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APLEY NEWS

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Headteachers Autumn Term Welcome

It has been such a successful and lovely full week back at school. I am incredibly proud of the children for how resilient and adaptable they have been. They have taken on board the new routines very quickly with good understanding of why our routines are different in school currently. Our virtual assemblies using Microsoft teams are certainly different to what we are used to but it's great to see how the children have responded and they are very engaged – with plenty of waving to each other.

A special welcome to our new Reception children who have made a super start to their journey at Apley. The Reception team are very impressed with how well they are settling in.

Our staff team have again been incredible in implementing the strict hygiene and cleaning routines alongside making sure that the start to the school year is a positive experience. It really is a pleasure to see the children happily engaged in learning and socialising again and to have our staff and school community back together.

We are working on ways to support remote learning just in case we do have to close school or parts of it in the future. This will enable class teachers to set work for children to complete who can then resubmit the work for marking and feedback. This is likely to take place through use of Microsoft teams. More information will follow in the coming weeks. In the meantime, please do keep checking the class pages on the school website as information for each class and messages to support reading at home will be added.

Thank you to everyone for your cooperation with the drop off and end of day routines. We do appreciate that this is not ideal but our systems are following the Government guidelines and we do need your help to support social distancing at the busy times. Thank you to the Y5/6 parents who have adapted for us this week and are now leaving the playground through the gate at the bottom of the field by the car park. This has really helped to alleviate the congestion and difficult social distancing we have experienced through the gates to Silkin way.

We are keeping our systems under review and will adapt and make changes in line with Government guidance where necessary.

I hope you all have a good weekend.

Ellen Smith

Headteacher



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Accelerated Reader®

If your child is on Accelerated Reader, they should be bringing home their new AR book this weekend. This book will show the ZPD number that the children will be starting at based on the results of their STAR Reading Test which they have completed this week.

Mrs Williams



Uniform

Don't forget to label your child's clothing, water bottles and belongings to prevent them from getting lost or being left behind. If you have any uniform requirements you can buy all of our logo items from **Baker & Son**, who are in New Street, Wellington.

www.bakerandsonschoolwear.co.uk

All details of the required school uniform and PE kit are can be found on our website.

www.apleywoodprimaryschool.co.uk



Office Notifications

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, please can you let the office know by 9.00am on the day by calling 386180 or by email to A2190@taw.org.uk. Also please can you let the office know by 2pm if someone different is going to be collecting your child so that we can get the message to the teachers. **Many thanks for your co-operation.**

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

Apley Hub School Phone No: 07514 230470

Breakfast Club Phone No: 07514 229353

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Dates for your Diary

DATE	EVENT
Thursday 1st October	Special Lunch —Burger & Chips
Friday 23rd October	Pupils Break Up
Monday 2nd November	Pupils Return To School
Friday 18th December	Last Day Of Term

Safeguarding ALERT – Viral TikTok Video

It has been brought to our attention that there is an inappropriate video circulating on TikTok at the moment. Please be vigilant with what you allow your child to have access to. Remember that TikTok is designed for children age 12+. **Many thanks.**



TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHY

School Photos will be conducted on

Tuesday 13th October

At this session we will be photographing the whole school



Every Mind Matters

There are times when we all feel the strain. As parents and carers, there are ways we can support children and young people to give them the best chance to stay mentally healthy and help them cope with whatever further changes we all may face.

For help and information, follow the link below to the NHS Every Mind Matters website.

https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters

Follow Us On Twitter

We use Twitter to post on pictures and updates of some of the activities carried out in and out of school by all of the year groups.

You can now follow us on twitter now by accessing our website and following the twitter link at:

http://www.apleywoodprimaryschool.org.uk

Our website also has lots of additional information, updates and news for all of our parents and carers.

School Car Park

Just a reminder that the school staff car park is a **one way system.** Use of the car park is for use by staff, school visitors and blue badge holders. It is not open for general use for parents dropping and collecting children between 8.30am and 4pm when the barrier is closed. Can we ask all users to drive with caution, park in allocated bays and be aware of children crossing. Disabled bays are strictly for Blue Badge holders only and those collecting children with disabilities.

We thank you for your co-operation.

Hub and Breakfast Club

Apley Breakfast Club

You may already be aware that our usual provision of Hub and Breakfast Club wrap around care facilities are not currently freely available for general bookings. If you have not had confirmation from a member of staff that you have a place at either of these, you will need to apply to go on the waiting list by emailing school on a2190@taw.org.uk. We are restricted to numbers due to social distancing and Covid-19 guidance but are doing our very best to accommodate the majority of family's needs.

We thank you for your patience and understanding at this

Apley HUB

Free School Meals

Are you entitled?

School Dinners

Telford & Wrekin School Meal Charges

Price Increase as from 1st April 2020 From £2.30 to £2.35 per child per meal

Key Stage 1 pupils (Reception Year 1 and Year 2 children) will remain Universal Free School Meals until they are in year 3. If you think that you might be entitled to Free School Meals simply go on to the Telford and Wrekin website to apply at: **www.telford.gov.uk**

All newsletters, dates and school information is available on our website at **http://www.apleywoodprimaryschool.org.uk**