a Fiddle
Year 3/4:	World War 2
Year 5/6:	Victorians

We are sure that the children will be inspired by these themes and I can't wait to see the work that is produced.

Paul Hill
Headteacher

Great Progress!

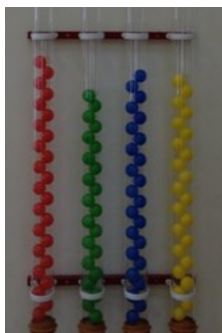
Over the Summer Holidays the government always produce a lot of data which helps us to understand how we are doing. I am delighted to be able to report that the pupils in Year 6 last year made greater than average progress in each of the subjects on which they were tested at the end of the year. We were in the top 25% for progress in maths and in at least the top 40% for reading and writing. This is fantastic news – particularly as maths has been a huge focus for us over the past two years.

Breakfast Club

If you require a place in Breakfast Club then please remember to book in at the school office. This means that we can be prepared for the pupils who will be attending. In an emergency it is always worth phoning to check if there is a place left prior to arriving so that you will not be disappointed if you turn up and we are full.

House Champions

In the final assembly in July we announced the House Point winners. From Years 1-6 the pupils are placed into houses (teams) and can earn points for their teams during each school day. The winning house for 2015/2016 was Robertson (red). Well done to each and every child who contributed to the victory!



Dates for your Diary:

13 th September	Year 5 Southwell Workhouse
14 th September	Year 6 Southwell Workhouse
15 th -16 th September	Year 4 Stibbington Visit
16 th September	Year 5 Priory Ruskin Science Day
16 th September	Year 3 Beaumanor Hall Visit
22 nd September	Family Bingo (3:30pm)
28 th -30 th September	Year 6 PGL Visit
18 th October	Disco
15 th November	E-safety day

Water Bottles

We have just received a delivery of water bottles at the school office. In the past these have been given to pupils free of charge, however this year we will need to charge £2 per bottle. Just pop to the office if you would like to purchase one.

Bingo/Discos

We will be holding a family bingo event on Thursday 22nd September at 3:30pm in the studio hall – tickets will be £1.50 and include a hotdog.

Years 1 and 2 will be having a Halloween party on Tuesday 18th October from 4:30pm-5:30pm – Tickets £1 including a drink and crisps.

Years 3 to 6 will be having a Halloween Disco on Tuesday 18th October from 6:30pm-7:45pm – Tickets £2 including a drink and crisps.

Governor Vacancy

We are currently seeking to appoint a new Parent Governor. This role has been fulfilled by Mrs Lygo over the past two years. She has done an excellent job and we would like to thank her for her contribution to the school community. If you would like to put your name forward then please pick up a letter from the school office. Mr Hill would be delighted to meet with anybody who would like to discuss the role – just book an appointment by calling the office.

Labelling School Uniform and PE kit

At the start of the school year many pupils have **new uniform and P.E. kit**. It is essential that all school clothing is **labelled** with the pupil's **full name**. It becomes almost impossible to track down lost clothing if a name label is not present.

Attendance

As a school we are desperate to ensure that all pupils fulfil their potential. The attendance of pupils forms a hugely important part of their ability to do well at school and as such will remain a major focus in the coming year. Mrs Anderson is in charge of attendance at the school and will be in touch with Parents/Carers should we have any concerns. The table below shows how much learning time can be missed if children have time off school. It would be great if they all got off to a great start this year. We aspire for all children to achieve a 95% attendance rate each year.



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