Applegarth Primary School **Newsletter**

Friday 10th November 2023



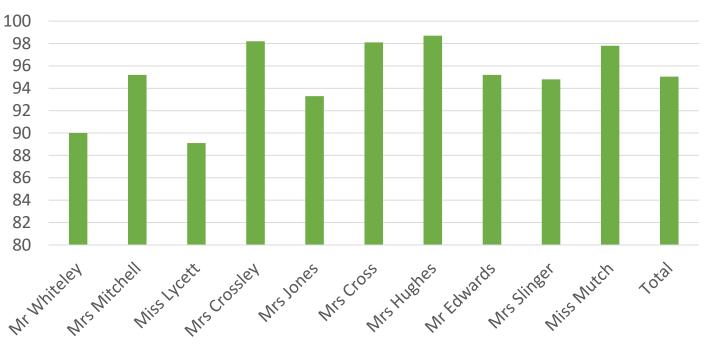
Stars of the Week

Class	Chosen by Teacher	Chosen by Class	
Mrs Burrell	Hollie –Rose P-Y		
Mr Whiteley	Aria K	George C	
Mrs Mitchell	Florence M	Tommy-Arthur C	
Miss Lycett	Rafael V	Jackson P	
Mrs Crossley	Ronan M	Eva J	
Mrs Jones	Owen R	ТВС	
Mrs Cross	Evie S	Lexi B	
Mrs Hughes	Logan S	Mila W	
Mr Edwards	Emily Ba	Jovi-Max B	
Mrs Slinger	Gracie-Mae G	Olivia W	
Miss Mutch	Cassie G	Harry S	





Attendance 23rd – 27th October



As we enter the second half of the Autumn term it can be a time when various illnesses are going around school and occasionally, pupils are too unwell to attend. If your child has a cough or cold and are feeling well enough to attend school then we encourage them to continue coming to school. If, however, they have been sick or had diarrhoea then your child should not attend school until 48 hours have passed since the last 'episode'. For other illnesses, if you are unsure as to whether your child should attend or not, please speak with your GP, office staff or class teachers who can advise.

Don't forget to put your Tesco counters into our pot next time you visit the supermarket.

Fund Raising Opportunity



We have an exciting opportunity to earn £5000 for our school... but it's only open until 23.59pm tonight 10th November.

There's a prize draw and the more nominations we get, the greater the chance of winning £5000.

It's takes less than a minute.... Follow <u>this link</u> and search for friends of Applegarth school, it'll automatically bring us up, click education and skills and you can then fill in your details to nominate us.

Thanks in advance for your help.... and don't forget to share with family, friends, work colleagues!

We would like to purchase 10 new ipads and a new charging trolley to ensure that we have whole class sets. We won't be able to do so unless we are able to secure some grant funding...

Odd Socks Day and Anti Bullying Week 2023

A reminder that Monday is **Odd Socks Day**. This is the start of Anti-Bullying Week. On the poster last week, there was a suggested monetary contribution. This is not necessary (especially with Bedtime Stories and Children in Need coming up next week).



The School Council and Mrs Mitchell have planned the activities for this week's campaign (Monday 13th – Friday 17th):

- Older pupils leading the Anti-Bullying assemblies for younger year groups
- Creating bookmarks with positive messages
- Developing empathy and teamwork in the wildlife area
- Engaging in live lessons with the Anti-Bullying Alliance
- They have even tasked their peers with creating rap videos!
- The whole school will be learning *Prinz Highs and Lows* to end the week in our Star of the Week assembly

The Governing Body have begun to review and refresh our Anti-Bullying Policy. This will go to consultation with staff and pupils once the draft is complete. Crucially, we are sending this out to families for your input (before Christmas).

Bedtime Stories

Friends of Applegarth

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Bed time Stories Event Wednesday 15th November - 5:30pm until 6:30pm

£4 per child - please purchase wristbands from the School Office over the next few days (before the event) Price includes a hot chocolate, activities and of course, stories!

Children to arrive at school dress in their pyjamas, ready for the event.

Collection: Reception from Mr Whiteley's Classroom; Year 1 from Mrs Mitchell's classroom; Year 2 from their outside area; KS2 from the green doors at the front of school.

