



APLEY NEWS

Headteacher Message

It might be a different approach to our celebrations this year, but it's starting to feel festive at Apley this week. Year 1 and 2 are rehearsing hard for their class Christmas shows, Year 3 enjoyed the socially distanced A Christmas Carol show from Hobgoblin Theatre Company, our first Christmas cards have been exchanged and our Christmas tree is looking beautiful, thanks to the very creative hand-made decorations from The Great Apley Make off. Congratulations to all the children who entered the competition.

I would like to thank Author Sarah Griffiths and Andy Goff, a local businessman and co-founder of EYFS Home, for donating some Early years Christmas packs for all of our Reception Children. The packs are full of Christmas activities which I am sure the children will enjoy over the next few weeks.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Ellen Smith - Headteacher

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Covid-19 Email Address

If you need to inform us that your child has had a **positive Covid-19 test result**, please use the following email address H2190@taw.org.uk

Please do not use this email for any other reason. **Many thanks.**



E-Safety Top Tip—Internet Connection Devices

For ideas and tips about how to keep your family safe with internet connected devices, visit the NSPCC website.

These devices include:

- smart speakers, for example Google Home and Amazon Echo
- wearables, for example a Fitbit and an Apple Watch
- toys with voice or image recognition, for example Hello Barbie™ and Furby Connect, robots, drones and other mechanical toys, controlled via an app, such as Dash and Dot.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/internet-connected-devices/>

Marvellous Maths

Reception have been exploring repeating patterns in Maths today. Have a look at some of our own repeating patterns.





**Save the Children
CHRISTMAS
JUMPER DAY**

Apley Wood Primary School
Supports Save the Children

Wear your Christmas Jumper
and donate £1.00 for the charity

Friday 11th December

Help make the world better
and wear your Christmas sweater!

Thank you for your support



**Apply
online
now**



Starting school?

Closing date for applications:
15 January 2021

www.telford.gov.uk/admissions

- You **must** apply if your child was born between 1 September 2016 – 31 August 2017.
- You **must** apply even if your child is attending a nursery or pre-school on a school site or you have a child already attending the school.
- Attending a nursery does **not** guarantee a school place.
- If a child has an Education, Health & Care Plan the closing date is 31 October 2020 for all applications.
- School places are allocated in line with oversubscription criteria.
- See website for more information www.telford.gov.uk/admissions or contact School Admissions at admissions@telford.gov.uk

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



The Great Apley Wood Make-Off!

Well done to all the children who made a decoration for the DT project. There were lots of very impressive creations using a wide range of materials and design skills. The winning designs are now beautifully hanging on our school tree in the main hall, soon to be joined by many more baubles and festive decorations.



DATE	EVENT
Monday 7th December	Year 4 - Hobgoblin Theatre Company 'A Christmas Carol'
Monday 7th December	Year 6 - Loudmouth Theatre Company
Wednesday 9th December	Year 1&2 'Splats' Circus Skills
Thursday 10th December	Christmas Dinner: Reception, Year 1 & Year 4
Friday 11th December	Year 5 - Loudmouth Theatre Company
Friday 11th December	Christmas Jumper Day for Save The Children
Friday 11th December	Year 4 - Be Bright Be Seen
Tuesday 15th December	Christmas Dinner: Year 2 & 5
Thursday 17th December	Christmas Dinner: Year 3 & 6
Friday 18th December	Last Day Of Term
Monday 4th January	Apley Wood PD day
Tuesday 5th January	Pupils Return To School
Wednesday 13th January	Year 4 1st Swimming Lesson
Wednesday 13th January	Year 5 1st Swimming Lesson

Hobgoblin Visit Year 3

On Thursday, Year 3 were visited by the Hobgoblin theatre company who performed A Christmas Carol. The children really enjoyed the performance and were excited to join in with actions to the songs.



Our Festive Feast

Christmas dinner letters have been sent out so if your child would like a dinner on their Christmas lunch day, please complete the order form and return it to school by Friday 4th December. Thank you.

Christmas Dinners

Thursday 10th December	Reception Christmas Dinner Year 1 Christmas Dinner Year 4 Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 15th December	Year 2 Christmas Dinner Year 5 Christmas Dinner
Thursday 17th December	Year 3 Christmas Dinner Year 6 Christmas Dinner

Value of the Month

December's Value of the Month is...

Tolerance

- the ability to tolerate beliefs or opinions that are different to your own.