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Headteacher Message

Our ripple of kindness has continued to spread this week, many children have spoken to me about how other children have been kind to them. This is a great start for when we celebrate Friendship week next week, which will incorporate anti-bully week. The theme this year is Reach Out Let's come together, reach out and stop bullying. All classes will be discussing bullying, what it is and what can everyone do about it. The Safeguarding Squad will be delivering an assembly on Monday and they are also currently developing some anti -bullying leaflets for children to share how they can reach out, stop bullying and report it. I am really looking forward to hearing their ideas in assembly next week.

We have got lots of events and visitors in school over the rest of this half term. Please check the newsletter and the website for important dates relevant to your child's year group.

We would also like to invite parents, guardians, and carers of registered pupils to put their names forward for election for our Parent Governor Vacancy. Further details have been sent out by email.

Well done to everyone who received a Headteacher's Award this week, I am very proud of you all:

Ted B, Ellie B. Oscar W, Amina S, Imogen C, Emanuel K,
Qusai K, Sophie O, Jonah M, Alesha R, Jayden M,
Sophie M, Tali-Sian D, Rayyan A, Cassie H, Grace C,
Aroosh C, Edward L, Dayton C, Hayden D
Oliver L, Sophie D, Reggie H, Hollie M.



Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs E Smith
Headteacher

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

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

Kayla-Mae S, Millie D, Lyla S, Mason S, Sophie O, Rania C, Reema C,

Bobby H, Kimberley O. Grace C, Alayah Mc L Roman F, Alfie I,

Rory D, Emaan W, Sophie C, Talisha E.

Well done to everyone who received an award this week!



Attendance Figures

Overall School attendance is 95.1%

Key Stage 1

Base 2 has the best attendance 96.55%

Key Stage 2

Base 11 has the best attendance 98.06%

Well done to Base 2 and 11 they have earned extra golden minutes this week !

TT Rock Stars Winners

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

Year 1: Lewis H,
Year 2: Imogen C, Fouad A, Ayden P
Year 3: Gabby U, Georgia H, Amelia E
Year 4: Olivia I-C, Emilie T, Amelia B
Year 5: Julia J, Sabrina S, Jacob K
Year 6: Harry A, Finlay C, Hollie-Jessica R

Online Safety

For homework, children may need to access school programmes including TT rockstars, Numbots, Purple Mash, Microsoft teams and My Maths. If parents have any concerns regarding these whilst the children are using them, please contact one of our school DSLs through the school office. If parents have concerns about how someone has been communicating online, they can also raise concerns through child exploitation and online protection. The link for this is on the bottom of the school web site.

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.



Year 1 – November 29th

Year 2 – December 7th

Year 5 – November 16th

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Forest School

Y5 have enjoyed their first session in the forest school area. They have taken part in some problem solving activities and enjoyed exploring the area, seeing what they could find to help them with their challenges. Mr Yardley and Ms Benton are very impressed with how well the children worked as a team and showed resilience towards each activity.





To help raise funds for school we are taking part in a design your own Christmas card project.

Over the next week or so the children will design their own card in school or at home. Once complete parents/carers will have the opportunity to order a range of Christmas cards and gifts using this design. Each product will of course have your child's name on.

We have run this scheme before and the products provided are a nice quality and the company share a generous commission with school.

Please return your order form and payment either by cheque or cash to the school office no later than **Tuesday 22nd of November**.

SCHOOL Christmas Card PROJECT

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Base 3 always follow our school rules and are respectful, safe and ready so they were awarded some Bonnie time for their efforts. Bonnie came during our reading session and some children got chance to stroke her and she also listened to some readers too. Well done everyone









Our yr5/6 girls Team today played their last league game and finished 2nd overall, winning 2 and losing 1 they will be progressing into the knockouts.



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Well done to our Year5/6 boys team that competed in the U11 ESFA tournament .



Well done to our Yr3/4 mixed Cricket team today winning 3 out of 5 matches. They did extremely well, especially with it being their first time playing cricket



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Friday 11th November 2022

We were very respectful for remembrance day. After our silence to remember, we made our own field of poppies.



