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Dear Parents, pupils, staff and Governors,

#AppleFEST3



#AppleFest3 will take place on the evening of Friday 13th July.

This event, now in its third year, doubles up as our end of term music concert and a social evening for our families.

Despite the monsoon last year, both years have been super evenings and a lovely way to (almost) end the school year.

Mrs Lock would like to show off the skills of her Country Dancers and there will be performances from pupils from Years 1- 6. Covers band 'Off the Cuff' will take to the stage at

8pm. Children do not need to wear school uniform but I would like as many as possible to attend.

This is a free event but to help with catering we need a good idea of numbers. The PTA have created an Eventbrite site (<https://applefest2018.eventbrite.co.uk>) where you can find further information about the event and let us know how many from your family will be attending. Please visit the site by clicking the link and enter how many people will be coming. You can do this on behalf of all those attending – for example, if there is mum, dad, two grandparents and three children then enter the number 7 in the drop down menu. Please be aware that this is an event for families for pupils at Appleshaw; grandparents etc. are very welcome but we are not opening the event up to the wider community. Registration also asks you about camping. Randall Parker has kindly offered the use of their car park for the evening and I would urge you to use this option if possible to keep congestion on the hill to a minimum.

Diary Dates

6.7.18: Country Dancing Festival at John Hanson School.

9.7.18 Beech Class Topic Presentation

10.7.18: Induction afternoon for new Year R pupils

11.7.18: Annual Reports sent home

10.7.18: Taster Day for Year 5 pupils at Harrow Way School

11.7.18: Beech Class to the Hawk Conservancy

11.7.18: Piano Concert

13.7.18: #AppleFEST3

16.7.18: Ukulele Concert (Oak Class)

18.7.1 Maple Class Topic Presentation

20.7.18: Leavers' Service @ 1:45pm (at school)

20.7.18: Last day of the school year for pupils

23.7.18: School Closed: Day Closure for staff training

3.9.18: Day Closure for staff training

4.9.18: School Starts for pupils in Years 1-6 (home visits for new Year R pupils will take place this week)

10.9.18: New Year R pupils start (mornings only)

17.9.18: New Year R pupils start full time

Sports Day

Thank you very much for your great support at last week's Sports Day – what a great afternoon it was! Thank you also to the PTA for organising those very welcome refreshments and for your very generous donations.

Annual Reports

Your child's annual report was due to be coming home this Friday, 6th July but will now be coming home on Wednesday 11th to allow us to include results of Statutory Testing, some of which are released on the 10th. The report contains an update about progress and achievement in maths and English, personal and social development and an overview of learning in other subjects. It will also include results from statutory assessments for pupils in years R, 1, 2 and 6, results from annual tests that have been carried out this term for years 1-6 and attendance reports for all. Teachers will be available from 3:30-5:30 on Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th should you wish to make an appointment to discuss the contents of the report.

Topic Presentations

Beech Class (9th July at 2:30pm) and Maple Class (18th July at the same time) would like to present some of the learning they have been working on this term. One of the ways in which we are trying to move our curriculum forward is to make the work we do more public so with that in mind all parents, but especially those who have children in those classes are invited to come and see the work the children have been doing on those days.

Oak Class will be holding their Ukulele Concert on Monday 16th July at 3pm – parents of pupils in Oak Class are invited to attend.

Clubs

There will be no clubs running during the week of the 16th July. Judo, Ukulele and Rounders will still run on the 13th. I expect that autumn clubs will resume from the week beginning 11th September.

Leavers' Assembly

This year we have decided to hold our special Leavers' Assembly at school. This is an opportunity for the whole school community to say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils and others who are leaving to pastures new in September. Weather permitting the assembly will take place outside with a 1:45pm start. School will finish after the assembly and anyone attending the assembly may take their children home. We will of course hang on to any remaining pupils until the end of the normal school finish time of 3:25pm.



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RIDE and STRIDE

Last September we helped to promote the work of the Historic Churches Trust and their 'Ride and Stride' event which helps to raise money to support our historic churches and chapels. We will be visiting Appleshaw Church on the afternoon of Friday 7th September as part of this event and raising awareness of the ride and stride event on Saturday 8th. You can find out more here: <http://www.rideandstrideuk.org/>

School Money

- If you have a child in Year 6 who is leaving school please make sure that any accounts are settled before the end of term.
- If you have a child in Year 2 who will be moving up to Year 3 please remember that you will have to start paying for your school dinners from September at the cost of £2.30 per meal.
- Water bottles are available at the school office for £1. Replacement lids are 40p.

Behaviour Awards

We recently awarded our first behaviour stars. Well done to the following children who display outstanding behaviour all the time and are brilliant role models. Our next award round will be in November – something to work towards!

Bronze Star	Silver Star	Gold Star
Poppy Burt Jake Perry-Burgess Harley Burt Katie Waters Oliver Lishman Sophie May Bella Wilson Cleo Clayton Sophie Plank Alicia Whitehouse Jack Waters Violet Rawlinson	Daisy Stickland Sienna Nightingale	Dottie Stickland

Finally I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the growing success of this school. The many positive comments I hear from visitors to the school or people out in the community reveal the high regard in which this school is held and that is in no small part to the real sense of 'team' that we have here and the many individuals and groups that are part of that team. There is a tremendous sense of shared values and commitment to improvement that enable to continue to grow and develop into the future. Change is a necessary thing and the next academic year will bring further changes: this is a good thing, very much to be embraced and I look forward to leading Appleshaw St Peter's into the next academic year confident that we will be an even better school.

I hope you all have a super summer break when it comes!
Kind regards,
Ian Hickman



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