



Respect

Responsibility

Kindness

Weekly Update

Building wisely for life

Friday 11th September 2026

Dear parents, carers and our wider school community,

What a fabulous start to the school year. I am so proud of the children who have shown such great responsibility in their first full week back in school.

Our Values

This term, the value that we are focussing on is Responsibility and our question for the week has been, ***'What does responsibility look like in our school?'***. The children were able to give many ideas for this question including:

- Listening carefully in class
- Bringing the correct equipment to school
- Helping other children
- Doing our best in lessons
- Being a school council member

It may be helpful to think about this question at home too!

Appleton Stars

In last week's assembly, our first Appleton Stars were selected. These children were selected by their teachers for showing responsibility in school. On Thursday I met them for a milkshake, cookie, a story and a chat – it was lovely to get to know them a little better.

The Appleton Stars for last week:

Brodie, Elspeth, Sienna, April and Esther.

This week's Appleton Stars announced in assembly today:

Arto, Mark, Keagan, Jayden and Jeremy.

I look forward to meeting with them on Thursday.

In school, many children have put themselves forward for positions of responsibility, which is fantastic. For some children, they may not have been selected this time for the role but there will be many other opportunities to show how responsible they are.

House Captains

Every child in school is in one of our four houses. Each week, the house captains will collect the house points earned by the children, and the winning house is announced in our celebration assembly. Towards the end of each term, we will have a house tournament where children can also earn points. The overall winning house at the end of each term will receive a house treat. If your child has not been assigned to a house, please ask their teacher who will be able to tell you which house your child is in. The Y6 children selected to be house captains are as follows:

Blue: Pippa and Connie
Green: Mia and Olivia
Red: Jeremy and Lily
Yellow: Samko and Theo

School Council

The School Council this year will be led by Mrs Sabire. Children selected as School Councillors will meet with her and make decisions about important matters!

The class School Councillors are:

Hazel Class: Brodie and Phoebe
Cherry Class: Max and Arthur
Maple: Eric H and Eleanor
Oak: Sebastian and Thomas
Willow: Elliot and Sêren

Spirituality Leaders

Spirituality is a very personal experience. It differs from person to person, and often spirituality changes within people during their lifetime. Spirituality is not the same as having a religion or faith; a person can be spiritual without having a particular faith. At Appleton, we would like to develop children's understanding and experience of spirituality and the Spirituality Leaders will help to develop this in the school. They may lead the way for improving school by creating reflection areas or ensuring children have opportunities for taking care of nature and living things. This will meet regularly with Miss Ellard and me to discuss their ideas and decide on important matters for developing spirituality in the school.

Hazel Class: Arto and Sophie P
Cherry Class: Rufus and Leo
Maple: Esme and Rori
Oak: Lyric and Luke
Willow: Amelia and Alice

Librarians

We are very lucky to have two volunteer helpers who are coming into school each week on a Wednesday and Friday to open the library at lunchtimes. Year 6 librarians will help with the checking in and checking out of books as well as reading to the children.

Thank you to our Y6 librarians who are: **Amelia, Mia, Pippa, Connie, Jeremy, Esther, Olivia, Lily and Sêren.**

Hall Monitors and Play Leaders

We are very grateful to the Y4, Y5 and Y6 children who have offered to be Hall Monitors (helping the younger children in the hall during their lunch time) and Play Leaders (helping set up equipment outside or playing with the YR and Y1 children in the EYFS play area). On the rota for these jobs are **Theo, Ralph, Seth, Amelia, Olivia, Alice, Isla, Pippa, Connie, Lily, Esther, Jeremy, Sienna, Rio and Charlie.**

Class Emails

For your information, the emails for each class are given below. Please use these if you need to pass on any information to your child's class teacher, or if you have any questions. Illnesses and absences, such as medical appointments, should continue to be phoned through to the School Office.

Teachers will write a weekly update on a Friday and may also send a message at other times as required.

Class

Reception and Year 1	hazelclass@appleton.oxon.sch.uk
Year 2	cherryclass@appleton.oxon.sch.uk
Year 3/4	mapleclass@appleton.oxon.sch.uk
Year 4/5	oakclass@appleton.oxon.sch.uk
Year 6	willowclass@appleton.oxon.sch.uk
The Nest	thenest@appleton.oxon.sch.uk

We look forward to seeing many of you next week in our 'Meet the Teacher' event in school.

Have a restful weekend,

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