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Headteacher Message

I'd like to say a huge well done to Year 1 and Year 2 for their fantastic Christmas show this year. The amazing acting, dancing and beautiful singing has made me feel ready for Christmas. The live stream didn't quite go as well as we hoped but that is technology for you! The show still went on and the children continued to perform brilliantly. The video link has been sent out to KS1 parents so you can still see the show, if you didn't manage to access the live stream and I hope you enjoy it as much as we did in school.
We have had a slight increase in the number of covid cases in our school community this week. As a result of this and in conjunction with guidance from the health protection hub, I have decided to step up our measures for the last week of term and we will return to class bubbles for all parts of the school day now, including breaks and lunchtimes. Extended day provision and clubs will continue, with increased ventilation and social distancing for indoor clubs as much as possible.
As we approach the end of term, we do unfortunately have to say goodbye to a couple of members of staff. Mr Wood will be leaving us next week, as Mrs Richards returns from maternity leave. I'd like to thank Mr Wood for his hard work during his two terms at Apley. We also have to say goodbye to Mrs Thomas. Mrs Thomas, our senior lunchtime supervisor, has worked at Apley for an amazing 20 years and has supported children at lunchtime, as a Teaching Assistant and participated in extended day provision and after school clubs. She has been a huge asset to the Apley team and we will all miss her very much. We hope she enjoys her last week with us next week and wish her all the very best for her retirement.
Well done to everyone who has received a Headteacher Award this week:

Victoria N, Cyrus D, Lyla S, Wayne O, Jonah M, Reema C, Henry T, Logan B,



Sophia C, Kaitlyn D, Hayden D, Tobiah F,

Annabell C, Harley C ,Kaden J, Dulcie R,

Riaaz H, Lamar A-O, Kai I

Thank you for your continued support and I hope you all have a good weekend.
Mrs. E. Smith

Lunchtime Supervisors Awards



Congratulations to the following children who have received a Lunchtime Supervisor Award this week. This week's children have been nominated by our wonderful lunchtime team:

Logan B, Habibah K, Miniya E, Carter S, Daniel H. Zain R, Oliver G, Edward B Jackson H,

Well done to everyone who received an award this week!

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

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We have raised a massive

£240

For Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day.
Thank you for all your support.

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Christmas Lunch

A big thank you to all the catering staff and lunchtime supervisors for providing the children with a fabulous Christmas lunch that was enjoyed by all.

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Year 5 - Cooking Soup in DT

This week, Year 5 made a very delicious vegetable soup. There was lots of culinary skill and we are all so proud of how safely and carefully they worked.

Well done!



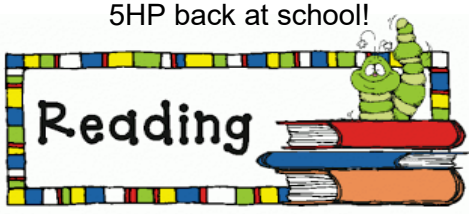




Covid19 Update

We are seeing an increase in the number of covid cases in school this week, please continue to be vigilant and arrange a PCR test if your child has any of the three main covid symptoms. Thank you for your continued support.

Please remember that for every three separate reads at home, children will earn 5HP back at school!





Christmas cards

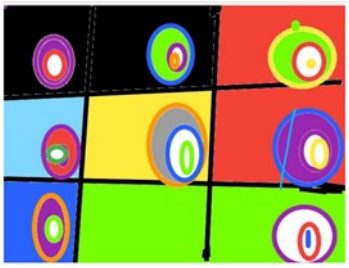
This year, we are unable to have a central post box for the children's Christmas cards. However, we would still like to give the children the opportunity to send Christmas cards if they wish too. Therefore, we would ask that the children bring in any cards on **Mondays and Tuesdays** from **Monday 6th December** and place them into the designated box in their classroom.

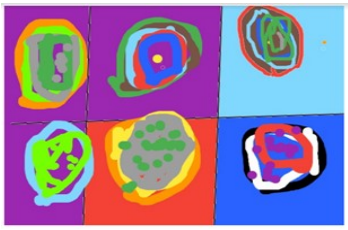
These can then be left for 72 hours and the post will then be sorted and the cards distributed on the Friday afternoon. As another option this year, the staff at school have decided to make donations to **Telford Crisis Support food bank** instead of sending cards to each other. If the children would like to do this, instead of sending a card, donations can be accepted in school until 14th December. A list of suggested items has been provided in the pictured 'wish list'.

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Year 1 have worked with Mr Gerrie on digital art using the paintz app. We looked at art work by Kandinsky and tried to make our own.





Dates for your diary

Date	Event
Tuesday 14th December	Return Raffle Tickets
Tuesday 14th December	Year 2 Christmas Party
Wednesday 15th December	Raffle Ticket Draw
Thursday 16th December	Year 1 3 4 5 6 Christmas Party
Friday 17th December	Reception Christmas Party
Friday 17th December	Last day of term
Monday 3rd January	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 4th January	PD Day
Wednesday 5th January	Spring Term starts - pupils return to school

Christmas raffle

You should have now received your family's book of raffle tickets. Please return sold tickets to school by Wednesday for a chance to win some great festive prizes.
If you require any further books of raffle tickets, please ask at the office.

Christmas pocket money toys

To help raise funds for school the school council will be selling a range of Christmas snap bands and key rings. These will be sold at £1 each. We also have Christmas wrist bands with Merry Christmas Apley Wood School in a range of colours at 50p.



Sleigh design competition

We have received some super entries for the competition and winners have been chosen. Prizes will be going home Monday.

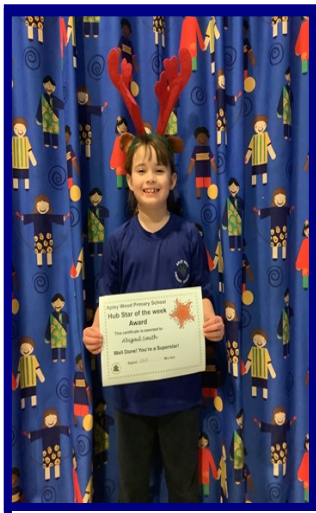
Year 4 & 5 Parents

Letters have been sent home for Year 4 & 5 swimming lessons which will start on Wednesday 12th January until 23rd March 2022. Please return your child's form for groupings ASAP.

December's Value of the Month is...

Tolerance

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




Well done to Bobby and Abigail for being superstars in Hub and Breakfast Club.

TT Rock Stars Winners

This week's 1st, 2nd, and 3rd top users for each year group are:

Year 1: Imogen C, Ayden P, Mohammed A

Year 2: Gabrielle U, Annabell G, Rory P

Year 3: Lilah R, Alexandra S, Madison S

Year 4: Megan Y, Avani M, Saphire K

Year 5: Daniel S, Finlay C, Henry T

Year 6: Isabelle C, Dulcie R, Esha A

Congratulations to all of our winners and we hope to see some new names rising to the challenge next week!

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