

Friday 8th September 2023

Welcome Back!

It has been wonderful welcoming pupils (both old and new) into school this week. They have settled in their new classes exceptionally well and we are now in the process of democratically electing pupil leaders for roles such as Eco Council and School Council.

The first week back is always a big adjustment; even more so this week with the scorching weather ☀ There are lots of very tired (but very happy) children who are ready for the weekend!

It has been lovely to hear all of your positive comments about the work that has taken place on the school site over the summer. We wanted to mark the opening of the Nursery with something special. Wendi New (who also runs our lunchtime art club) has certainly provided us with that. She spent many weeks over the summer creating a spectacular mural that captures the context and spirit of Applegarth perfectly.



Stars of the Week



Class	Chosen by Teacher	Chosen by Class
Mrs Burrell	Jude H	
Mr Whiteley	Lucy-Rose P	Albie M
Mrs Mitchell	Evelyn R	Jennifer F
Miss Lycett	Paige P-Y	Manha K
Mrs Crossley	Lily-May L	Henry N
Mrs Jones	Willow B	-
Mrs Cross	Isaac S	Alex M
Mrs Hughes	Layla-Rose B	Felix R
Mr Edwards	Finn R	Esme H
Mrs Slinger	Erin B	Shalom A
Miss Mutch	Tommy T	Finley W



Nursery and Reception Starters

Our Nursery children have been absolutely amazing. They look incredibly smart and grown up in their uniforms and have enjoyed playing outside in the sunshine and making new friends this week. Thank you to all the families for your support (and for choosing Applegarth), and to the Nursery team who have done a brilliant job making things run so smoothly from the very first week of opening.

Reception (Bees) have also been phenomenal in their first week at school. They have been exploring school on treasure hunts to get familiar with their new school environment and began to venture out onto the field and into the forest today.

The next few pages contain pictures of our Early Years children enjoying the start of many happy years with us at Applegarth...







The Week in Pictures

Our children have been enjoying our new thermo plastic markings on the playground. Here are some pictures of KS2 enjoying their break time earlier this week.



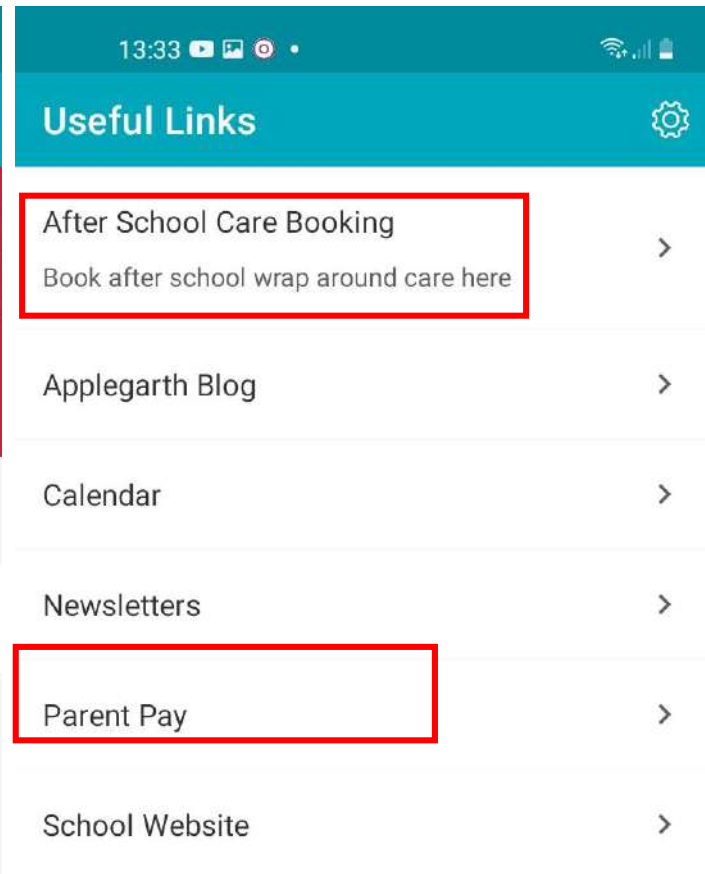
Remember to visit our school blog regularly to keep up-to-date with our learning and events across school. You can subscribe so that you never miss a thing!



