



Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

## What a Week!

It has been very busy week – we had a two day Ofsted inspection with three inspectors (and a shadow inspector). At our school, there is a massive team who work hard and show great care and compassion day in day out. So a huge well done is in order for our kitchen and cleaning staff; wraparound care team; mid day team; dedicated admin team, caring and dynamic teaching assistants and learning mentor; skilled and effective teachers; decisive leaders; and knowledgeable and committed governors. The inspectors were very impressed with the forest school area; reading bags; play equipment and reading corners – all resources purchased with funds raised by our fantastic PTA.

It was touching how many of you sent emails, cards, treats and wished us well before, during and after the inspection. This support is exactly what we needed to get us through a challenging week and show the inspection team what a wonderful school community we have.

The report will be with you before half term once it has been quality assured. **What mattered to me most was the glowing feedback from families. One parent said that they see our school as the heart of the community.** That is exactly what we strive for and that's our marker for success.

As always at Applegarth, your children were the stars of the show. They spoke confidently and articulately about their learning and described a happy and vibrant life at a caring and exciting school. They praised their teachers and teaching assistants and behaved with respect and consideration. I honestly could not be any more grateful to every single person who makes up this enormous family! It takes a village to raise a child, and our village is one that I feel happy and privileged to be in.

Mr Peoples  
Proud Headteacher  
Applegarth Primary School

# Stars of the Week

Some classes and teachers were out today, so some awards will be given on Monday.

Class	Chosen by Teacher	Chosen by Class
Mrs Burrell	Gwen C	
Mr Whiteley	Everly H	Indi H-H
Mrs Mitchell	Noah G	Frankie L
Miss Lycett	Jack S	<i>TBC on Monday</i>
Mrs Crossley	Brooke O	Freya D
Mrs Jones	<i>TBC on Monday</i>	
Mrs Cross	Finn S	<i>TBC on Monday</i>
Mrs Hughes	Oliver B	Jude S
Mr Edwards	Jessica T	Charlie H
Mrs Slinger	Oliver H	Grace F
Miss Mutch	Dev D	Rita C



# Congratulations, Mrs Hopkin

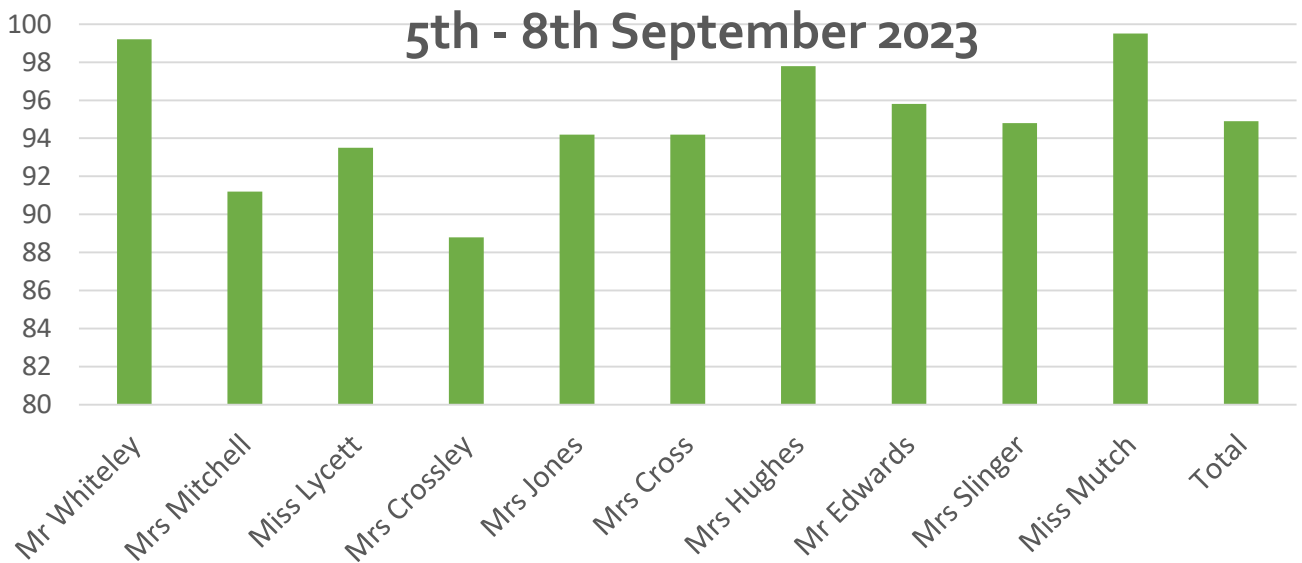
I am beyond excited to share the news that my husband and I are expecting our first child; Baby Girl Hopkin is due in February 2024. I would just like to say a huge thank you to all the staff at Applegarth for their support during the first half of my pregnancy.

Mrs Hopkin

## Attendance

### Attendance Totals

5th - 8th September 2023



### 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 (this half term)

Event	Class/Phase	Venue	Date(s)/Time(s)
Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Meeting	ALL families welcome to attend	Applegarth Primary School	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September 6:00pm – 7:30pm
Macmillan Coffee Morning	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September 9:15am – 10:30am
Parent/Carers Evening	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School <i>You will be notified by text when bookings open</i>	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October 3:30pm – 6:00pm Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 3:30pm – 6:00pm
Harvest Festival	Whole School	All Saints Church Families welcome to attend	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 10:00am – 11:30am
Break up for Half Term	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October
Staff Training Day	Staff	Applegarth Primary School	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October

# School Calendar (long term)

Event	Class/Phase	Venue	Date(s)/Time(s)
Halloween Disco (PTA)	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> December T 5:00pm – 6:00pm
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 Nativity	Reception	Methodist Church	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 10:00am – 11:00am
Carlton Lodge	Year 5	Carlton Miniott	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May
Robinwood	Year 6	Robinwood , Alston	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June – Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June

# Top Tips for SETTING BOUNDARIES AROUND GAMING

If your child loves video games, then you'll probably be aware that how long they spend gaming – and what they're actually playing – can occasionally become a source of concern or conflict. The UK's trade body for interactive entertainment, Ukie, has recently launched a campaign to promote safer and more responsible gaming among young people – with parents and carers helping by setting sensible and fair boundaries. Our guide has tips on key areas where you could agree some healthy ground rules for your child's gaming activity.

