

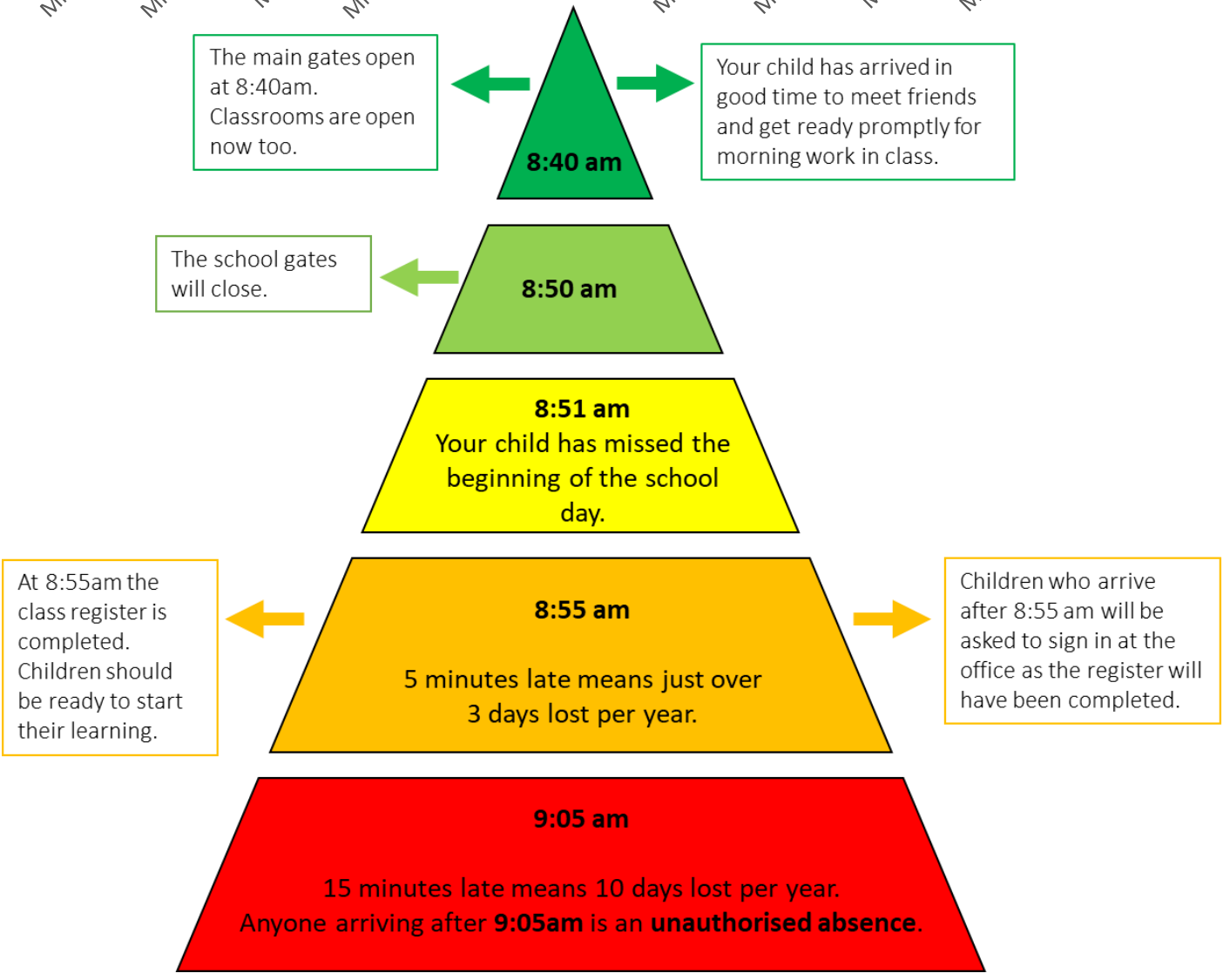
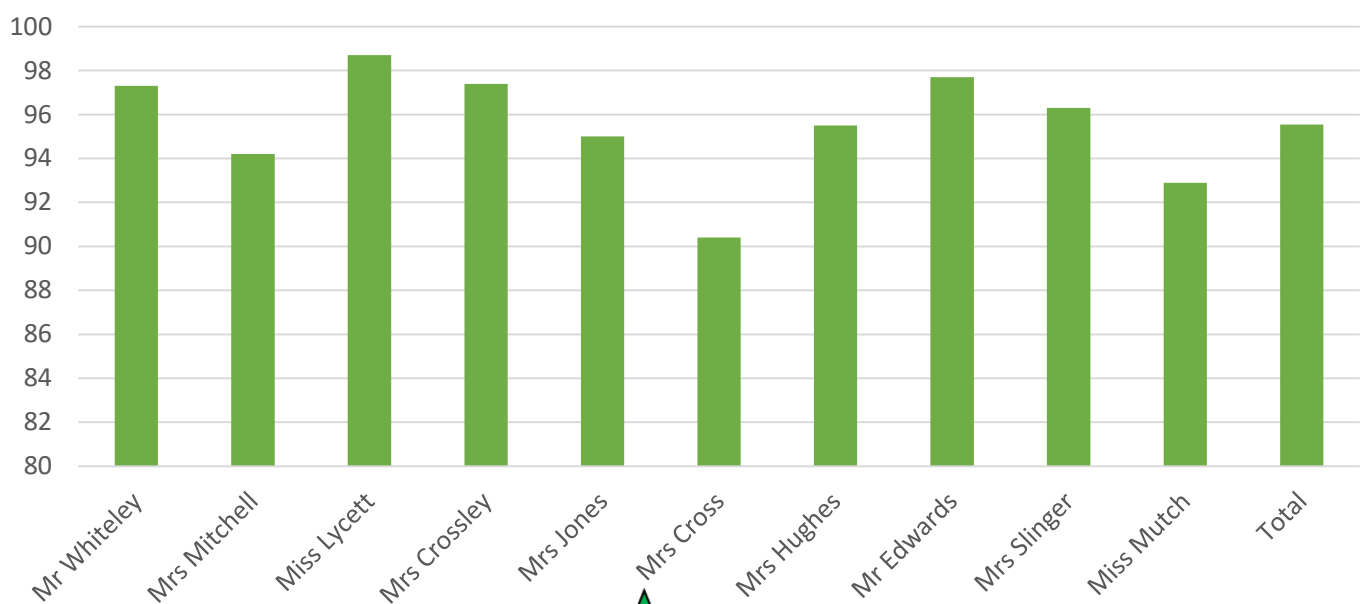


