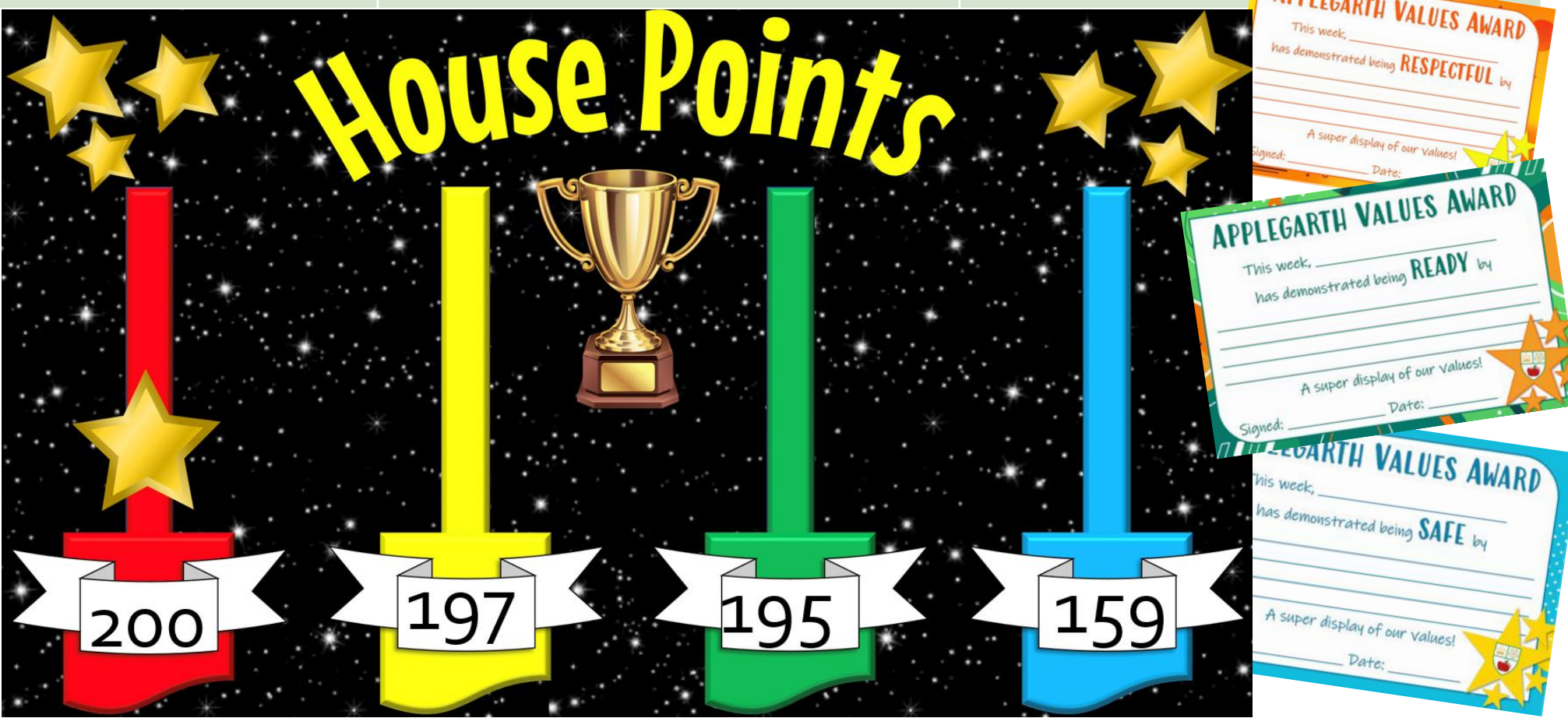




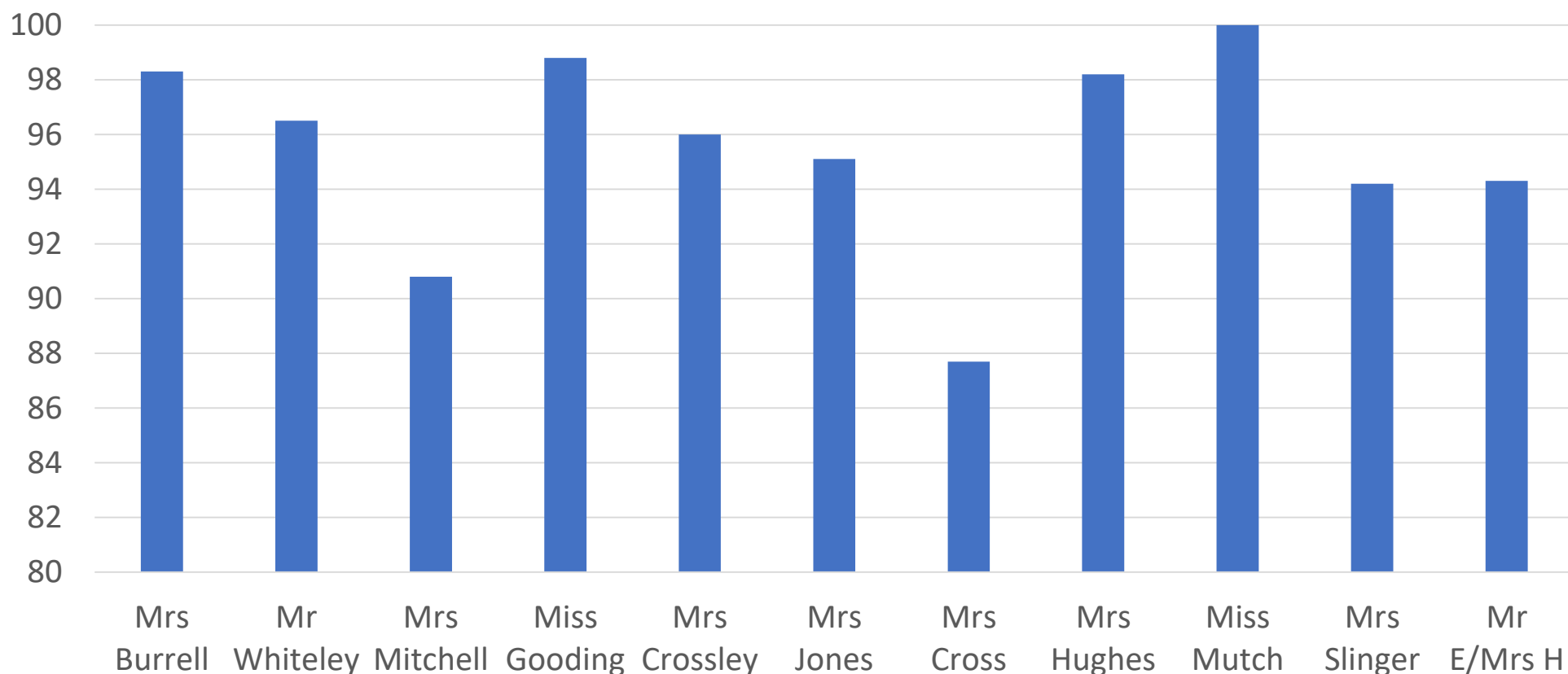
Stars of the Week

Class	Chosen by Teacher	Chosen by Class
Mrs Burrell	Frankie L	Harry B
Mr Whiteley	Jack S	Ivy T
Mrs Mitchell	Phi Uyen N	Jack S
Miss Gooding	Sophie T	Iris B
Mrs Crossley	Fearne S	Sienna T
Mrs Jones	Mathew P	Rowan P
Mrs Cross	Lily G	-
Mrs Hughes	Layla-R B	Jessica T
Miss Mutch	Harry S	Samuel A
Mrs Slinger	Grace F	Tommy T
Mrs H & Mr E	Effie D	Owen G



Attendance

Weekly Attendance Totals W/C 4th January



Get Help with Wraparound Care

Accessing wraparound care can support with attendance and punctuality.

Set up an online childcare account for your child. For every £8 you pay into this account, the government will pay in £2, up to a maximum of £2,000 a year (or £4,000 if your child has a disability). You can then use the money to pay your childcare provider. **This includes breakfast and after school wraparound care for all children up to the age of 12.**

You need to reconfirm your eligibility for Tax-Free Childcare every three months. You'll get a text reminder and it's easy to do through your online childcare account.

