



Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022

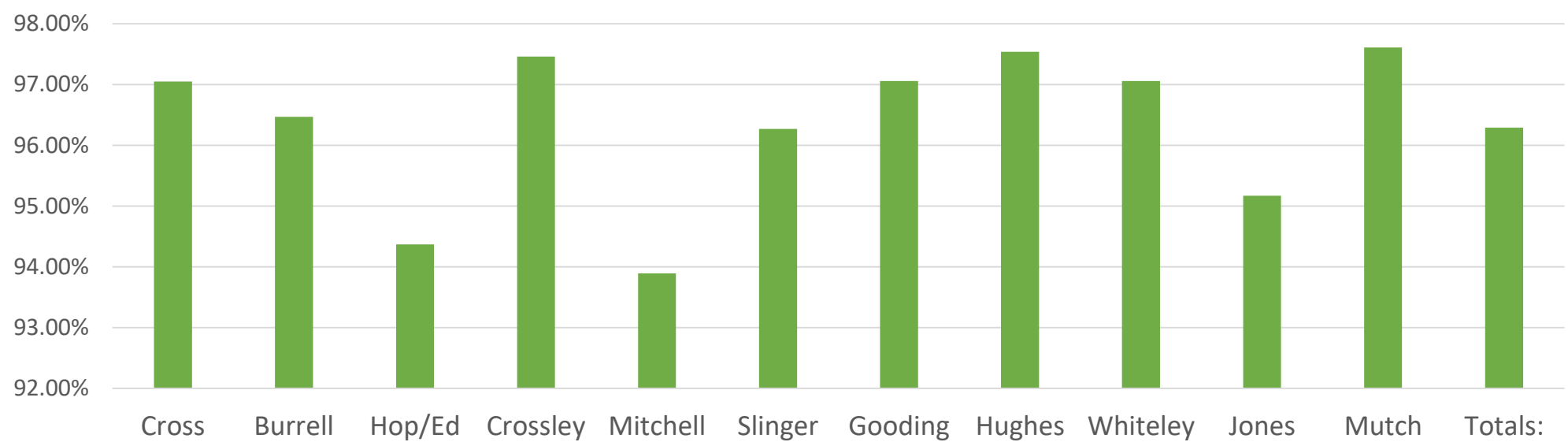
## Stars of the Week

Class	Chosen by Teacher	Chosen by Class
Mrs Burrell	Harry B	Ava B
Mr Whiteley	Jared C	Beatrice L
Mrs Mitchell	Brooke O	Bella-Reux B
Miss Gooding	Mia H	Ash S
Mrs Crossley	Riley S	Evie H
Mrs Jones	Lily B	Darcy F
Mrs Cross	Lola-Rose M	Hayden G
Mrs Hughes	Jessica T	Maxwell R
Miss Mutch	Gracie W	Atlanta C
Mrs Slinger	Noah C	Corinne B
Mrs H & Mr E	Amelia S	Ellie-Mai P



# Attendance

Attendance Totals



Our whole-school total so far this year is **above 96%** which is something to celebrate and build on further (to **at least 97%** for good attendance). If your child is in one of the lower-attending classes, let's support their efforts to raise this by being in school, on time, ready to learn every day.



# Christmas Hampers & Tombola Prizes

We are collecting tombola prizes for the Christmas Fair on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**. If you have anything you can donate, please do so any time from now. The sooner the better 😊

The classes will soon be starting to put together their Christmas hampers. Tickets will be on sale from now and we will draw the winner on the day of the Christmas Fair.

**As you can see from the pictures below, they are always spectacular!** If you are struggling for ideas, the PTA have put together some suggestions (based around the word SNOWMAN) for each class which have been sent out to you on Seesaw. They are only suggestions- just send in anything you can afford that you think would be good in a hamper.



# Friends of Applegarth PTA Christmas Fayre

Please kindly support our Christmas fayre with any of the below donations.



Please take the donations into school by Wednesday 30th November.

All monies raised go back into enhancing the childrens learning and experiences .

## Children in Need

Thank you to everyone for your generosity and support. Together, we raised **£262.80** for Children in Need. Every class had a brilliant time completing the Spotty Circuits during their break time. Thank you Mrs Mitchell and Miss Gooding for making this a memorable day.

