

APLEY NEWS

Welcome back everyone! I hope you had a restful and enjoyable break over the summer. The weather wasn't too bad. We're back to work this week and it was lovely to see all the children taking part in our whole school assembly on Wednesday. We discussed our 'Building Learning Power' characters and how they help us to work as a team and be resilient, resourceful and reflective. We also reviewed our school rules which are:

- We are gentle- We don't hurt others**
- We are kind and helpful- We don't hurt anyone's feelings**
- We listen- We don't interrupt**
- We are honest- We don't cover up the truth**
- We work hard- We don't waste our own or others' time**
- We look after property- We don't waste or damage things**

The term has started very well and the children have settled quickly into their new classes. I have been amazed at how confident our new starters in reception have been. They are well prepared for life at Apley and I hope they have a very happy time with us over the years.

Over the summer we had a lot of building work done and I am delighted with how the refurbishment of the children's toilets has turned out. It was a much needed refurbishment and they now look very posh. We are constantly working on the upkeep of the school to ensure it remains a bright, comfortable and safe place for the children- even though budgets are tight.

We also welcome a number of new staff to the school this September (pictured below right to left):

Mr Grant Yardley (Cover supervisor), **Mrs Hannah Templar** (Reception teacher to cover maternity leave), **Mrs Stephanie Parrish** (Reception teacher to cover maternity leave) and **Miss Heather Scott** (Pupil support assistant). I hope they will enjoy their time at the school.



Remember, if you have any worries or concerns this term then please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher, myself or any of our senior leaders responsible for each key stage who are as follows:

Mrs Ellen Smith (Deputy Head/ Key stage 1 manager) and **Mrs Yvonne Thorpe** (Assistant Head/ Key stage 2 manager).

It is always best to talk to teachers at the end of the day or ring to book an appointment or a phone call. Mrs Robinson (Inclusion Mentor) will be at the entrance gate each morning as usual and you can always pass on information through her.

Allyson Brown - Headteacher

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Epson Printer Competition

Isabella, Cameron and Jaime entered a poster competition with Epson last term, and we are very proud to say that they actually won. Two lovely ladies from the company came in to present school with a super new printer and 2 lovely fruit trees. The children all received a prize too for their fabulous entries. Well done to all of the children who entered the competition.



The Great Apley Bake Off

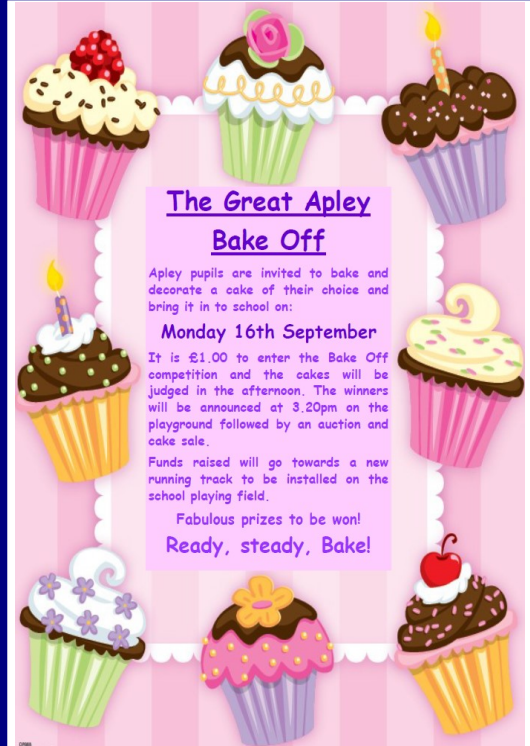
Apley pupils are invited to bake and decorate a cake of their choice and bring it in to school on:

Monday 16th September

It is £1.00 to enter the Bake Off competition and the cakes will be judged in the afternoon. The winners will be announced at 3.20pm on the playground followed by an auction and cake sale.

Funds raised will go towards a new running track to be installed on the school playing field.

Fabulous prizes to be won!
Ready, steady, Bake!





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Accelerated Reading Changes

As a school, we are continually monitoring and evaluating school systems. In light of this, we have decided to lower the Accelerated Reading quiz pass mark to 70%. This means that if your child achieves at least 70% in their book quiz, they will be able to move up to the next ZPD. In order to move through the reward certificates, they will now need 5 x 70% or more on their quizzes to achieve each certificate.

Individual Reading Records and Communication

All children are encouraged to read regularly at home and are rewarded with 5HP for every 3 reads. Please can the children now put their reading record on their teacher's desk in the morning when they have achieved this, so that the class teacher can sign it off and reward your child with the appropriate number of house points. Also, please continue to use the reading record to communicate with your child's class teacher, but please remind your child to, again, put their reading record on their teacher's desk in order for any notes to be read. Many thanks, **Mrs Williams**.

Apley Wood Needs You



Have you ever thought of becoming a school volunteer? Can you spare a few hours each week to help with reading? Maybe you can help on a school trip. If you are interested and have a current Telford and Wrekin DBS, we want to hear from you. If you don't have a DBS, it's free to apply and we can help you with your application. **We Need You!**

Book/Comic/Magazine Request

We would be extremely grateful if you could have a hunt around at home and donate to school any pre-loved, well cared-for comics/magazines and books that would be suitable for the children. Please drop them in to the school office. Many thanks and happy hunting! **Mrs Williams**

DATE	EVENT
Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th September	Uniform Sale of donated items
Wednesday 11th September	Music Assembly by Telford & Wrekin
Monday 16th September	Great Apley Bake Off Competition
Tuesday 17th September	Parents Arthog Meeting 3.20pm in Base 11
Thursday 19th September	Year 6 Visit to Blists Hill Museum
Thursday 19th September	Parent Readers Workshop 2.30pm
Monday 30th September	School Harvest Festival Assembly
Monday 7th October	Year 5 London Trip Meeting for Parents—3.20pm in Base 11
Monday 21st October	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 23rd October	Parent Consultations
Friday 25th October	Pupils Break Up For Half Term

Music Assembly

The Telford and Wrekin Music Team will be coming in to school on **Wednesday 11th September** at 2.30pm to present an assembly to all of the children regarding music lessons and instruments that they are able to access through Telford and Wrekin. The Team will also be available after school to speak to parents, who may wish to find out more and ask questions. **So do come along to Base 12 and find out more.**



Uniform Sale

Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th September

Weather permitting, there will be a uniform sale on the playground at 3.15pm of donated and nearly new items.

Awesome Table

At the end of term, Mrs Thomas and her team did themselves proud in creating a fabulous 'Awesome Table' for all of the children that had received Awesome Awards. Both key stage 1 and 2 enjoyed the seaside themed decorations and enjoyed a lovely end of term mufti day lunch. It bought smiles to lots of faces and prompted the children to share their excitement over their upcoming holidays. Well done to everyone.