- [Save money on your childcare bills with tax-free childcare](#)
- [Money towards childcare](#)

Reception Visit All Saints Church

On Tuesday, the children in Bees witnessed the baptism of our class dolls: Isabelle Sophie Eden and Stanley Levi Wood. Reverend Claire and Donetta held the ceremony and the children took part in various roles. We sang songs and celebrated Isabelle and Stanley's welcome into the Christian family. It was an opportunity to learn more about why church is a special place to Christians. Please visit [The Blog](#) and leave a comment.



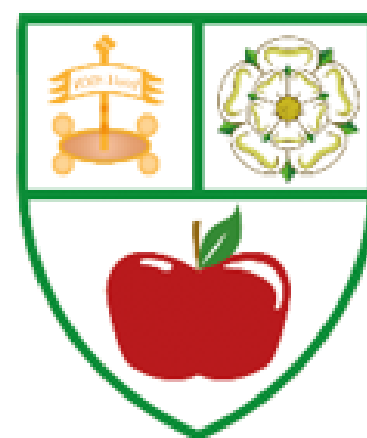
Swimming Gala

Today, a group of Year 5 and 6 pupils went to Northallerton Leisure Centre to compete in the Northallerton Schools' Swimming Gala. There were four schools involved and Applegarth finished as the overall winners; they were each awarded a gold medal and a trophy to bring back to school. In addition, Charlie was awarded the MVP (Most Valuable Player) trophy. Each pupil also got at least two medals from the individual races and relays. Fabia had five medals around her neck and we could hear her jangling around school on her return. They competed with an excellent sporting attitude showing respect and determination. Mrs O'Toole said she was very proud of them. The pupils would like to thank Mrs O'Toole for her excellent coaching over the past four years with this team. Please visit [The Blog](#) and leave a comment.



Applegarth Primary School

Midday Supervisory Assistant Vacancy



Hours: 6.25 hours per week

Contract: established, part-time, term time only

Salary: Grade B

Job details: Applegarth Primary School is looking to appoint an experienced, highly-motivated and committed midday supervisory assistant who can support and enhance our lunch time provision ensuring a high level of hygiene and safety is maintained.

The successful candidate will:

- Have excellent organisational skills
- Be punctual
- Communicate well
- Have good teamwork skills
- Respect confidentiality and the potential sensitivities of working in a school, e.g. safeguarding laws
- Have experience working in a school
- Be able to demonstrate in their application that they can fulfil the main duties of the job description and person specification as a minimum

Requirements

Experience working in a school with the responsibility for supervising pupils, leading play/ activities and maintaining hygienic environments. The successful candidate will also be subject to enhanced DBS checks by the school.

Contact details

For further information or to request an application pack, please contact the school office via telephone on 01609 773521 or email admin@applegarth.n-yorks.sch.uk

How to apply

Please send a completed application form either electronically to admin@applegarth.n-yorks.sch.uk or post to Applegarth Primary School, Upwell Road, Northallerton, North Yorkshire, DL7 8QF

Application closes at midnight on Sunday 22nd January, 2023

School Calendar (this half term)

Event	Class/Phase	Venue	Date(s)/Time(s)
Year 6 Parent/Carer Evening Bookings Open	Year 6	https://applegarth.schoolcloud.co.uk/	Friday 6 th January 4:00pm <i>Bookings close Sunday 29th January at 8:00pm</i>
NSPCC Number Day	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Friday 3 rd February
Year 6 Parent/Carer Evening	Mrs H/Mr E and Mrs Slinger	Applegarth Primary School (in-person)	Tuesday 31 st January 3:30pm – 5:00pm (in person) 5:15pm – 6:00pm (online)
Year 6 Parent/Carer Evening	Mrs H/Mr E	Applegarth Primary School (in-person)	Thursday 9 th February 3:30pm – 5:00pm (in person) 5:15pm – 6:00pm (online)
Break up for Half Term	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Friday 10 th February

Our Safeguarding Team

At school we have five members of staff and a governor who make up our Safeguarding Leadership Team. Mr Peoples is our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL); he is the lead person responsible for child protection and safeguarding issues. Mrs Hopkin, Mr Edwards and Mrs Crossley are our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (Deputy DSLs); a deputy DSL supports the DSL in their role safeguarding and child protection. Mrs Jo Burnside is our Safeguarding Link Governor. The role of the Safeguarding Governor is to support the DSL as well as regularly review, ask questions and make suggestions about our safeguarding policies and procedures and to report back to the governing body.

