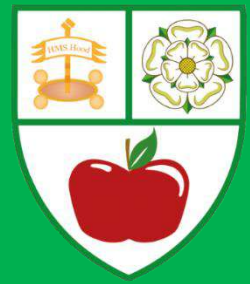


Applegarth Primary School Newsletter



Friday 30th June 2023

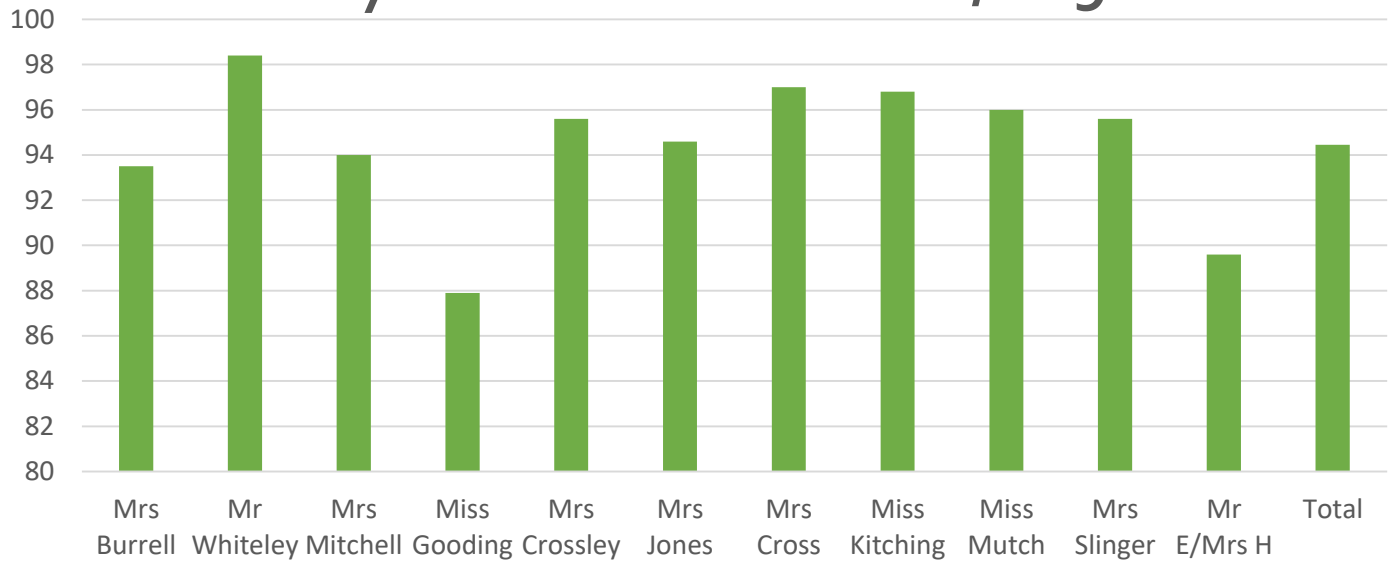
Stars of the Week

Class	Chosen by Teacher	Chosen by Class
Mrs Burrell	Ava-Isabella B	Tommy-Arthur C
Mr Whiteley	Josie B	Amaya-Lilly B
Mrs Mitchell	Brooke O	Mila S
Miss Gooding	Theo B	Adelina C
Mrs Crossley	Lucy B	Lilly-Mae S
Mrs Jones	Blake C	Elsie H
Mrs Cross	Sethen P	Erin K
Mrs Hughes	Felix R	Amber H
Miss Mutch	Dev D	Cassie G
Mrs Slinger	Oliver B	Lily C
Mrs H & Mr E	Luke B & Kasey S	Ellie-Mai P & Kasey S