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

School Gateway App

A reminder to sign up to the School Gateway App (**all classes INCLUDING NURSERY**) if you have not done so already. It has everything you need all in one place. Staff use the app too, and have found it simple and incredibly useful. As I have mentioned, it saves the school hundreds of pounds a year if you sign up because we don't get charged for app notifications (but we do for texts). **There are still some people left to sign up- please do so as soon as you can.** If you need any technical support, we are happy to help you in person at school.



School Gateway keeps links to external sites for parents' evening and wraparound care in one place. It saves you having to use a browser to log into ParentPay too.





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School Newsletters

Our School Newsletter is uploaded to our website in PDF format.

Our newsletters are full of interesting information about what's going on in school and includes useful dates for your diary. If you require further information about any of the items shown please contact the school and we will do our best to help.

Newsletters 2021-2022

- 10 September 2021
- 17 September 2021
- 24 September 2021
- 1 October 2021

Calendar

◀ 2020 < SEP > NOV ▶ 2022 ▶						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		Robinwood Y6 Residential V	Parents' Evening 3:30 pm			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Book Fair 3:15 pm	Book Fair 3:15 pm	Harvest Festival (Whole School) 10:00 am			
		Parents' Evening 3:30 pm				
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
			Hallowe'en Trail (Whole School & Wider Community) 4:30 pm	Hallowe'en Trail (Whole School & Wider Community) 4:30 pm		



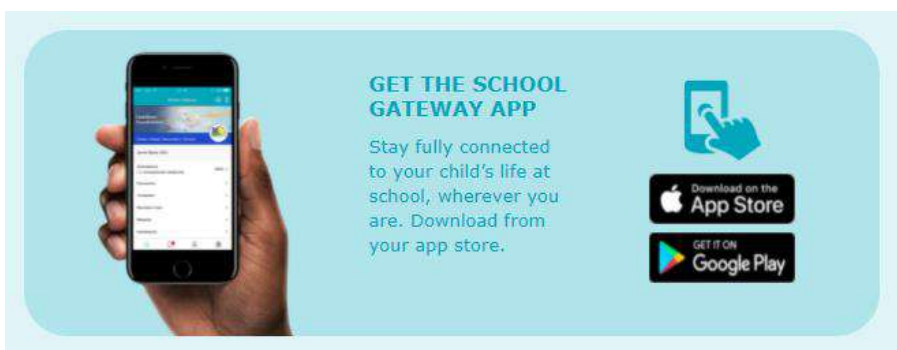
MENU



The other **Useful Links** take you directly to phone-screen-friendly pages for newsletters, the school calendar and [The Blog](#).

The notification tab gives you a feed of messages you've received from school without having to sort through other conversations in your text messaging app. As long as you have app notification enabled in your phones settings, you will receive an alert when we send a notification out.