All staff at Applegarth know that safeguarding is EVERYONE'S responsibility. Find out more on our [Safeguarding Page](#).

For information about **Online Safety**, visit our dedicated [webpage](#).

You can also report any concerns you have to our [recently-changed welfare email: \[dsl@applegarth.n-yorks.sch.uk\]\(mailto:dsl@applegarth.n-yorks.sch.uk\)](#)

School Calendar (long term)

Event	Class/Phase	Venue	Date(s)/Time(s)
Reception - Year 5 Parent/Carer Evening Bookings Open	Reception – Year 5	-	Friday 10 th March 4:00pm <i>Bookings close Sunday 26th March at 8:00pm</i>
Carlton Lodge Family Meeting	Year 5	Applegarth Primary School	Wednesday 22 nd March 5:00pm – 5:45pm (Provisional)
Reception – Year 5 Parent/Carer Evenings	Reception – Year 5	Applegarth Primary School (in person)	Tuesday 28 th March 3:30pm – 5:00pm (in person) 5:15pm – 6:00pm (online) Wednesday 5 th April 3:30pm – 5:00pm (in person) 5:15pm – 6:00pm (online)
Key Stage One SATs	Year 2	Applegarth Primary School	Throughout May DO NOT BOOK HOLIDAYS
Key Stage Two SATs Week	Year 6	Applegarth Primary School	Tuesday 9 th May – Friday 12 th May DO NOT BOOK HOLIDAYS
Carlton Lodge Residential	Year 5	Carlton Lodge, Carlton Miniott	Thursday 11 th May and Friday 12 th May
Robinwood	Year 6	Robinwood, Alston	Monday 5 th June – Wednesday 7 th June
Phonics Screening Check	Year 1	Applegarth Primary School	Monday 12 th June – Friday 16 th June DO NOT BOOK HOLIDAYS
Multiplication Tables Check	Year 4	Applegarth Primary School	Monday 12 th June – Friday 30 th June DO NOT BOOK HOLIDAYS
Reception and Key Stage One Sports Day	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	Applegarth Primary School	Tuesday 20 th June 9:30am – 12:00pm
Key Stage Two Sports Day	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	Applegarth Primary School	Tuesday 27 th June 9:30am – 11:30am
Year 6 Leavers Performance	Whole School and Families	Applegarth Primary School	Wednesday 19 th July 2:00pm – 3:00pm

NSPCC

Number

Day



Friday 3rd February

Dress up for Digits

Fancy dress inspired by all things maths or simply wear an item of clothing with a number on it. Donations welcome for the NSPCC.



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EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

OF WORLD WARCRAFT

AGE RESTRICTION
12+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

World of Warcraft originally launched way back in 2004, and since then the game has blossomed into a major entertainment property. It's spawned spin-off novels, merchandise and even a Hollywood movie adaptation... but why are we still talking about it in 2023? World of Warcraft's most recent iteration, Dragonflight, launched last November and marks the game's ninth major expansion. This latest addition has attracted a whole host of lapsed players back to the game – as well as newcomers jumping into the realm of Azeroth for the first time.

ALWAYS ONLINE

World of Warcraft is an MMORPG, which stands for Massively Multiplayer Online Role-Playing Game. Players create a character and head off on mythical quests to earn rewards and become more powerful. The game's environment is absolutely vast, and it can only be played online on PC or Mac – so there's a high probability of young Warcraft fans wanting to monopolise the family computer.

REGULAR EXPANSIONS

As is common with many MMORPGs, World of Warcraft's developers, Blizzard, release regular expansions for the game (usually every 18 months to two years). So although there's still plenty of content for young players to experience right now, there will almost inevitably be a requirement to continue buying future expansion packs, which tend to cost around £50.

