



The Apple



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Dear Parents/Carer

A very warm welcome back to school; I hope you all enjoyed the half term break. We are very much looking forward to the upcoming term and the countdown to Christmas, which (dare I say it) will soon be upon us!

We already have so much fantastic work going on in school with many classes exploring the theme of 'Remembrance' in preparation for Armistice Day next week. I've admired poppy artwork, read poems by the children, learnt about local people who fought in the WWI and even tasted some trench cake- what a wonderful start to the term! I look forward to being part of even more exciting experiences in school during Diwali Day and throughout the Christmas season.

There are also lots of sporting events coming up over the next few months. Good luck to our boys and girls football teams who will be in action soon at their respective large school competitions- I will be dropping by to cheer you all on! A big well done to our netball team too, who are yet to be defeated- let's keep that up for the remaining league games. Keep your eyes peeled for the results in my next newsletters!

Finally, letters for Parents' evening have now gone out. Parents' evenings are an extremely important aspect of school life as they allow us to provide you with an understanding of your child's time at school, as well as being a great opportunity for you to ask any questions which you may have. I look forward to seeing so many of you around school on these evenings.

Chris Heathcote

Headteacher

Applying for a place in Reception next year

Children born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015 are due to start Reception in September 2019.

Don't forget that the window for applying for a place in Reception opens on 14th November. If your child is 4 this school year (Sept 18 to August 19) then you need to apply for a place soon! If you would like to come for a visit or know anybody who does then just make an appointment at the school office.

Governors Vacancy

We are currently seeking to appoint a new Parent Governor. If you would like to put your name forward then please pick up a letter from the school office. Mr Heathcote would be delighted to meet with anybody who would like to discuss the role – just book an appointment by calling the office.

The Rotary Shoe Box Collection

Once again we will be sending out shoe boxes to children across the world this Christmas. For those children it may well be the only present they get this Christmas and any donations would be gratefully received. Some suggestions of things that would be appropriate:

- Toy cars
- Small teddies
- Marbles
- Bubbles
- Bouncy balls
- Pens and paper
- Hat and gloves

Please ensure toys are not damaged or broken and are small enough to fit multiple items in a small sized box. All donations must be handed in no later than Friday 9th November to your class teacher.

Sam Ruddock

Yesterday, Sam Ruddock from Inspire+ came in to visit some of our Year 6's. He worked with small groups of children on engaging them in physical activity. They took part in 'Sam's Marblous Menace' - a series of fun tasks and games to test the children. They collected marbles that were converted into seconds of time to be used in the final challenge- a mini Crystal Maze style game!! The children had a fantastic time and worked well as a team to complete the challenges!



Jonathan Broom-Edwards

British Paralympic athlete Jonathan Broom-Edwards came in to do an assembly with the children on Wednesday. He spoke about perseverance and competing against yourself to achieve your own goals, as well as showing them videos of his Olympic achievements. The children were all amazed with how high he could jump and thoroughly enjoyed the assembly.



PGL PHOTOGRAPHS 2018

Photographs of the PGL activities will be available until Friday 30th November 2018. You will need to email school on: Inps2024@gmail.com and request the link. Please remember to state your child's name and class within the email. We will email you a link to access the photographs.

Mini-Police

To become a mini-police officer our Year 5 and 6 children needed to write and deliver a speech saying why they thought they would be suitable for the role. They then read out their speeches in front of Years 4-6 and were voted in by the children. 6 children were selected and as a team their duties will be promoting anti-bullying, parking outside of the school and other community projects throughout the year. They have all been issued with their own uniform and have already been inside of their own 'Mini' police car. Our new mini-police officers are pictured below. Well done to all that took part!



PE Kits

Now that we are well into Autumn it is essential that pupils have appropriate PE kit for the outdoors. Can Parents/ Carers please ensure that pupils have joggers and a long sleeved top for outdoor sessions. Please do not send hoodies as the hoods can easily catch on apparatus or be grabbed in certain sports.

Children in Need 2018

On Friday 16th November, children are invited to come in non-uniform in return for a donation of £1. The theme is 'Something Spotty.' There will also be a giant picture of Pudsey Bear in the school reception (by the library) on which coins can be placed- so please send in any spare change that you have lying around at home. All money raised will go to the Children in Need charity.

Parking

We have had reports of inconsiderate parking outside of the main gate, around Dexter Avenue. Some of the residents have been unable to get their own cars off their drives due to the way in which cars have been parked. Please can we remind everyone to be mindful of this and park considerately- minimising disruption to our local residents. Many thanks to all of our parents who do always park responsibly.

Parental Worries or Concerns

If you have any worries or concerns regarding your child, either inside or outside of school, then please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher. They are at their classroom doors at both the start and end of the day or alternatively you can make an appointment to see them via the school office. Mr Heathcote, Mrs Pask and Mrs Dickson are also available for you to speak to if needed. Please can we remind parents that it is not appropriate to approach other children directly, either inside or outside of school, regarding any such issues. Thank you in advance for your support with this matter.

Dates For Your Diary:

7 th Nov	Diwali Day in school
9 th Nov	Remembrance Day in school
13 th Nov	Parents Evening 4-8pm
14 th Nov	Parents Evening 4-5pm
16 th Nov	Children in Need
6 th Dec	Reception Nativity: 2.15pm
6 th Dec	Mark's Magic Kingdom
7 th Dec	Reception Nativity: 9.30am
	Christmas Shows
10 th Dec	Years 3-6: 9.30am Years 1-2: 2.00pm
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11 th Dec	Years 1-2: 9.30pm Years 3-6: 2.00pm