



APLEY NEWS



Dear Families,

As this is the final newsletter before I leave Apley I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support and friendship over the past ten years. When I started at the school there was much that we had to improve on and we worked exceptionally hard throughout the years to ensure the children had the very best that we could offer. As a result, with the expertise and support of our wonderful staff, we managed to develop a school that is outward facing and highly regarded in the local community and beyond and for this I will always be extremely proud.

Mrs Mahy, who has been at the school for thirteen years, was instrumental in bringing about the many positive changes to the school and worked very closely with me in our quest to provide an excellent education and environment for the children. She is someone who has put her heart and soul into Apley and she will be very much missed by everyone at the school when she leaves to take up her new post at the end of this week. I would also like to say a fond farewell to Year 5 teacher **Mrs Clowes**, who has been a consistently outstanding and an exceptionally kind and caring teacher. The children she has taught at Apley have been extremely lucky to be in her class and we wish her well in her new venture. We also say goodbye to **Mrs Fisher** from base 10 who will be taking up a post at St Lawrence's- we wish her good luck.

I leave the school in the very capable hands of **Mrs Smith**, as Acting Headteacher. I was lucky to appoint Mrs Smith to the post of Deputy quite a few years ago now and we have worked very closely and extremely well together. She is looking forward to continuing our good work and I know that she has lots of fresh ideas to move the school forward even further. I would also like to thank **Mrs Thorpe** who started at Apley at the same time as myself and helped move the school forward due to her great knowledge and teaching experience, providing me with a tremendous amount of support over the years. I wish her well as she takes up the role of Acting Deputy Head and SENDCo. A special thank you also to the governors who have supported me in my role and to every single member of staff who work hard to make Apley the great school that it is.

Most importantly, I am going to miss the children a great deal. They are a credit to you in their behaviour, attitudes and their willingness to learn and discover new things. This makes the job of teaching them so much easier. I am sure I will bump into them now and then as they grow and develop into successful young adults. I wish them every success in the future.

I have so many fond memories of my time at Apley and it will always have a special place in my heart. May I take this final opportunity to wish you all a very happy and healthy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Best wishes,

Allyson Brown - Head teacher



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Fund Raising News

As a school we raised a fabulous **£258.95** on Christmas jumper day for the Save The Children appeal. Thank you to everyone who donated.



On behalf of us all at Apley Wood we would like to wish everyone a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas and a very happy new year.



Party Time

Wow! What a fantastic party year 3 had this week! The children absolutely loved their Christmas party and they looked brilliant too! On behalf of the Year 3 team, Merry Christmas everyone!



If you have any worries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the school



Star Programme

This week, Year 6 have participated in the STAR program learning about alcohol and drugs. They experienced the impact of alcohol by wearing beer-goggles! While the lack of coordination was very entertaining, they explored some serious messages and were extremely reflective.



Festive Awesome Table

The children on the 'Awesome Table' enjoyed a festive one this week. This was for all of the children who have received certificates this term. Well done everyone!



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15 January 2020

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DATE	EVENT
Thursday 19th December	Pupils Break Up
Monday 6th January	Pupils Return to School
Tuesday 14 th January	Base 5 Parent Lunch - 11.30am
Wednesday 15th January	Year 4 First Swimming Session—AM
Wednesday 15th January	Year 5 First Swimming Session—PM
Thursday 16 th January	Big Breakfast Themed Lunch
Friday 17 th January	Year 2 Break Time Cake Sale
Monday 20th January	Young Voices - LG Arena Birmingham
Tuesday 21 st January	Base 6 Parent Lunch - 11.30am
Thursday 23 rd January	Parents English Workshop - Years 2,3 & 4 at 2.15pm
Thursday 30 th January	Year 1 Parent Phonics Workshop at 2.15pm
Thursday 30 th January	Shropshire Falconry Visit to see Reception Children
Friday 31 st January	Year 3 Break Time Cake Sale
Monday 3rd February	E-Safety Week
Tuesday 4th February	Base 3 Parent Lunch - 11.45am
Monday 10th February	Parent Consultations
Tuesday 11th February	Base 4 Parent Lunch - 11.45am
Wednesday 12th February	Parent Consultations
Thursday 27th February	Parent Maths Workshop Years 1-6 2.15pm-3.00pm

COLD WEATHER PROCEDURES

In the event of any severe weather, listen to BBC Radio Shropshire (96.0) or look at the following Telford & Wrekin website:

<http://apps.telford.gov.uk/snowline>

If the school is closed you will be sent a text.

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