# School Calendar

Event	Class/Phase	Venue	Date(s)/Time(s)
Christmas Fair	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 3:30pm – 5:00pm
Christmas Lunch	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Carol Performance	Years 3 - 6	All Saints Church	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 5:00pm – 6:00pm
Christmas Jumper Day	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December
Key Stage One Nativity	Years 1 and 2	Applegarth Primary School	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 6:00pm – 7:30pm  Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 10:00am – 11:15am
Reception Nativity	Reception	Methodist Church TBC	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> 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 [recently-changed welfare](#)

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# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION  
**13+**

(certain features are restricted to over-18s only)

TikTok is a free social media platform that lets users create, share and watch short videos ranging anywhere from 15 seconds to 10 minutes in duration. The app gained notoriety for its viral dances, trends and celebrity cameos and can be a creative, fun platform for teens to enjoy. Now available in 75 languages, it has more than a billion active users worldwide (as of spring 2022) and is most popular with the under-16 age bracket. In fact, a 2022 Ofcom report found TikTok to be the most-used social media platform for posting content, particularly among young people aged 12 to 17.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

While TikTok's "Following" feed only displays videos from users someone follows, "For You" is a stream of clips based on their previously watched content. Most videos on a child's "For You" feed will therefore be light-hearted and amusing, but it could potentially surface something unsuitable. TikTok's guidelines prohibit the sharing of illegal or inappropriate content, but the sheer volume of uploads mean they aren't manually monitored and vetted.



### DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

Due to TikTok's immense popularity, some young people have unfortunately been influenced by videos challenging them to perform harmful, criminal or even deadly acts. One extreme example was the 'blackout' trend, which encouraged users to hold their breath until they passed out from a lack of oxygen. It led to two families filing lawsuits against TikTok over the tragic deaths of their children.

### CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With around 1.1 billion users globally, the potential for contact from strangers on TikTok is high – especially as accounts created by over-16s (or youngsters using a false date of birth) are set to public by default. This not only means that someone's profile is visible to everyone else on the app; it also lets their videos be suggested to others and enables anyone to comment on them or download them.



### IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but users have the option to buy TikTok coins, which can be used to purchase emojis in the app. These emojis are then sent as rewards (retaining their monetary value) to other users for videos they've created. Coin bundles range from £9.99 to an eye-watering £99; TikTok's policy is that they can't be bought by under-18s, but it's possible to bypass this with a fake birthdate.



### ADDICTIVE NATURE

Like all social networking platforms, TikTok can be addictive: figures show that young people are investing increasing amounts of time in it. In the UK, children with TikTok spend an average of 102 minutes per day on the app, versus 53 minutes on YouTube. This compulsive repeated use can interfere with their sleep patterns – leading to irritability – and distract them from other activities.



### TIKTOK NOW

Introduced in late 2022, the 'TikTok Now' feature lets users post a daily video or photo at the exact same time as their friends. Users receive a synchronised notification at a random time of day, giving them three minutes to take a video or real-time photo. This addition can not only be a distraction to young people but could lead to them inadvertently sharing private content such as their location.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account with their child's and control their settings remotely. Parents can then, for example, turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content); set screen time limits; and manage their child's ability to send messages (and to whom). Children can't alter these settings without parental approval.



### MAKE ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

Although under-16s will have their TikTok account set to private by default, bypassing this setting is relatively easy. However, parents have the ability to manually set their child's account to private – meaning that their videos won't be visible to strangers and they won't be able to exchange messages with people who aren't on their friends list.



### LIMIT IN-APP SPENDING

If your child is using an iPhone or Android device to access TikTok, you can alter the settings to prevent them from making in-app purchases. We'd recommend that you enable this feature, as it's quite easy for a young person – without realising what they're doing – to spend a significant amount of real money buying TikTok coins so they can unlock more features of the app.



### DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If your child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's crucial to talk about the potential risks in this type of app. For example, ensure they understand not to share any identifying personal information – and that they realise they could be exposed to inappropriate content. Thinking critically about what they see on TikTok can help children become generally more social media savvy.



### READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that your child might be spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something inappropriate or upsetting that they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the possible signs. Increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as are failing to complete homework or regularly not eating meals.



### Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid The Inquirer, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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#WakeUpWednesday



JOIN  
APPLEGARTH  
SCHOOL FOR A

# CHRISTMAS FAYRE

**Friday 2nd  
DECEMBER  
3.15PM**

APPLEGARTH  
SCHOOL, UPWELL  
ROAD

GAMES, STALLS,  
MULLED WINE AND  
MINCE PIES!



North Yorkshire  
County Council

Ages 0-11

# Christmas Reading Challenge



Read four library books before  
Christmas and earn stickers,  
a certificate and a personalised  
decoration for your tree

FREE

Join the  
challenge  
today!



# \* FILM SCREENING AND FESTIVE FARE



**INCREDIBLE  
EDIBLE  
NORTHALLERTON**

SUNDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2022

2PM

ZION URC CHURCH



ENTRY - PAY WHAT YOU CAN AFFORD, SEEDS, PLANTS, HOME BAKES  
ALL WELCOME AND APPRECIATED

An inspirational film about one woman's crusade for  
food justice followed by homemade festive treats  
and a discussion about how we can become our own  
force for change.

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**Love Football?**

**Want to play for a team?**

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particularly pupils in Year 4/5**

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