## PROMOTE SAFER GAME CHOICES

Deciding which online games are OK – and which should be avoided – is tricky. Some titles allow children to cooperate or compete with strangers, which creates potential risks. Watching your child play online for a while could provide more insight into a particular game, while the parental controls on most consoles allow you to limit who can chat to your child or send them friend requests. Remind your child of the hazards around strangers online when you discuss this boundary with them.

## ENCOURAGE REGULAR BREAKS

Help your child understand the need to take regular breaks, playing in shorter bursts rather than marathon sessions. Bear in mind that some games (such as role-playing games) require time investment from the player, while others (online team games, for example) can't be stopped or paused at a moment's notice. A quick break every hour or so is good practice, and you could suggest some things to do in these breaks, such as having a drink of water or getting some fresh air.

## AGREE SPENDING LIMITS

There's no doubt that gaming can be expensive, and younger players often don't realise how much paying for digital items and subscriptions can add up to. Many young gamers love to buy new skins or upgrades for their character, so you could settle on a fixed amount that your child is allowed to spend on in-game items each week or month. This sort of boundary will not only help your child to manage their expectations but will also make you more aware of the price of these items.

## DISCUSS AGE RATINGS

Children often ignore the age ratings on games – or are unaware they even exist. If you're happy with your child playing a particular game even though it's rated above their age, then establish that as a boundary; emphasise that you've made an exception, and talk about what age ratings mean and why they're important. You could add context to this boundary by browsing games' boxes together while shopping, discussing why some games might have earned certain age ratings.

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## FACTOR IN FRIENDS

If your child is a keen video gamer, the chances are that they'll have other gamers among their social circle, too. When friends visit, do they instantly dash to their console or computer? You could put boundaries in place before their guests arrive by agreeing on a length of gaming time. Bear in mind, though, that they may try to extend this once they're together. Try coming up with activities or challenges for them during screen breaks – if they join in, they earn a little extra time on their game.

## ENJOY GAMING TOGETHER

Setting time aside to play video games together can be an enjoyable bonding exercise. Undeniably, some young gamers may be less enthusiastic about a parent or carer joining in, but it can be a productive way of encouraging them to share their hobby with you. Setting goals or tasks might be useful; if they love Minecraft, choose something to build together; if Fortnite's their favourite, ask to try out some of the fun game modes, like Prop Hunt, which don't require high skill levels.

## TALK ABOUT EMOTIONS

Help your child to monitor their emotions as they play. Discuss what is (and isn't) an acceptable level of competitiveness to show while gaming. Are they allowed to trash talk other players, for example? Can they notice when they get angry if they lose? Do they think these emotions are healthy? Some games can provoke anger, but others can bring joy, humour and the thrill of overcoming a challenge. Try to steer your child towards games that tend to produce these more positive feelings.

## BE PREPARED FOR TROLLS

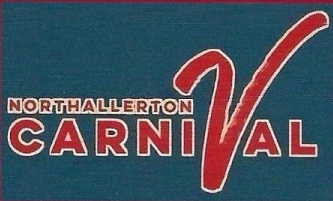
A frequent problem when gaming online is other players who are deliberately troublesome. Make sure your child knows how to report and block someone who makes their experience a negative one. Between you, decide if or how they should deal with these online trolls. Talk about where your child's boundaries are in terms of what they think is acceptable: what behaviour by other users is merely frustrating, and what crosses the line to become upsetting or abusive.

## Meet Our Expert

Daniel Upcombell is a writer specialising in technology, video gaming, virtual reality and Web3. He has also written 15 guidebooks for children, covering games such as Fortnite, Apex Legends, Valorant, Roblox and Minecraft. With work published by the likes of PC Gamer, Kotaku, Pocket Gamer and VG247, he has reviewed more than 50 games and products over the past year.



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Bringing you some Spooktacular Fun

# Halloween Disco

Friday 27th October 2023 Northallerton Town Hall

5pm till 6.30pm & 7pm till 8.30pm  
Ages 3-11 (both sessions)

Prize for Best Fancy Dress

Cash Prize Raffle

Tuck Shop and Refreshments on Sale

Tickets £5 Entry  
incl. Hot Dog and Drink

Tickets Online via the QR Code

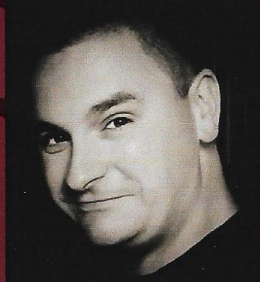


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For just £42, your child will get six sessions and a kit bag which includes a racket, ball, t-shirt and goggles.

Each session led by our qualified coaches will give your child the chance to explore squash play and have great fun making friends.



Sessions start Saturday 28th October 2023

Bedale Squash Club

Time: 10.15am - 11.00

If you'd like to sign your child up, visit  
[squashstars.co.uk](http://squashstars.co.uk)





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all-age fun

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games

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# **Harvest Festival**

## **Fun for All**

### **Bring your fruit & veg!**

### **3.30pm Sunday**

### **24<sup>th</sup> September**

### **All Saints Church**



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