



July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

It is hard to believe we are now at the end of the academic year once again. Whilst this year has been challenging for all of us, the support shown by our parents, carers and community has been invaluable. I would like to say a personal thank you from myself and our Primary staff team.

We have had a number of successes across the year, including winners in national and local writing competitions and the completion of the First Story Anthology, which Year 6 take part in.

In May, we were part of an external well-being review which was very positive. The reviewers were impressed with the quality of the curriculum, expertise amongst the staff team and support systems that were in place for children and families.

In June, we had an audit from our local English Hub with a focus on early reading and phonics. The reviewers found that our teaching of early reading was strong and consistent. Teachers were found to have high expectations of all and were engaging and enthusiastic in lessons observed. The reviewers also commented on the good behaviour of the pupils in school.

Our Olympic Week was an enjoyable week for all. Visitors to school spoke highly of the behaviour of the children they worked with and were impressed with the questions they were asked during the sessions.

This week we say goodbye to our current Year 6 pupils. They have been a credit to our school and shown such strength and resilience during these challenging times. We are all incredibly proud of what they have achieved during their time in Primary. We will see most of the children back in school in September as they start Year 7 but for those who are leaving us, we wish you every success at your new school.

Arrangements for September

There is a letter on the school website from Ms Jones, Executive Head Teacher, which outlines the arrangements for September. If you have not already seen it, please read it so that you are familiar with the arrangements. With the exception of Nursery children, all Primary children will be arriving and leaving at the same time. Please ensure your child arrives on time so that their learning and that of others is not disrupted by late arrivals.

Uniform

School uniform for primary children is as follows:

- navy blue Appleton Academy sweatshirt
- white polo shirt and dark or charcoal grey trousers, pinafore dress or skirt
- black shoes (not trainers)



PE Kit

- navy blue polo shirt (with or without an Appleton logo)
- navy shorts
- navy socks or white socks and white trainers

Where uniform does not have the Appleton Academy logo, it should be plain and have no other logos.

Nail varnish and large hair accessories are also not allowed.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club will start again in September. A link was sent out to parents/carers last week to register your child for this.

After School Clubs

We are aiming to start after school clubs when we return in September. Information about these will be sent out after the summer holiday.

Finally, school will close to all pupils on **Wednesday 21 July** at the usual end of day timings.

Can I thank you once again, for your continued support and wish you all a safe and restful summer.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'J. L. Clayton'.

Joanne Clayton
Head of Primary