GET THE SCHOOL GATEWAY APP

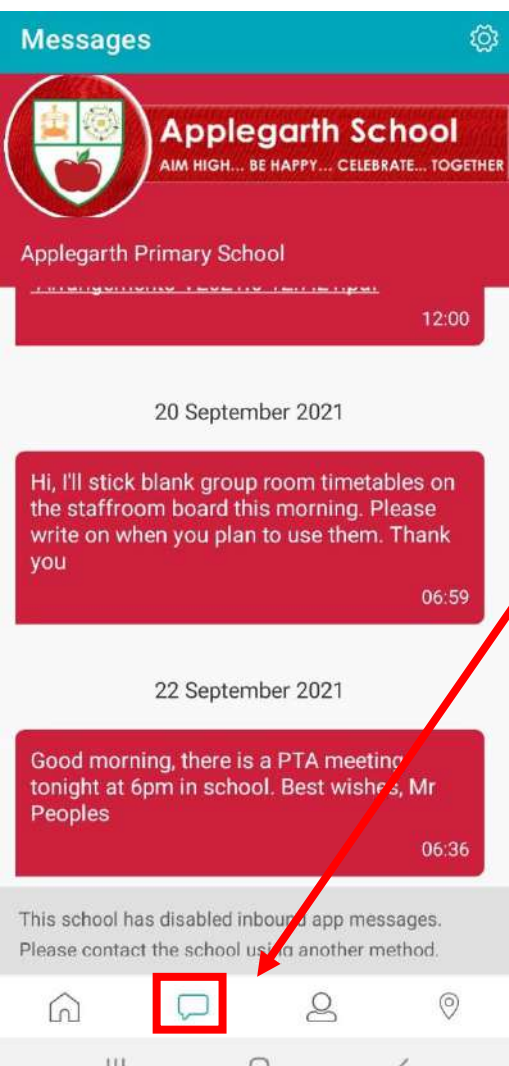


GET THE SCHOOL GATEWAY APP

Stay fully connected to your child's life at school, wherever you are. Download from your app store.

Download on the **App Store**

GET IT ON **Google Play**



Messages

Applegarth School
AIM HIGH... BE HAPPY... CELEBRATE... TOGETHER

Applegarth Primary School

12:00

20 September 2021

Hi, I'll stick blank group room timetables on the staffroom board this morning. Please write on when you plan to use them. Thank you

06:59

22 September 2021

Good morning, there is a PTA meeting tonight at 6pm in school. Best wishes, Mr Peoples

06:36

This school has disabled inbound app messages. Please contact the school using another method.

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We Need Your Help!

Key Stage One will be learning about toys in history (in spring term) and we'd really like to know as much as we can about the rocking horse in school (and the old abacus). If there are any family members (even grand parents and great grandparents) who know anything, please get in touch with Mrs Cross via admin@Applegarth.n-yorks.sch.uk



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

School Calendar (this half term)

Event	Class/Phase	Venue	Date(s)/Time(s)
Oriental Museum Visit	Year 3 and 4	Durham Oriental Museum	Thursday 14 th September (Year 4) Friday 15 th September (Year 3)
Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Meeting	ALL families welcome to attend	Applegarth Primary School	Wednesday 20 th September 6:00pm – 7:30pm
Macmillan Coffee Morning	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Friday 29 th 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 th October 3:30pm – 6:00pm Wednesday 18 th October 3:30pm – 6:00pm
Harvest Festival	Whole School	All Saints Church Families welcome to attend	Thursday 19 th October 10:00am – 11:30am
Break up for Half Term	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Thursday 26 th October
Staff Training Day	Staff	Applegarth Primary School	Friday 27 th October

School Calendar (long term)

Event	Class/Phase	Venue	Date(s)/Time(s)
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
Carlton Lodge	Year 5	Carlton Miniott	Thursday 16 th and Friday 17 th May
Robinwood	Year 6	Robinwood , Alston	Monday 24 th June – Wednesday 26 th June

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about LIVE STREAMING

Live streaming involves broadcasting and watching videos online in real time, often on social media or via platforms like YouTube and Twitch. Viewers can interact through comments, chats and reactions during the broadcast: such instant engagement makes this an exciting way to share experiences, learn from others and build digital communities. Despite the many positives, live streaming also creates a potential platform for unsuitable content and poses some risks to children: it's essential to keep privacy and safety in mind and comply with each site or app's age restrictions.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

LACK OF AGE VERIFICATION

Despite their age restrictions, some platforms don't require proof of age at sign up – meaning that anyone can register for an account (and potentially pretend to be older or younger than they actually are). In many cases, this means that young live streamers can never be totally certain exactly who they are broadcasting to and who is engaging with their live stream.

DISCLOSING PERSONAL INFO

A characteristic of live streaming is the ability for videos to be instantly shared worldwide. Without the correct privacy settings enabled, a child could inadvertently reveal personal information or their location, making them vulnerable to online predators or identity theft. It's wise to regularly check the privacy settings (and what data is being shared) on any apps your child has signed up for.

