

Applecroft School

Nurturing Potential, Inspiring Minds, Changing Lives

Year 6

Welcome Meeting



Staffing

Year Group Leader: Toni Martin-Flaven

Class Teachers:

Warhol - Toni Martin Flaven (Mon-Weds) and Polly Entwisle (Thurs-Fri)

Moore - Sharon Boulton and Katie Cochlin (Weds)

Additional Teacher: Mr Barns

Learning Support Assistants: Sarah Edlin, Jenny Field

1:1 Learning Support: Donna Syrett, Stacy Flack

Vikki Wake & Nathan Derrick - PPA Leads

Hannah Connolly/Carol Brett - Cover Supervisors



Staffing

Other Important Staff:

Rhiannon Kerry - Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion & Well-Being (also our SENDCo)

Lisa Withe - Headteacher

Paul Wyatt - Deputy Headteacher

Gill Williams & Odette Coe - Finance Team but also our main first aiders

What are our priorities in Year 6?

This is a transition year where we will work together to make sure every child in Year 6 is as well prepared as possible for the next exciting step - secondary school.

We expect pupils to work hard, engage in their learning, ask questions and complete home learning tasks regularly. They will be encouraged to make the most of opportunities to contribute and learn, developing skills which will help them reach their potential.

We want pupils to enjoy their last year at Applecroft. Although there is much to learn and they will have important end of year assessments, we plan to provide a broad and rich curriculum. We hope we will continue to help make happy memories for all our pupils.

We want pupils to grow in confidence, develop leadership and become increasingly independent learners.





Supporting your child to be 'ready to learn'

Punctuality - Please ensure your children are in school by 8.45am as they will miss early morning work if late.

Attendance - We aim for 100%. We don't authorise holidays during the term. We ask that routine dentist & doctor appointments take place out of the school day whenever possible.

School Uniform

School Uniform - must be labelled. Long hair tied back and hair ties in school colours. Black school shoes, not trainers. No jewellery allowed other than a pair of small stud earrings.

P.E kit: Trainers should be in school every day for the Daily Mile. PE kits should be worn to school on **Mondays for both classes** and on **Tuesday (Moore) and Wednesday (Warhol)**.

Art shirts: Please ensure your child has their own art shirt in school to be kept in their locker.

Year 6 Kit List

The children need the following items and all equipment and clothing must be named. Many of these items can be bought quite cheaply from our school shop (open daily) or uniform shop.

PE Kit:	Pencil Case:	
White T-shirt	HB pencils	Scissors
Black shorts	Sketching pencils (e.g. 3b)	Protractor
House T-shirt	Coloured pencils	Calculator
Trainers	Black handwriting pens	Glue stick
Black joggers (for cold weather)	Rubber	Pair of compasses (optional)
Black hooded school sweatshirt (optional)	Pencil sharpener	Water colours (optional)
Kit bag	30cm transparent ruler	Highlighters (optional)
Art shirt		

Reading for Pleasure

We are aiming for all children to be independent, fluent readers and **daily reading at home** is very much at the heart of this. Children can read books from school or from home with a focus on developing a love of reading. Reading is the gateway to learning and fluent readers become successful learners.

We use the Pie Corbett Book list as **recommended reads**. These are also listed on the website.

Please record books and pages children are reading at home via the **Boost Reading (GoRead) app**. We expect children to read for half an hour each day. These are monitored by class teachers and replace the planner records.

Class
Library

School
Library

Campus
West Library





Communication Between Home and School

We will have 2 scheduled consultations, one in the autumn term and one in the spring term. These will be during the school day. You will have a choice to either do this face-to-face or via Google Classroom. We might contact you at other times if we have concerns about your child. In an emergency, you can contact us via the school office.

You can use the Y6 email address if it is not an urgent matter - please note that we do not usually have time to read emails during the school teaching day.

If you would like to book an appointment to see us, we are usually free on [Mondays](#) after school.

We will also send messages via Google Classroom, Twitter and year group emails.

Home Learning

Home learning will be set on Google Classroom (see timetable below). The due date for each piece is clearly visible on the assignment and the children need to avoid work slipping into their missing list. If they check their 'to do' list on a regular basis, this should not happen. If a child has a number of pieces missing, we will ask them to complete some of their work on Chromebooks, possibly at break times.

If they have an issue with any assignment, then please encourage them to speak to us or write a comment to us and hand in the work. We can then reply, give advice or support, and return it for them to resubmit if appropriate.

Subject	Day it will be set	Day it is due in
English/spelling Science Maths	Friday Tuesday Wednesday	Thursday Tuesday Monday
History/Geography or Art: 2 pieces every half term		

Home learning in Y6 should last between 20 and 40 minutes depending on the task.