IN-GAME PURCHASES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

Just like its genre contemporary Final Fantasy XIV, World of Warcraft requires a monthly subscription fee to play. It's currently £9.99 per month (although you can get it cheaper by signing up to a longer subscription). There are also many items which can be purchased from the in-game store that don't affect gameplay, but instead offer cosmetic alterations to a player's character.

VOICE AND TEXT CHAT

Because World of Warcraft is played exclusively on PCs and Macs, it's easy for users to type out text messages if they aren't comfortable using voice chat. If you'll forgive the pun, that's a double-edged sword because – although there's less chance of them being harassed verbally – it puts young players at increased risk of being trolled or receiving spam through the in-game messaging function.

SIMULATED VIOLENCE

The fact that World of Warcraft is almost 20 years old means that even its most violent battles look slightly cartoonish compared with the level of authenticity in many more modern games. The exception tends to be Warcraft's in-game cutscenes: animated sections which move the plot onto the next stage. These offer more realistic visuals, but they still aren't overly gory or scary.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

World of Warcraft can trigger a powerful "just one more quest" mentality in players (especially young ones) as they rush to secure the next dopamine hit from levelling their character up or earning a new item or weapon. It's also a game that doesn't have a definite 'end' – because as soon as a player finishes levelling up one character, they can start afresh with another one.

Advice for Parents & Carers

MANAGE PLAYTIME

World of Warcraft can be an extremely enjoyable game to play with friends, but it's important that your child doesn't let their adventures crowd out school work, socialising or anything else they also enjoy. You could, for example, consider imposing playtime limits – such as a set number of hours to play Warcraft per week, or restricting it to particular days or just weekends.

MAKE IT A REWARD

If your child is excited about getting the next World of Warcraft expansion, you could consider using it as a reward for completing their weekly tasks (you could even call them 'quests') like tidying their room or doing their homework. This will demonstrate that you're happy for them to play the game but will also help them to build good, productive habits, reinforcing that hard work earns rewards.

SIGN UP FOR THE FREE TRIAL

Warcraft's monthly subscription effectively 'pays' for the regular new content, but there's also a sizeable free trial that lets new players explore the world of Azeroth without paying a penny. Players can play up until Level 20 for free, which is easily several hours' worth of gameplay. If your child does take this option, we'd suggest minimising in-game spending by not linking a bank card to their account.

REMEMBER THE AGE RATING

Due to mild violence and the occasional use of offensive language, World of Warcraft has been rated as appropriate for players aged 12 and over by PEGI (the Pan-European Game Information system, which gives games their age certificate). It isn't really suitable for anyone below that age, so you may potentially have to explain this reasoning to your younger children if they want to play it.

ADVENTURE TOGETHER

Warcraft can certainly be addictive, but playing it together is also a great way to spend time with your child. The game's focus on cooperative questing and battling enemies can make it feel like you've accomplished something as a team, and you'll also be in a prime position to spot any early signs of addiction. Just remember to apply gaming time limits to yourself as well as your young ones!

Meet Our Expert

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PLAY IN TWO DAYS

Mon 20 & Tues 21 Feb • 10am-3pm • 6-10 years
£35 per child / additional sibling £30

Making up, breaking up. We all need friends. Join Claire and Kieran to create a performance piece inspired by a wonderful Oliver Jeffers' story that explores friendship.

Additional wrap around care between 9am-10am / 3pm-4pm. £5 per child.



FABULOUS FRIENDS: STORYTELLING WITH ELENA

Wed 22 Feb

10.15am & 11.15am: 2-4 years and their grown ups

1.30pm: 3-7 years and their grown ups

Duration: 30 mins

Tickets: £3 per person / free babe in arms ticket (under 12 months) with full priced adult

Join our wonderful storyteller Elena Joy-Miller as she shares stories about having fun with friends. Expect giggles, games and songs as well.



HOW LONG IS A PIECE OF STRING?

Fri 24 Feb • 11am • Sat 25 Feb • 11am & 2pm

3-7 years and their grown ups • Duration: 45 mins

Tickets: adult £7 / child £7 / group ticket £24

Free babe in arms ticket (under 12 months) with full priced adult

Join String and Strong as they create new sound and dance and try and understand each other and the world around them. You can expect lots of laughs and fun!



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