



### **Headteacher Message**

We have had a great half term, our first term of relative normality, since the pandemic began. The new school rules, agreed with the children are having a very positive impact, visits out and visitors in are back in place, we are able to offer a wider range of extra -curricular activities and sporting events again, we have adapted our PSHE curriculum to include a mental wealth curriculum to work alongside our Calm Brain programme and are very pleased with the initial response to the use of Bonnie, the Dog Mentor to support well-being. We take the development of the whole child very seriously and have a lot in place to support this in and beyond our curriculum.

Thanks to everyone who has attended parents evening this week. We have received some really positive feedback and it has been great to share how well our children are doing with their learning.

This week, the whole school has been engaged in some creative activities for Diversity week. To celebrate the diverse nature of our school community, the children have really enjoyed taking part in a doodle a day! They have listened to a range of music from different cultures and drawn a doodle in response to the music. Their doodles have then been shared and displayed in class. We have learned about Diwali in assembly, considered the importance of Black History month and celebrated differences – linking to our school ethos of, 'we are each wonderful and unique, but together we are a masterpiece.' We have also had a great response for wear red day today to support the charity Show racism the red card. Thank you for your continued support.

A very well done to Green House team – they achieved the most housepoints this half term and enjoyed a well -deserved, extra break time today.

I am proud of everyone who has received a Headteacher award this week:

**Logan S, Amelia H, Imogen D, Reuben P, Ella-Rose L, Evie R, Ronny B,  
Habibah K, Aibel E, Arthur E, Lewis H, Isla Di-C, Emmy C, Karson S,  
Esme C-E, Ben F, Jordan H, Aaron O, Sasha H, Ava A, Pasa A,  
Harry S, Isabelle K, Andrea D, Carla N, Maximus I-C.**



Sadly, we say goodbye to Mrs Hardwick (Y5 TA) today. She has worked at Apley for 16 years and we would like to thank her for her hard work and commitment and wish her all the very best for her new adventure.

I hope you all have a good half term and look forward to seeing everyone on 31<sup>st</sup> October.

Mrs Smith  
Headteacher

## 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

Harley W, Harper W, Lamisah R, Ariya R, Harleen P, Beatrix H, Isabella R,  
Olivia C, Mehreen W, Brody B, Maliyah A, Avani M, Joe D,  
Saphire K, Hope T, Grace C, Phoebe P.



### Attendance Figures

Overall School attendance is 95.5%

#### Key Stage 1

Base 1 has the best attendance 94.84%

#### Key Stage 2

Base 13 has the best attendance 97.67%

Well done to Base 1 and 13 they have earned extra golden minutes this week !

### Extended Day Fees

In light of the significant increases in provision and staff costs, the governing body have agreed to increase our fees associate with our extended day facilities.

From 1st April (start of summer term 2023) we will be increasing our costs as follows:

Breakfast Club - £2.50 per pupil per session

Hub - £9 long session, £6 short session (3.15-4.15 or from 4.15 if attending an activity club).

Sibling discounts will be £6 for a long session and £3 for a short session.

We hope that informing you in good time will allow you to budget accordingly for this provision.

Thank you for your continued support.

As part of diversity week, today the Year 6s listened to some Indian music to inspire their 5 minutes of 'doodling' and reflecting.



To celebrate Diversity Week, Year 5 created a collage of their faces to symbolise both difference and acceptance. Some excellent work, well done!



Our yr5/6 boys played in the Cup today and was unlucky with the result but played some great football and scored two good goals.



Well done to our yr5/6 Athletics team who entered in the Telford and Wrekin indoor Athletics competition. Apley wood did extremely well and finished 4th place out of 10 Schools.





Well done to our KS1 Athletics team. Out of 10 schools they came 1st place,



Base 6 show Racism Red card



## Free swimming lessons for all children ages 5



We are now offering free swimming lessons for all children ages 5 to 10 in Telford and Wrekin. We know what an invaluable skill swimming is for our children, and it even has the potential to inspire children into something greater. It's why learning to swim is [one of the 10 by 10 activities](#).

