

September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I would first like to start by welcoming everyone back to school. I hope you have had an enjoyable summer holiday and managed to make the most of the weather when it was at its best. It has been lovely to start the year without the restrictions that were necessary last year and I'm sure we all hope that things will continue in this direction.

### **Playground Update**

During the summer the work on our playground was due to start but unfortunately, due to the contractor experiencing delays in deliveries by their suppliers due to the issues that have been widely reported in the news recently, there have been some delays. This has led to the primary playground being closed. Hopefully we will soon be in a position to open it again, which will support with start and end of day procedures. I'd like to thank you in advance for your support while we manage this. We have already made some changes to the end of day arrangements for Years 1,2,3 and 4, which will hopefully make things a little easier in the meantime.

### **PE**

Now that the children are no longer in bubbles, we can use the changing rooms again. The children will need to bring their PE kit into school in a bag and wear their normal school uniform on PE days. PE takes place for children in Years 1-6 each week.

PE kit is:

Navy blue shorts

Navy blue Appleton Academy polo shirt

White socks

White trainers

Navy jogging bottoms for outdoor PE only.

PE days are as follows:

Year 1 Tuesday

Year 2 Wednesday

Year 3 Monday

Year 4 Wednesday

Year 5 Tuesday

Year 6 Monday

### **Uniform**

All children should be in their school uniform and wearing black school shoes. Please see the website if you are unsure on any of the uniform requirements. Please make sure that any bobbles and bows worn in the hair are small. Earrings must be studs for health and safety reasons.

### **Clubs**

Clubs will be starting again with letters going out to the year groups in the coming days. A link to a form will also be sent out so you can sign up your child to a club if they wish to attend. We will be starting with PE and Performing Arts but will be having a number of additional clubs taking place either during lunchtimes or after school. More information will follow.

### Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is now open again from 7.50am – 8.30am. Doors open at 7.50am and close at 8.00am. The cost is £2.00 per session with an additional cost if your child wants to have their breakfast too. If you would like your child to attend, please contact the main office or email [info@appletonacademy.co.uk](mailto:info@appletonacademy.co.uk) for further information.

### Meet The Teacher

We would like to invite you all to a short meeting where you can meet your child's teacher and find out more about the learning that will be taking place during the year.

The meetings will take place in the community room. The dates for the meetings are below:

Time	Monday 13.9.21	Tuesday 14.9.21	Wednesday 15.9.21	Thursday 16.9.21
8.40-9.10	2SM	6LH	1SA	3SC
2.15-2.45	2AH	6SB	1JB	3CR

Time	Monday 20.9.21	Tuesday 21.9.21
8.40-9.10	5JW	4DF
2.15-2.45	5SL	4JM

Meetings for parents of children in nursery and reception will take place within the setting after school. Miss Downey will send out additional information to all early years parents with dates and times once the children have settled into school. If you have any concerns or questions before the meetings, please don't hesitate to speak to someone on duty at the start or end of the day or you can contact school and ask to speak to Emily Chesterman (Parental Involvement Officer) or email her via [Emily.chesterman@appletonacademy.co.uk](mailto:Emily.chesterman@appletonacademy.co.uk).

### Newsletters

Each year group produce a half termly newsletter which shares information about the learning taking place in the classroom. In addition you will also receive a half termly maths newsletter with further details about the maths the children will be learning and any support you can give them at home.

If you have any questions regarding either of these, please contact your child's class teacher.

All the team and I are all looking forward to working together with our families to ensure a happy, safe and successful year.

Yours faithfully

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