Attendance

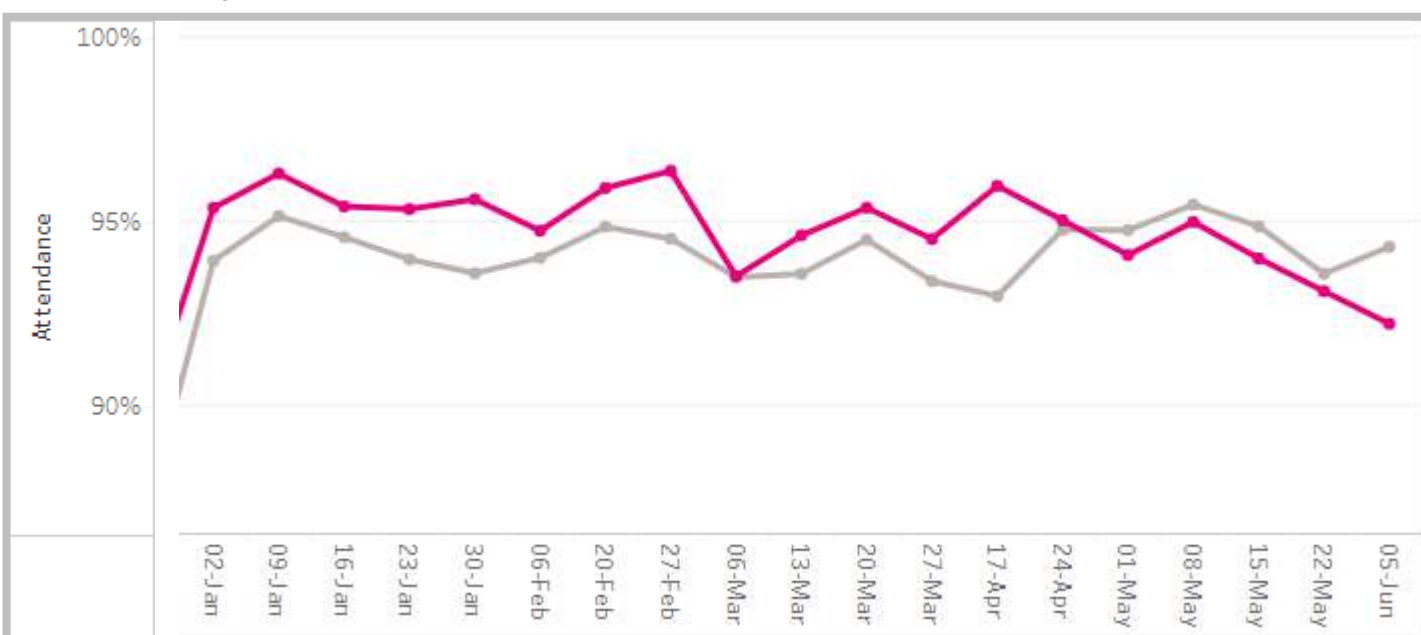
Weekly Attendance Totals W/C 19th June



Our attendance compared to national data:

We are the **pink line** (staying above national until the 1st May). During the summer months, school attendance has a pattern of dipping due to unauthorised leave during term time (including **holidays**).

We have had a strong year for attendance, and we are still busy learning every day in school. It is vital that pupils attend so they do not have gaps in their understanding and miss out as we begin the transition period into their next classes.



Mrs Haworth is Retiring!

After an incredible 18 years at Applegarth Primary School, Mrs Haworth is very happy to announce that she has made the decision to retire. Many of you will know Mrs Haworth and may well have been taught by her yourself, she is beginning to teach children (and even grandchildren) of past pupils from her classes. She will be leaving us to spend her time gardening, skiing, reading and enjoying all the wonderful freedom which comes with retirement. Thank you, Mrs Haworth for everything!

Farewell to Miss Gooding

Deciding to leave Applegarth was not an easy decision. Thank you to all the families that have supported me in the last three years. I have made some wonderful memories and met some amazing children and teachers along the way. My first ever class also know they have a special place in my heart. Smile lots and shine brightly.

Miss Gooding

Welcome to Ms Lycett & Miss Melville

In September, we will be joined by two new faces, Ms Lycett and Miss Melville.

Ms Lycett is an experienced class teacher who will be joining our teaching team in September, and Miss Melville will be joining our new nursery. Both are very experienced in their fields and will be bringing an awful lot to our school – we can't wait to welcome them officially in the autumn term!

Congratulations to Miss Goodenough and Miss Coatsworth

Two familiar faces will be re-joining our school in September in new roles and one with a new name! Miss Goodenough is getting married in the summer holidays and will return to school as Mrs Evans – a huge congratulations to her and her soon-to-be husband! Miss Goodenough will also return in a new role and will be joining our new nursery team as a teaching assistant.