### Things to know

- We know this one is going to make a right splash, but don't worry the offer will be available for the next 2 years.
- The free swimming lesson course of 13 weeks is being offered to ALL children aged 5 to 10 who currently cannot swim 10 meters on their front and back.
- You can enrol by contacting your nearest council owned swimming pool

The [TW Leisure website has more info on the offer](#), as well as what to do if you're already a swim4life customer.

If you have not done so already, make sure to [check out the 10 by 10 website](#) to search for other activities, track your child's adventures, and find out about future offers like this.

**Leave in Term Time**

*Statement from LA September 2022: ‘Parents should apply to the Headteacher for any request for leave in term time by completing a request form available from school. (DfE guidance states schools should not authorise leave retrospectively)’.*

*The Government has renewed appeals to parents not to take their children out of school during term time. The Governors and Headteacher of the school support this and have decided that students will only be given permission to take leave in term time if there are exceptional circumstances. Each application will be considered and the Headteacher will determine the duration of any leave if it is agreed and authorised. However, if the application is not agreed and the absence occurs the dates will be unauthorised. Parents will be notified of any decision in writing.*

*As a school we are asked to inform you that, in line with Telford and Wrekin Council Policy, unauthorised absence may be subject to a penalty notice fine of £60 payable per parent, per child, increasing to £120 each if not paid within 21 days. If this fine is not paid within 28 days this may lead to court proceedings*

The LA policy supports legislation which makes it clear that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Apply for school placements in 2023/2024 for the following year groups from 12 September 2022.

This table displays the closing dates for school admission applications.

YEAR GROUP	CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS
Reception (born between 1 September 2018 - 31 August 2019)	15 January 2023
Infant/Junior (Year 2 into Year 3)	15 January 2023
Secondary (born between 1 September 2011 - 31 August 2012)	31 October 2022

If a child has an **Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)** the closing date is **31 October 2022**.

## DEAR Time for Parents

Here at Apley we have a love of reading and every day have a 'DEAR time' slot (Drop Everything And Read). In this slot, the children may read independently, or they may listen to the class story being read to them.

We would like to celebrate reading further by inviting you to take part in one of our DEAR time slots. This is a lovely opportunity for you to come into school and spend some relaxed time with your child at the end of the school day and either listen to them read, read to them or even read together. Each session will take place between 2:55pm and 3:15pm.

Please see the dates below for when your child's year group will be holding their DEAR time open door session.

EYFS – November 8<sup>th</sup>

Year 1 – November 29<sup>th</sup>

Year 2 – December 7<sup>th</sup>

Year 5 – November 16<sup>th</sup>

Year 6 – November 2<sup>nd</sup>



<https://www.telfordandwrekinleisure.co.uk/kidsforaquad>





Base 5 lovely smiles for show racism the red card



Base 11 Show Racism the red card

**Year 6 Bike Ability Oct 22**

Over the past two weeks, groups of Year 6 pupils have participated in Bike ability to master their bike riding skills. Well done to all the Year 6s for demonstrating great control and safety on the roads



## Reminder

**During PE lessons all personal effects should be removed.** Staff will give a verbal reminder to pupils. If they cannot be removed (i.e. recently pierced ears with studs), staff have a duty of care to ensure that pupils are able to participate without unnecessarily endangering themselves or those working around them.

The school's policy is to tape over studs (**please provide tape**) during P.E Lessons. Studs are the only earrings allowed to be worn in school.

## Dates for your diary

Friday 21st October	Break up for Half Term
Monday 31st October	Return after the Half Term Holidays
Thursday 3rd November	Family Support Group 1.30pm
Monday 7th November	Meet up Monday at 2.45pm
Thursday 10th November	Family Support Group 1.30pm
Friday 11th November	Year 3 Hoo Zoo Visit
Thursday 17th November	Family Support Group 1.30pm
Monday 5th December	Year 2 Trip West Midlands Safari Park
Thursday 15th December	Year 2 -Christmas Play
Friday 16th December	Break up for Christmas
Wednesday 4th January	Return after Christmas Holidays



Show racism the red card on  
Friday 21st October.

We raised £273.00.

Thank you

### Family Support Group

Please come along and join our family support group every Thursday with Debbie Kinsey 1.30-3pm

Coffee Tea and cake provided.

**Everybody Welcome**