ANYTHING COULD HAPPEN

As the video streams are live, children might encounter (or inadvertently share) inappropriate content. Most live-streaming apps have rules to prevent this and monitor their services, also providing report buttons where content can be flagged for review. It may not be dealt with instantly, however, meaning that your child could be further exposed to harmful content during a live stream.

AGE RESTRICTION

13+ 16+ 18+

Age varies by platform

UNAUTHORISED RECORDINGS

Each live streaming platform stores completed videos for different periods (Twitch saves broadcasts for 60 days, for example, while Facebook and YouTube remove them only at the creator's request). Deleting a video, though, doesn't always stop it from being shared: in some cases, streams have been illegally recorded (or screenshots taken) by certain viewers and redistributed on other sites.

ROGUE CONTENT CREATORS

Children can also watch other people's live streams, which could potentially contain anything at any time (such as nudity, drug use or profanity). Most apps claim to monitor live streams and will stop any that don't adhere to their guidelines – but with millions of streams per day, it's complicated to regulate them all, so children could be exposed to inappropriate content without parents knowing.

DANGER OF GROOMING

There are increasing reports of children being coerced into performing "suggestive acts" by strangers on some live-streaming apps. Due to the lack of verification required for certain apps, almost anyone can sign up to these services (including anonymously or under a fake identity). It's vital, therefore, to ensure the correct safety measures are in place before your child begins live streaming.

Advice for Parents & Carers

PUT PRIVACY FIRST

Through the streaming app's settings, switch your child's account to 'private', so only their friends and followers can see their broadcasts. You could also turn off the live chat, shielding your child from any upsetting comments – although viewers' feedback is often seen as an integral part of the fun. Identify any nearby items (such as school uniforms or visible landmarks) that could give away your child's location.

MANAGE MULTISTREAMING

Some apps and sites let users stream their content through multiple social media platforms at once. A broadcast on StreamYard, for example, can be shared on YouTube, Twitch, X and Facebook if the accounts are linked. The privacy settings can differ on each of these, so we'd suggest only streaming via one platform at a time to maintain greater control over who's watching your child's videos.

GET INVOLVED YOURSELF

Research suggests a significant number of streams show a child on their own, often in a supposed safe space like their bedroom. If your child wants to live stream, ask if you could be present because you're interested in how it works. You could even set up your own account to gain a more detailed knowledge of what your child talks about in their live streams – and who they're broadcasting to.

TALK ABOUT LIVE STREAMING

Try to start with positives before discussing potential risks. You could ask which live streaming apps your child likes and how they use them. Do they just watch streams or create their own? Explain why it's unwise to reveal personal information while streaming (even to friends). If you feel your child's too young for live streams, explain your reasoning to them and perhaps agree to review this decision in the future.

CONSIDER THEIR ONLINE REPUTATION

As the broadcasts are live, it often causes the misconception among young people that whatever happens in their video simply 'vanishes' once the stream ends. However, videos can stay online indefinitely or be recorded by other users. It's important that your child understands what they do and say in a live stream could potentially damage their online reputation and, quite possibly, be seen by prospective future employers, colleges or universities.

Meet Our Expert

Rhodie Smith is Head of Digital Learning at Thomas's Kensington, London. Recognised in the EdTech 50 UK Awards Yearbook 2021/22 for his efforts in the digital transformation of Cubitt Town Primary School and Tower Hamlets, he is also a Google for Education Certified Trainer and guest lecturer at University College London on the integration of technology across the curriculum.



NOS National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday



Fun & athletics
for all Primary
School children*

*ideally not for kids currently in a running club

Athletics Course



Starts **Sat 16th Sept**
for **6 weeks**

Scruton Cricket Club
11am-12 noon

Only **£40** per athlete

Glen Hilton, athletics coach and former England international athlete, will teach our youngsters the fundamentals of athletics and endurance running.

For more details contact Glen Hilton:
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