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 <u>Safeguarding Page</u>.

For information about **Online Safety**, visit our dedicated <u>webpage</u>.

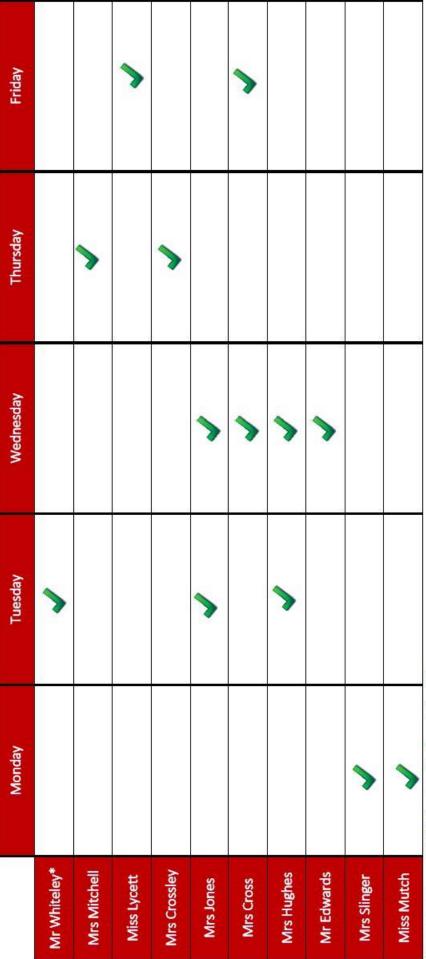
You can also report any concerns you have to our <u>welfare email:</u> <u>dsl@applegarth.n-yorks.sch.uk</u>

School Calendar (long term)						
Event	Class/Phase	Location	Date and Time			
Reception New Starters Open Events	New Starters	Applegarth Primary School (Call the office to book a space)	Tuesday 14 th November 9:30am – 11:00am Wednesday 22 nd November 1:30pm – 3:00pm			
Bedtime Stories (PTA)	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Wednesday 15 th November 5:30pm – 6:30pm			
Children in Need	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Friday 17 th November Dress SPOTacular			
PTA AGM and Christmas Fair Planning Meeting	Parents and School Staff welcome	Applegarth Primary School	Wednesday 22 nd November 6:oopm to 7:30pm (approx.)			
Nursery Stay and Play	Nursery Parents/Carers	Applegarth Primary School	Thursday 30 th November 10:30am — 11:30am 2:00pm — 3:00pm			
Nursery Transition	January Starters	Applegarth Primary School	Thursday 7 th December			
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 & KS1 Visit to 'Well Done, Mummy Penguin'	Reception & KS1	The ARC Theatre, Stockton	<mark>Thursday 14th December</mark> 9:30am			
Pantomime Performance	Key Stage Two	Applegarth Primary School	Tuesday 12 th December 6:oopm — 7:oopm Thursday 14 th December 6:oopm — 7:oopm			
Reception Nativity	Reception	Methodist Church	Tuesday 19 th December 10:00am — 11:00am			
Christmas Dinner	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Wednesday 20 th December			
Break up for Christmas	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Friday 22 nd December			

School Calendar (long term)					
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Nursery Stay and Play	Nursery Parent/Carers	Applegarth Primary School	Friday 2 nd February 10:30am — 11:30am 2:00pm — 3:00pm		
NSPCC Number Day	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Friday 2 nd February		
Safer Internet Day	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Tuesday 6 th February		
Carlton Lodge Pre Visit Meeting	Year 5 Families	Applegarth Primary School	Wednesday 28 th February 5:oopm — 5:45pm		
World Book Day	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Thursday 7 th March		
Nursery Stay and Play	Nursery Parent/Carers	Applegarth Primary School	Monday 11 th March 10:30am – 11:30am 2:00pm – 3:00pm		
Red Nose Day	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Friday 15 th March		
British Science Week	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Monday 18 th — Friday 22 nd March		
Robinwood Family Meeting	Year 6 Families	Applegarth Primary School	Wednesday 1 st May 5:oopm – 5:45pm		
Key Stage 2 SATs Week	Year 6	Applegarth Primary School	w/c 13 th May 2024 PLEASE DO NOT BOOK HOLIDAYS		
Nursery Stay and Play	Nursery Parent/Carers	Applegarth Primary School	Wednesday 15 th May 10:30am — 11:30am 2:00pm — 3:00pm		
Carlton Lodge	Year 5	Carlton Miniott	Thursday 16 th May and Friday 17 th May 2024		
Pride Month	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	June 2024		
Autistic Pride Day	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Tuesday 18 th June		
Robinwood	Year 6	Robinwood , Alston	Monday 24 th June — Wednesday 26 th June 2024		