# Stars of the Week

Class	Chosen by Teacher	Chosen by Class
Mrs Burrell	Finlay N	
Mr Whiteley	Louie H	Mollie M
Mrs Mitchell	Lennie H	Ivy T
Miss Lycett	Lacey C	Thomas M
Mrs Crossley	Phi-Uyen N	Phoebe S
Mrs Jones	Theo B	Sienna T
Mrs Cross	Hannah B	Evie E-G
Mrs Hughes	Maya T	Amaya S
Mr Edwards	Andria P	Max T
Mrs Slinger	Phoebe A	TBC
Miss Mutch	Charlie B	Jack D



# Attendance 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> November



**Did you know?** If you are 15 minutes late each day, you will have missed a full 2 weeks of school in one year.

# Anti Bullying Week 2023

The week started with Nursery making a huge noise around school to kick things off. Mrs Mitchell got lots of pictures of “Circles of Socks” celebrating friendship on Odd Socks Day (on The Blog). The pupil-led assemblies were a huge success! Logan S said:

**“I was terrified before it, but I really liked speaking in front of the school and I’d like to do it again.”** They were all given a hot chocolate for their bravery!



Many classes engaged in live lessons with the Anti-Bullying Alliance. It was wonderful to hear the whole school perform *Prinz – Highs and Lows* to end Anti-Bullying Week in our Star of the Week assembly.

The updates Anti-Bullying Policy has been attached for your consultation to the newsletter email (along with a [link](#) to a questionnaire where you can share your thoughts).

# Children in Need 2023

We raised a fantastic amount for Children in Need today. Everyone had a very active day trying to achieve 1000 burpees with Joe Wicks. Nursery went into town and met Pudsey (and a weatherman!).



Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit [www.tempest-orders.co.uk](http://www.tempest-orders.co.uk) If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

# Year 5 and 6 Football Gold



Our Year 5/6 boys football team played brilliantly last week against town schools showing some fantastic skills. They won every match and did not concede any goals. Matthew received a medal for the best smile of the tournament and Harry most valuable player. Thank you to Mr Burn for managing the team.

## Personal Items in School

There's an increasing amount of toys, teddies, squishies, personal stationary and keyrings coming into school with pupils. These personal items are not necessary and are often broken, misplaced or taken which causes upset and disruption to learning. There are exceptional cases where some items have been agreed with families. The general rule is to leave non-educational personal belongings at home.

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

# Bedtime Stories

We had an excellent turnout for Bedtime Stories this year. The classrooms looked cosy and relaxing and the staff chose some wonderful stories to share. Thank you to the staff and PTA for giving up your time – the children all had a wonderful experience drinking hot chocolate and being in school in the dark! Also, a big thank you to Alrose Productions (McNairs) who supplied the floodlights for the playground to make sure collection was safe.