Miss Coatsworth, our brilliant after school club leader, MSA and KS1 reading support will also be returning in September as a teaching assistant working alongside both our nursery team and reception team. Both Miss Goodenough and Miss Coatsworth have a wealth of experience and knowledge within the Early Years and will make fantastic additions to our school in their new roles.

Class Photographs

An email has been sent out this week to all families with a unique link to order class photographs. If you wish to order a copy of your child's 2023 class photo, just follow the instructions on your link (each link is unique to each class). Orders need to be placed by Wednesday 12th July to qualify for free delivery to school.



NORTHALLERTON FOOD FESTIVAL

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This year, Northallerton's Homegrown Food Fest headed 'Back to our Roots' to celebrate local food, growing our own and making the most of what we have. This year they partnered with Incredible Edible Northallerton. The festival included: stalls of local producers, live music, cookery demos and so much more! The children's zone has a blacksmith, primitive skills area, yoga tent, storytelling and theatre, an animal menagerie and arts & crafts tent. The children's activities were based on our school field and it was wonderful to see so many of our families engaging with the event. Well done to the army of volunteers who made the event possible. It was my family's first time there, and we'll definitely be back next year...



SYLVAN TIMETABLE	
10:00 - 11:00	WEAVING - PUPPET MAKING
11:00 - 12:00	FIRE LIGHTING - POTIONS
12:00 - 13:00	NATURAL CORDAGE - HAPA ZONE
13:00 - 14:00	WEAVING - PUPPET MAKING
15:00 - 16:00	FIRE LIGHTING - POTIONS
16:00 - 17:00	NATURAL CORDAGE - HAPA ZONE
*14:00-14:30 BASIC SURVIVAL SKILLS	



Remember to visit our school blog regularly to keep up-to-date with our learning and events across school. You can subscribe so that you never miss a thing!



Scan the QR code or visit <https://applegarthdigitalleaders.edublogs.org/>

School Calendar (this half term)

Event	Class/Phase	Venue	Date(s)/Time(s)
Armed Forces Day	Service Pupils	Catterick Garrison, Ypres Lines	Wednesday 21 st June
Summer Fair (PTA)	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Friday 30 th June 3:15pm – 5:00pm
Careers and Finance Week	Years 5 and 6	Applegarth Primary School	Monday 10 th July – Friday 14 th July
Key Stage Two Sports Day	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	Applegarth Primary School	Tuesday 11 th July 9:30am – 11:30am
Reception and Key Stage One Sports Day	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	Applegarth Primary School	Tuesday 11 th July – 2:45pm 1:10pm
Applegarth's Got Talent	Whole School	Northallerton School	Tuesday 11 th July 5:30pm – 7:40pm
End of Year Reports Go Out	All pupils	Applegarth Primary School	Friday 14 th July 3:20pm
Year 6 Leavers Performance	Whole School and Families	Applegarth Primary School	Wednesday 19 th July 2:00pm – 3:00pm
Break up for Summer Holidays	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Friday 21 st July

School Calendar (long term)

Event	Class/Phase	Venue	Date(s)/Time(s)
Harvest Festival	Whole School	All Saints Church	Thursday 19 th October 2023 10:00am
Halloween Disco (PTA)	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Thursday 26 th October R and Key Stage One 5:00pm – 6:00pm Key Stage Two 6:15pm – 7:15pm
Christmas Carols	Key Stage Two	All Saints Church	Wednesday 6 th December T 5:00pm – 6:00pm
Christmas Fair	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Friday 8 th December 3:15pm – 5:00pm
Key Stage One Nativity	Key Stage One	Applegarth Primary School	Monday 11 th December 6:00pm – 7:00pm Tuesday 12 th December 10:00am – 11:00am
Reception Nativity	Reception	Methodist Church	Tuesday 19 th December 10:00am – 11:00am

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 [welfare email: dsl@applegarth.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:dsl@applegarth.n-yorks.sch.uk)



Get active with the Summer Reading Challenge 2023!

Children can once again sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge at their local library during the holidays. This year the theme is Ready Set Read! and is all about the power of play, sport, games and physical activity.

The challenge for children is to read 6 library books of their choice and collect special stickers and other prizes along the way – everyone who finishes will receive a limited-edition Ready Set Read! medal and a certificate. Any child aged 4 to 11 can join in and the challenge runs from Sat 15th July until Sat 9th Sept.