Applegarth Primary School PE Timetable- Autumn 2 2023



*Reception: Leave PE kits in school in drawstring PE bags.

YEARS 1 – 6: Wear your PE kit to school on the day/s that you have PE sessions. You do not need to bring uniform to change back into. In colder weather, wear black leggings/jogging bottoms and a red hoodie or school jumper.



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about N LANC

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Microtransactions (often abbreviated as "MTX") are digital purchases made within an app or game to unlock extra features additional content such as new levels. A popular sub-set of these are loot boxes, which contain a selection (usually random) of virtual items: from character skins to game-changing equipment like better weapons. Microtransactions (and loot boxes in particular) are now widespread in apps and games, but concerns persist that they normalise gambling and can foster addictive behaviours – especially among younger players. annun a

GATEWAY TO GAMBLING?

WHAT ARE

THE RISKS?

icrotransactions have been iticised for promoting ambling-adjacent behaviour in ilidren. Research has also iggested that exposure to the loot x system could affect the relificod of a young person illocion of a young person ering gambling harm children who purchas boxes in the last 12 m irms later in chased or used 2 months were ne period

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PAYING TO WIN

n many popular games (the FIFA eries being a notable example), nicrotransactions make it far easier b succeed - which is a concern ecause children can often find it ifficult to keep track of their pending. Once a child starts making agame purchases, they may ontinue buying to keep up with their iends and other players -pometimes without recognising the nounting real-world cost.

EXCLUSIVE CONTENT

GAMER

DATA COLLECTION

to allow a young person to plete microtransactions, no and game developers collect sonal data such as their name, ress, email, geolocation rmation, photos, payment sils and so on. Even if this data details and so on. Even if this d remains secure (which is by ne means guaranteed), there's a the chance that it will be used possibly sold on to third parti-marketing purposes.

AFFECTING DAILY ROUTINE

Online games tend to revolve around repeated loops of activity that can affect purchasing decisions and potentially influence children's anoming pathren's atch the gan ially impacti

SATELLITE SPENDING

Advice for Parents & Carers

DO YOUR RESEARCH

important to have a serviceable a of whether the games your child bys use the loot box system (even if it goes a different name) or include the option of buying ms, equipment and so forth. If so, it's crucial to help ur child understand that this costs actual money d that the devided that here prevent is to making that they shouldn't feel pressured into making purchases.

CHAT ABOUT 'CHANCE'

y – these in-app and soon add up. Talk to your

(GIFT) CARDS ON THE TABLE 97

nvesting in an in-game currency gift card an be a useful way of helping your child get to prips with budgeting. If you buy, say, a 210 V-bu ortnite gift card, monitor how long it takes the pend it. When they come to you asking for mo ould make it the starting point for a conversat about how quickly that money went and how th ould earn their next gift card.

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STOP SPENDING AT SOURCE

You might decide that the wisest strategy is to remove the potential for spending money on microtransactions. If so, most games, apps and devices have options in their settings to help you manage what your child can spend – or to disable that function altogether, preventing them from buying additional items for their games or boosted functionality for certain apps.

Meet Our Expert

ny Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track and a franer than 10 years in the industry. Previously the edit achtabloid The inquires, Carly is now a freelance technology endist, editor and consultant.

WATCH FOR THE SIGNS

f you're worried that your child's passion for a particular game or app may tempt them into habitual spending on microtransactions, t's important to remember the indicators of addictive behaviour, rritability, a lack of concentration and prioritising recreational screen ime ahead of homework or mealtimes could all be signs that you need to have a conversation about a more balanced routine.



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