

# Appleshaw St Peter's CE Primary School

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Welcome back to the new school term and a new year. I hope you had a really great Christmas break.

## Communication

One of the things that we had an issue with last term was our email system which seemed to be quite inconsistent. Messages that we thought we'd sent hadn't arrived, some parents received some emails and then others didn't get through and so we've been working with our text message provider to try and make improvements. You will have had emails already from the school office using the new provider and this is what we will be using from now on to communicate with you via email. We hope this will be a better system for all of us; it will certainly make things easier for us here at school and I hope that there will be much greater consistency with the emails that are coming through to you at home and that communication between school and home is this efficient as possible

We are also changing the way we use our school blogs. Some of you will know that two or three years ago we set up a school blog and then a blog for each of the classes. Over time

we've found that some of the class blogs have been kept up together whilst others haven't and of course it also meant that there were several sources information coming out from school which makes it difficult for parents to keep on top of so we've made some simplifications. Our school blog now contains a separate page for each class as well as a school news page and a page for PE and sport. Further pages may be added as required but from now on your key sources of information will be will be the main website ([www.appleshawschool.com](http://www.appleshawschool.com)) which will contain fairly static information like key information for parents policies, occasional news articles, key dates, letters and so on whilst the school blog (<http://appleshawschool.edublogs.org/>) will be a much more informal way of sharing the exciting things that are going on in class and across the school: photos, writing from the children, class news and so on. Please visit our school blog, subscribe if you would like to via the button in the right hand corner which means that you won't miss anything that's posted and keep up to date with your child's class page.

### **Music**

Later on this term key stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) will be visiting Salisbury Cathedral to perform a special concert as part of the Cathedral's Voices InSpire outreach programme. Mrs Lane is busy working with the children on songs which they will be singing at the Cathedral on the morning of the 8th of March. We will be getting a coach early on that day, travelling to the Cathedral, performing and then having lunch before we return to school. Details will be sent home in due course and parents will be invited to attend the concert in the cathedral. This is a really exciting opportunity for the children to sing at such a historic and inspiring venue. I've been really impressed with how the children's singing has improved over last couple of years; they are now really getting very technical! I'm really looking forward to experiencing their voices in the cathedral.

### **After School Care**

In a recent governors questionnaire we asked parents about the provision of after school care and whether this would be something parents are interested in or not. There was a healthy response which indicated that enough parents are interested in it for it to be worth me pursuing a feasibility study. To that end I would appreciate your feedback on the

form attached to this newsletter indicating if you are firmly interested in after school care, which days you would want to take up school care on and what sort of pricing point seems reasonable to you. If I could have these returned to school as soon as possible I would be very grateful.

### **Reporting to Parents**

Last term we ran pupil lead consultations alongside our traditional parents evenings. Thank you very much for your feedback; we will use that to make improvements for this term. The purpose of pupil-led consultations is to engage children at a deeper level with their own learning and to enable them to see the progress they are making and to demonstrate that progress to you through work they've done in their books and discussions they have with you. As we move forward I hope that they become a valuable tool for you to understand what it is your child is doing at school and how well they are getting on. Pupil-led consultations will take place during the week of the 25th of March with parents evenings schedule to take place on Tuesday the 2nd of April and Wednesday the 3rd of April.

### **Staying Safe online**

Tuesday 5th February is Safer Internet Day. Classes will be spending time on that day discussing online safety at an age appropriate level but it also provides a good opportunity to have a conversation at home too. Do you know what games your child is playing? Do you know who they are talking to online? Children are usually very good at telling me what to do about unkind behaviour on the internet but of course adults wanting to do harm to pupils will behave in such a way to gain the trust of minors first. You may like to read this recent news article on the BBC website about an incident of grooming that used the Fortnite platform: [BBC Article](#).

Below are some links which may be useful to you at home...

- <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2019>
- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>
- <http://www.safetynetkids.org.uk/>

- <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/6-10/>
- <https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>
- <https://www.childinternetsafety.co.uk/>

## **PTA**

Sadly, the PTA have had to cancel the Valentine's Disco which was scheduled for 14th February largely due to being unable to find a suitable DJ. However, plans are well under way for the Quiz Night on March 22nd, which will be a joint fundraising initiative between school and St Peter's Church and will be held at the Village Hall in Appleshaw. The PTA will be in touch with further details soon.

**\*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\***

**Sunday June 16th - PTA Scavenger Hunt around Appleshaw Village.**

## **Classlist**

Have you signed up yet? You can find out more here: <https://classlist.com/> or alternatively please see Jess Hodgkinson or another member of the PTA who will be happy to help you.



## Diary Dates

**5.2.19: Safer Internet Day**

**18.2.19: Half Term**

**25.2.19: Year 5 Bikeability all week**

**27.2.19: PTA meeting at 7:30 in the Walnut Tree Pub**

**1.3.19: Coffee Morning and Bake Sale at School in support of The Brain Tumour Charity**

**5.3.19: Maple Class trip to Salisbury**

**8.3.19: Key Stage 2 Salisbury Cathedral Concert**

**22.3.19: PTA/Church Quiz Night**

**25.3.19: Pupil-Led Consultations this week**

**27/29.3.19: Mother's Day Wrap up**

**2/3.4.19: Parents' Evenings**

**8.4.19: Easter Holiday**

**23.4.19: Pupils Return to School**

**26.4.19: Non-Uniform Day in support of the Air Ambulance (wear green/yellow)**

**2.5.19: Bags2School Collection**

**6.5.19: May Day Bank Holiday**

**13.5.19: YEAR 6 SATs WEEK**

**23.5.19: Class Photos**

**27.5.19: Summer Half Term**

**3.6.19: Pupils return to school**

**16.6.19: PTA Appleshaw Scavenger Hunt**

**21.5.19: Year 6 Leavers' Service at Winchester Cathedral**

**26.6.19: Wear something purple for the day (Faith's Birthday)**

**28.6.19: Leavers' Disco**

**19.7.19: Last day of the school year**

### After-School Care - Expressions of Interest

*I am exploring the idea of running after-school care at the Village Hall which is a 15 minute walk away from school. I am in the process of collecting information to help decide if this is a feasible option and would appreciate your responses to the questions below.*

Name of child(ren): \_\_\_\_\_

Do you feel comfortable with the idea of After-School Care running off-site at the Village Hall?

Yes/No

Comments:
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Which days you would want to take up after school care on? (Please tick relevant boxes below)

Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri

Until what time?

4:00	4:30	5:00	5:30	6:00

In terms of budgeting, which option below seems most reasonable?

A price per hour or part thereof	
A flat price for the whole session	
A price until say 5 with extra payable if staying beyond that for tea	

Any other comments:
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