BBC Children in Need

Friday 18th November Children in Need

Please wear your own clothes to school for a £1 donation for

Children in Need on

Friday 18th November.

the following items will be on sale from the School Office:

Pudsey ears £2.50 & Wrist bands £1.

Thank you









Year 4 have lots of fun dressing up and learning all about the Egyptians



Become a school governor

School Governors make a positive contribution to children's education by offering supportive challenge to help raise standards and monitor resources effectively.

School Governors work as a team and come from a wide variety of backgrounds to add value to school life by offering their skills, expertise and time.





What do Parent Governors do?

Parent Governors are representative parents rather than representatives of parents. You will not be expected to gather the views of other parents and take them to Governors meetings or to personally become involved in individual concerns. You will need to be able to present a balanced and impartial view, based on the benefits for all children.

Governor meetings are held six times a year and may be combined with school visits focused on school priorities. You will receive reports from the headteacher and senior leaders and need to be able to question, challenge and support decisions. You will also be expected to visit the school as a governor which can be a quite different experience to visiting as a parent.

What does a good Parent Governor need?

- A strong commitment to the role and to improving outcomes for pupils
- Good interpersonal skills, a willingness to learn, develop new skills and attend relevant training.
- The ability to support and challenge the school and contribute to the vision and direction of the school.
- The ability to attend and contribute in meetings whilst maintaining confidentiality.
- The ability to work as part of a team and value the contributions of others who may hold alternative views to your own.
- An understanding that this role does not involve discussing your own child.
- To be willing to join a subcommittee/working party which may meet termly.

Being a Governor is a "hands off" role – decisions made by Governors influence the whole school, but Governors are not responsible for, or involved in, the day-to-day running of the school.

Preferable skills and competencies

We are looking for dedicated individuals who can offer their knowledge and expertise in one or more of these areas; finance, human resources, health and safety, communications or managing premises.
If you have a passion for improving the life chances of children and can offer supportive challenge to the leadership of our school to help us to fulfil our vision, please complete and return a skills audit and explain why you would like to fulfil the role of Parent Governor. Please email this information to A2190@taw.org.uk by the closing date. Further information our governing body can be found on the school website: https://apleywoodprimaryschool.org.uk/



Anyone who has a child on the roll of the school at the time of the election is eligible to stand (and you do not have to resign if your child leaves during your term of office).

A discussion with the Head teacher and Chair of Governors would be offered to any interested parent. Governors do not need any formal qualifications but must be aged 18 years and over.

If there is more than one candidate, a ballot will be held. More details will follow if this is required.

Closing date for nominations is 3pm on Friday 11th November 2022

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.

Breakfast Club Year Group of the Week

Year 1

Hub Year Group of the Week

Year 2

Well Done to all!

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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.



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

Dates for your diary	
Wednesday 16th November	DEAR time year 5 2.55-3.15pm
Thursday 17th November	Family Support Group 1.30pm
Friday 18th November	Children in Need Non uniform day for a £1 Donation
Monday 21st November	World cup week: children to wear football kit or PE Kit
Monday 21st November	Flu Vaccination
Monday 21st November	Arthog Parent Meeting at 3.30pm
Tuesday 22nd November	Year 4 Pedestrian Training Base 7
Wednesday 23rd November	Year 4 Family Lunch
Thursday 24th November	Year 4 Pedestrian Training Base 8
Thursday 24th November	Year 5 Exotic Zoo (in School)
Wednesday 29th November	DEAR time year 1 2.55-3.15pm
Monday 5th December	Year 2 Safari Park Visit
Wednesday 7th December	Christmas Lunch (pupils only)
Wednesday 7th December	DEAR time year 2 2.55-3.15pm
Thursday 8th December	Christmas jumper Day
Friday 8th December	Hobgoblin Theatre Show Snow White
Thursday 15th December	KS1 Christmas Performance 10am & 2pm
Friday 16th December	Last Day of Term