Behaviour and Discipline Policy

Applecroft School's Expectations of Behaviour:

At Applecroft School we have clear 'Expectations of Behaviour' that we expect all members of our community to abide by. These expectations are:

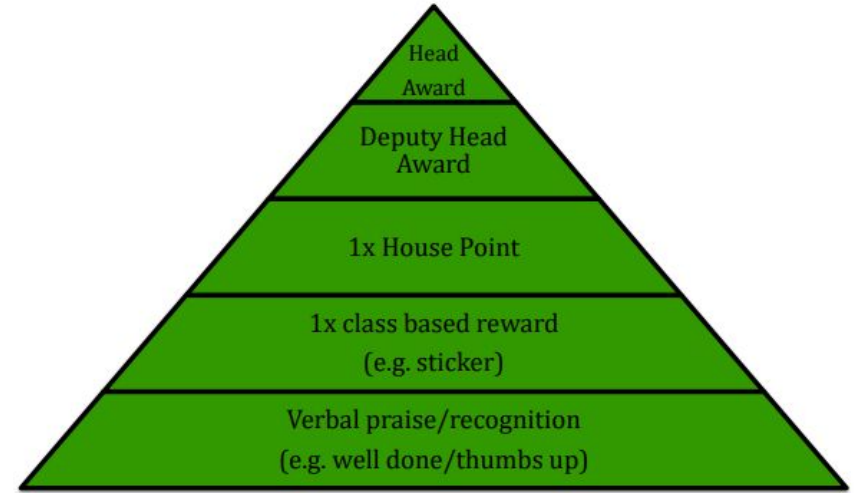
- Be responsible for yourself and your actions
- Be honest, open and reflective
- Be kind and supportive
- Be respectful and well-mannered

In addition to the overarching school's 'Expectations of Behaviour', individual classes create their own Class Mission Statement at the beginning of each academic year which is displayed in the classroom and on the classroom door and forms part of the children's Leader in Me and PSHE curriculum in the first half-term.

This applies to our whole community.



Good To Be Green



The green triangle shows the daily 5-point system used to recognise pro-social behaviour in school. The children are able to move up the triangle by showing pro-social behaviours and demonstrating the school's shared values. If a child moves 'up the green' they do so by moving their name label onto the appropriate level of the triangle. At the end of each day all children are re-set to the bottom of the triangle again. Rewards for the class and the houses can be won and if the children reach level 4 or 5 of the triangle they can visit the Deputy Head or Headteacher for a special reward.

This all works in partnership with the 'Good to be Green' chart and the red triangle for anti-social behaviour. For more details, the Behaviour Policy is on the school website.

Parent Volunteers

We are hoping to be able to welcome back our wonderful parent volunteers this year. If you are interested in supporting the children in school you will need to attend one of the two planned volunteer meetings:

Friday 23rd September - Volunteer Safeguarding Meeting @ 9.00 a.m.

Monday 26th September- Volunteer Safeguarding Meeting @ 2.15 p.m



Secondary Transfer

Please visit the secondary school websites or contact their offices for details of visits.

If your child will not be in school due to a secondary visit please let the office know so absence can be authorised.

The Hertfordshire's online application system is open now and closes on 31st October (see link below).

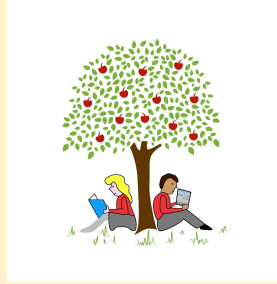
[Secondary School Places](#)

Applecroft School



Term Dates for Parents & Carers

SEPTEMBER	
Monday 5 th September	Return to School ** New start time ** 8:30am - gates open 8:35-8:45am - 'soft start' - doors to building open 8:45am - school day starts
Monday 12 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:30pm - Y2 Welcome Meeting 7:30pm - PTA meeting
Tuesday 13 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:30pm - Y5 Welcome Meeting
Wednesday 14 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:30pm - Y4 Welcome Meeting
Thursday 15 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:10am - Y1 Welcome Meeting 2:30pm - Y6 Welcome Meeting
Friday 16 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y1 - Y6 Curriculum Newsletters added to the website today 2:30pm - Y3 Welcome Meeting
Monday 19 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:15pm - Volunteer Safeguarding Meeting
Tuesday 20 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:15am - Individual photographs for children
Friday 23 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am - Volunteer Safeguarding Meeting
Monday 26 th - Tuesday 27 th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y3 Residential to Celtic Harmony
OCTOBER	
Monday 3 rd , Tuesday 4 th & Friday 7 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reception Parent/Carer lunch
Wednesday 5 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:15pm - Applecroft Family Parent Partnership Meeting - for representatives
Thursday 13 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual Flu Vaccine (Rec-Y6) - more details to follow
Saturday 15 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PTA Quiz Night
Monday 17 th - Friday 21 st October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Art & Design Themed Week
Tuesday 18 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 1 Parent Consultation day
Wednesday 19 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 2 Parent Consultation day
Thursday 20 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 3 Parent Consultation day
Friday 21 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day of this half-term



Key Dates Autumn

Key dates for parents and carers were sent out by email at the start of the autumn term.

31st October – Secondary transfer deadline

SATS week 8th May- 11th May

PGL 3rd July- 7th July

SATs

The key stage 2 tests take place from Monday 8th May to Thursday 11th May 2023.

Children will sit a tests in:

Reading
Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling
Arithmetic
Maths Problem Solving (2 papers)

Writing will be assessed using teacher assessment of pupils' writing over the course of the year in a variety of forms.



PGL Trip to Brecon, Powys

Monday 3rd July-Friday 7th July

This is a much anticipated trip as children will have the opportunity to experience adventurous activities that they may not have tried before. More information, including medical forms and a kit list will be sent home early in the Summer Term. Please also see the following link:

[Tregoyd House](#)

We will take lots of photos which you will be shared with you later in the year.

Any Questions?