There will also be a fantastic programme of activities in libraries all summer, many of them free, to go with the challenge – look out for flyers with more details which have been sent to schools for children to bring home.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about AI VIRTUAL FRIENDS

Artificial intelligence – particularly in terms of how it generates natural language – has seen significant development over the last six months, with companies releasing new AI-based software or adding an AI element to existing apps (such as Snapchat, for example). One form of AI to become especially popular has been the 'AI friend' or chatbot, as children eagerly experiment with these new-found computer-generated companions. There are now numerous apps available with this 'virtual friend' functionality, with the likelihood of it being added to other successful platforms soon.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CONTENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

AI chatbots may not always be able to recognise when content is age inappropriate or harmful and should be filtered out. So there's a possibility that children could be exposed to offensive language or explicit material while conversing with their virtual friend. The companies producing such AI solutions are also unlikely to take responsibility for any content that their algorithms generate.

REDUCED SOCIAL CONTACT

An excessive reliance on chatbots for social interaction could potentially cause a child to begin reducing the amount of face-to-face communication they have, leading to social isolation. If young people become dependent on chatbots to provide companionship, it could very likely hinder the development of their real-life social skills.

LACK OF SENSITIVITY

Chatbot software isn't always sophisticated enough to pick up on subtle emotional cues or recognise signs of distress in children, as most humans would. It might therefore fail to respond appropriately. AI misinterpreting what it's being told or replying insensitively to a young user who's already struggling could potentially impact a child's emotional wellbeing or exacerbate any existing emotional issues.

UNINTENTIONAL BIAS

AI companions are only as reliable as the information they've been programmed with. The algorithms they use, therefore, may unintentionally promote bias, stereotypes or discriminatory behaviour (as many originate from the USA or the UK, for instance, they can display a distinctly western-centric worldview). This could lead to children developing skewed attitudes and behaviours.

COGNITIVE LIMITATIONS

Although many are now undeniably advanced, AI-powered chatbots still have limitations in terms of understanding complex concepts, context and nuance. Depending heavily on chatbots to help with learning or solving problems may stunt the development of a child's own powers of critical thinking, creativity and ability to engage in open-ended discussions with other people.

PRIVACY CONCERNS

Chatbots typically collect data about users, including personal information and conversations. This is ostensibly to improve their performance as they gradually learn about our behaviour – but many experts are warning that there may be significant risks associated with how this information is stored and used (the possibility of potential breaches or misuse by third parties, for instance).

Advice for Parents & Carers

CHAT ABOUT CHATBOTS

If your child is already expressing an interest in AI apps, a relaxed, natural chat should help you to discover which ones they're aware of and how they're using them (or are planning to). Discuss these options with your child and perhaps do your own research to ensure you think they're suitable. Once you're totally happy, you could sit with your young one and begin exploring AI chatbots together.

CREATE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT

If your child is keen to engage with AI chatbots, encourage them to do so in a safe environment: ideally in a shared space at home, so you can easily keep an eye and ear on their progress. Set up appropriate content filtering measures in advance – and gently remind them that you'll be close by and ready to help with any questions or concerns that may arise.

FIND A BALANCE

Work alongside your child to establish the right balance in terms of how they might use AI-powered chatbots – and when it's appropriate. It's important to make sure that children are still getting plenty of opportunities to learn to solve problems for themselves, as well as building their interpersonal skills through face-to-face conversations with friends, family members and teachers.

TAKE CONTROL

As with any form of app or game, when it comes to AI chatbots we'd strongly recommend that you consider employing parental controls (either on the device being used or within the software itself) to manage which apps your child can download and use. This is particularly important for younger children, who may be more at risk of being upset or frightened by inappropriate content.

RECOGNISE THE RISKS

It's unlikely that most children will have even considered the potential risks attached to having a virtual companion. So it's probably wise to explain some of the possible hazards and challenges of AI chatbots to your child. In particular, emphasise that AI isn't a real person (however much it might sound like one) and may occasionally tell them something that isn't entirely impartial or accurate.

Meet Our Expert

A Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at a large boarding school in the UK, having previously taught in schools and colleges in Britain and the Middle East. With a particular interest in digital citizenship and cyber security, he believes it is essential that we become more aware of the risks around technology, as well as the benefits.