## **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)

# School Calendar (long term)

Event	Class/Phase	Location	Date and Time
PTA AGM and Christmas Fair Planning Meeting	Parents and School Staff welcome	Applegarth Primary School	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 6:00pm to 7:30pm (approx.)
Nursery Stay and Play	Nursery Parents/Carers	Applegarth Primary School	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 10:30am – 11:30am 2:00pm – 3:00pm
Nursery Transition	January Starters	Applegarth Primary School	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Fair	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 3:15pm – 5:00pm
Key Stage One Nativity	Key Stage One	Applegarth Primary School	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 6:00pm – 7:00pm Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 10:00am – 11:00am
Reception & KS1 Visit to 'Well Done, Mummy Penguin'	Reception & KS1	The ARC Theatre, Stockton	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 9:30am
Pantomime Performance	Key Stage Two	Applegarth Primary School	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 6:00pm – 7:00pm Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 6:00pm – 7:00pm
Reception Nativity	Reception	Methodist Church	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 10:00am – 11:00am
Christmas Dinner	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December
Break up for Christmas	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December

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



# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SMART TVs

Smart TVs connect to the internet without the need for a set-top box or streaming device, letting users access a range of features through the TV set itself: from on-demand content apps like BBC iPlayer to streaming services such as Netflix, as well as connecting to smartphones and other wireless devices. Most new televisions are internet enabled – so whether you're thinking of upgrading your home viewing system or buying an additional TV for your child's room, it's now even more important to consider the online safety aspects.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

From Netflix to Disney+ to Prime Video, there is a plethora of streaming services available. While these services offer content catering for younger viewers, they also provide material for more mature audiences. If you don't have parental controls set up on your accounts, your child could find themselves being exposed to shows and movies with adult themes, strong language and violence.



### INCREASED SCREEN TIME

The array of content available through smart TVs could lead to your child spending excessive amounts of time in front of the screen. Not only can prolonged screen time distract from important activities such as schoolwork or exercise, but experts have also warned that endless hours in front of the box can lead to health problems including obesity, poor sleeping patterns and depression.



### REMOTE-CONTROL RETAIL

Like many online devices, smart TVs facilitate digital purchases: buying a new app or the latest season of a favourite show, for example. If your child has access to a bank card and isn't restricted by spending controls on the system, they could run up a sizeable bill through a smart TV fairly quickly – especially if they're not quite old enough to fully appreciate the value of money.



### UNCONVINCING SECURITY

As Internet of Things (IoT) devices, smart TVs can be uniquely vulnerable to attack. Experts warn that internet-enabled TVs tend not to support high-level security software, so you won't always be able to download strong antivirus programmes like you would on a phone or computer. Being targeted by hackers could be deeply upsetting for your child, as well as putting their personal data at risk.



### A SILENT SPY?

Some smart TVs already collect data on users' viewing habits and then display targeted advertising based on that personal information – while there have also been reports of internet-enabled TVs (and the apps installed on them) being used to 'eavesdrop' on owners. In models with a built-in microphone (for voice activation), third parties could potentially listen in on someone's home life.



### CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

Many smart TVs can be used for web browsing, social media and live streaming – all of which could allow unknown users to contact your child (or vice versa). If your child engages with these functions of the TV, a stranger could potentially discover their contact information and potentially then use it to obtain even more sensitive personal details, such as your home address.



## Advice for Parents & Carers

### MAKE IT A FAMILY THING

Family TV time is a great way to model the responsible enjoyment of technology – showing your child how to use the smart TV safely for when they're old enough to watch it independently. You could also take this opportunity to establish some healthy TV boundaries, such as time limits on their daily viewing or how to make sure they're only watching content that's appropriate for their age.



### CREATE CHILD PROFILES

Much like with smartphones and tablets, apps can be downloaded onto smart TVs: from free content platforms such as BBC iPlayer to paid-for services like Prime Video. Most of these apps allow you to create a separate account for your child which has different settings to your own – suggesting more child-friendly material and reducing the possibility of them viewing explicit content.



### SET UP PARENTAL CONTROLS

It's likely that your smart TV has built-in parental controls, which not only let you filter out age-inappropriate shows, movies and games but can also restrict in-app purchasing, so your child can't accidentally spend money through the device. When you've enabled these safeguards, have an open conversation with your child about the reasons, helping them to understand the potential risks.



### CONSIDER THE LOCATION

If you're concerned about the online safety hazards that a smart TV might pose to your child, you could consider where in your home you put the device. The safest option would be to place the smart TV in a shared family space – so that an adult is usually nearby and able to supervise while your child's watching it – rather than in the relative privacy of a bedroom.



### 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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