



**Appletree  
Nursery School**

**Spring Term  
Newsletter**

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**Message from Christine...**

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank you as parents for the support we receive in all aspects of the education and care of your children. This partnership is very important to us and is most beneficial for all children, helping them to achieve progress and flourish as individuals. Without parents support, we would struggle to achieve such great results, especially the improvements noted from working together on our "behaviour management policy" which has been extremely positive, with reduced incidents needing adult interventions and much happier children (and parents).

Thank you for this, however please feel able to speak to either Firdauwse or myself regarding any concerns you may have.

*Thank You*

**Staffing Updates**

Anna Peachey is our new SENCO and she will be in nursery supporting children with SEN and additional needs. I'm sure you will all welcome her to Appletree Nursery School.



It is with sadness that we said goodbye to two members of staff, Marilyn Aydin has retired and Lynne Kilpatrick, who stepped in to fill the SENCO role for the Autumn term. We wish them both all the best and thank them for their hard work during their time at Appletree. Natalie Sutcliffe has returned to Apple Blossom after being on maternity leave. Welcome back Natalie!

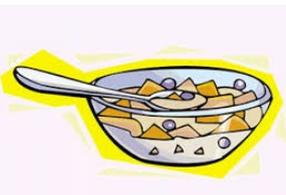


**Vacancy for a Parent Governor**

We currently have a vacant post for a Parent Governor at our school. This involves attending 3 full governing body meetings per year (held in the day time) plus 3 additional meetings for committee members, (only if you opt in to attending a specific committee). It is very important that this role is held by a parent of a child who is currently in nursery, who can represent the voice of parents, and make their views known to myself and the governors. If you want to know more information about what this would involve, Firdauwse or Christine will be happy to meet with you to explain this further.

**Coat & Clothes appeal**

Apple Blossom have asked if anyone has any spare coats or clothes aged 2 - 3 that they would like to donate to nursery to please bring them in. Thank you.



**Appletree Breakfast Club**

From Monday 25th February we will be offering a breakfast club at Appletree, **8.15am - 8.30am**, we will provide cereal or toast for **£2.00**. If you are interested in this, please speak to the office.

### Children's Centre/CFW service at Appletree:

We are very proud of our outstanding achievements at Appletree and the contribution that we make towards Lancaster and the wider community, as a Maintained Nursery School and outreach centre for the delivery of children's centre services, for many years.

It is with sadness that LCC are having to withdraw their services from Appletree, by 31st March 2019. However, we hope that this closure will enable us to be able to provide additional services for the local community and that this will be of benefit to you and your families. We can confirm that the child health clinic will be continuing until further notice and that we are currently exploring ways of enabling other organisations to deliver services for children and families from our building. If you are interested, as a group of parents, in being involved in delivering a stay & play/baby club/ parent & toddler session, please come and talk to us about this. We know that many of you have younger babies and toddlers, or that you may want to attend sessions at Appletree with your children when they're not in nursery. We can support you with this.

**We are also planning on changing our school opening hours for the Autumn Term 2019, to provide breakfast and after-school sessions (7.45am - 5.45pm), to accommodate working parents and those who struggle with childcare at these times. A formal parent consultation will take place so that your comments and needs are taken into account. Again, please speak to us about any concerns you may have or if you currently need additional hours for your child at nursery.**

#### Sponsored Nature Walk/Pebble hunt

We are hoping to take the children on a sponsored nature walk/pebble hunt this term.



More details will be sent out nearer the time.

#### Important dates...

The February Half term holiday is Monday 18th February 2019 - Friday 22nd February 2019

We return to school on Monday 25th February 2019

### Christmas Fundraising

We would like to thank you for helping us to raise extra funds for the school over the Christmas period. We had various fundraisers including selling reindeer dust, a cake stall, Christmas raffle, and selling the children's calendars. We raised a fantastic total of just over ...

**£414**

Thank you!

**We still have spaces available for children aged 2 - 4. If you have any friends/relatives who are looking for a nursery place for their child please let them know .**

**We would be delighted to show them around Nursery.**