National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday



SUMMER TENNIS

July 27th-August 28th - With Adam Scaife - LTA Accredited+ Coach

MONDAYS

@ Aline

31st, 7th, 21st, 28th

TOTS

9am-10.30 - 3-5yrs

RED BALL

10.30am-12.30 - 6-10yrs

ORANGE/GREEN

13.30pm-16.30 - 8-14yrs

TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

THIRSK TENNIS CLUB

1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd

TOTS

9am-10.30 - 3-5yrs

RED BALL

10.30am-12.30 - 6-9yrs

ORANGE/GREEN BALL

13.30pm-16.30 - 8-13yrs

2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd

TOTS

9am-10.30 - 3-5yrs

RED BALL

10.30am-12.30 - 6-9yrs

FULL BALL

13.30pm-16.30 - 12+yrs

Asports

Book your place:

Message/Call Adam

07876458168

Email

Adam_scaife91@hotmail.com

Social Media

@LTAMiniTennisThirsk

Book one or multiple sessions

Costs

Tots (90 minutes) - £9.90

Red Ball (2 hrs) - £13.90

Orange/Green ball-Full Ball (3 hrs) - £19
(4+ sessions = 10% discount)

THURSDAYS

@ KNAYTON

27th, 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th

TOTS

9-10.30 - 3-5yrs

RED BALL

10.30-12.30 - 6-9yrs

ORANGE/GREEN BALL

13.30-16.30 - 8-14yrs

FRIDAYS

@ COXWOLD

28th, 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

TOTS

9-10.30 - 3-5yrs

RED BALL

10.30-12.30 - 6-9yrs

ORANGE/GREEN BALL

13.30-16.30 - 9-15yrs



Locations

Aline Tennis Club - Back Lane - YO61 1TJ

Thirsk Tennis Club - Newsham Rd - YO7 1QP

Leake Tennis Club - HRAP Knayton - YO7 4AX

Coxwold Tennis Club - Coxwold - YO61 4AD

James Lofthouse Football
for 4-12 year olds

HOLIDAY CAMP



**Brompton Primary School
DL6 2RQ**

8.45am - 2.45pm 4 to 6 year olds

9am - 3pm 7 to 9 year olds

9.15am - 3.15pm 9 to 12 year olds

Tuesdays to Thursdays

Week 1 25th to 27th July

Week 2 1st to 3rd August

Week 3 8th to 10th August

Week 4 15th to 17th August

Week 5 No Camps

Week 6 No Camps

**Come have fun,
make friends
and learn new
skills in a safe
environment**

And why not try...
**MULTI SPORTS
MONDAYS**

31st July, 7th and
14th August

Staggered start
times as above



Cost

Prices are reduced if you book days in the same week.

If you book for 2 days please message me on 07908 199994 for a discount code.

Football

£18 per child per day

£34 for 2 days

£48 for 3 days

Multi Sports

£18 per child per day

Your child will need...

playing kit and boots to suit the weather, plenty to drink and a packed lunch.

Please note all sessions will be outside. Toilets are available in the school.

Cancellations

If any days of the camp are cancelled due to adverse weather conditions a credit will be added to your account for future camps and sessions.



For more information What's App James Lofthouse on 07908 199994 or to book please use the booking system at

james-lofthouse-football.class4kids.co.uk/camp

- booking is essential and on a first come first served basis





Applegarth School's

AIM HIGH... BE HAPPY... CELEBRATE... TOGETHER

GOT ★ TALENT

NORTHALLERTON SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM COLLEGE



TUESDAY 11TH JULY



5:30-7:30



ADULT TICKET- £3
CHILDREN- Free!



Fire Station Open Day

Northallerton Fire station

Saturday 8th July 2023
10.00 am till 2.00 pm



Fun for all the family

- Water flume demonstrator
- Driving Simulator
- Virtual Reality Experience
- Equipment demonstrations
- New and old fire engines*
- Water target practice
- Check out our Incident Command Unit*
- View the town from our Aerial Ladder Platform*
- Come and see our colleagues from Mountain Rescue and North Yorkshire Police*
- BBQ – Burgers and hotdogs
- Fire Bike
- Road safety, water safety, home fire safety and more

*Subject to operational commitments on the day



All donations and money raised on the day will go towards the FireFighters Charity. They are here for every member of the extensive fire service community. They exist to help them all to live healthier and happier throughout their lives and they do that by providing a broad range of health and wellbeing services, online and in person.