



Stars of the Week

Class	Chosen by Teacher	Chosen by Class
Mrs Burrell	Oscar P	
Mr Whiteley	Lucy T	Skyla Y
Mrs Mitchell	Teddy B-L	Felicity N
Miss Lycett	Theo P	Evan F
Mrs Crossley	Kobie L	Fraser M
Mrs Jones	Macy-Rae B	Lily B
Mrs Cross	Mia H	TBC
Mrs Hughes	Morgan G	TBC
Mr Edwards	Erin K	Finley B
Mrs Slinger	Olivia W	Elsie H
Miss Mutch	Jack S	Cassie G

House Points

581 760 748 665

APPLEGARTH VALUES AWARD
This week, _____ has demonstrated being **RESPECTFUL** by _____
A super display of our values!
Signed: _____ Date: _____

APPLEGARTH VALUES AWARD
This week, _____ has demonstrated being **READY** by _____
A super display of our values!
Signed: _____ Date: _____

APPLEGARTH VALUES AWARD
This week, _____ has demonstrated being **SAFE** by _____
A super display of our values!
Signed: _____ Date: _____

Halifax Bomber 80th Anniversary Assembly

Wow! What an afternoon we've had at Applegarth Primary School. Ten VIP guests visited our school to join in with and listen to our Y6 class assembly all about the Halifax Bomber which crashed very close to the school on 2nd December 1943.

Miss Mutch's and Mrs Parsons' Year 6 children prepared a fantastic presentation which included lots of historical information about the crash as well as poems from the children and a short video showing the children visiting the memorial site demonstrating how close the crash actually was to school. Visit [The Blog](#) to see the assembly. The password will be sent via text.

Memories were shared by ex-pupils who were in school the day of the crash, Joan Haslam (who was in reception) and Jim Sedgwick (who was a little older). Flight Sergeant Darren Jones spoke on behalf of RAF Leeming sharing his insight into the crash. The assembly was closed with a prayer by Reverend David Johnson from All Saints Church. It was a moving and very fitting service of remembrance which captivated our pupils. A huge thank you to Mrs Cross for the organisation of the event and for bringing so many people together.







It's Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 7th December. Don't rush out to buy new jumpers! Please wear last year's if it still fits. If it doesn't, no need to worry.

We are running a jumper swap scheme. Please bring in your jumpers that no longer fit and we'll sort them into sizes. You can take one free of charge that does fit. We'll be saving money and saving the environment.

You can bring your jumpers to the office from Monday 4th December and we'll put them out on the playground after school at collection time.

If you'd like to donate to Save the Children, you are welcome to bring £1 but it is not expected.

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
Nursery Transition	January Starters	Applegarth Primary School	Thursday 7 th December
Christmas Jumper Day	Whole School	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	Thursday 14 th December 9:30am
Pantomime Performance	Key Stage Two	Applegarth Primary School	Tuesday 12 th December 6:00pm – 7:00pm Thursday 14 th December 6:00pm – 7:00pm
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

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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 5:00pm – 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 5:00pm – 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

What Schools Need to Know about THE ONLINE SAFETY ACT

The Online Safety Act was passed into UK law in October 2023, with the aim of establishing major new layers of protection for children when they're online. The government has pledged "a zero-tolerance approach to protecting children from online harm" – and the act certainly includes more powerful legislation which should help to safeguard young people in the digital world. Our guide summarises the key points for schools ...

WHAT THE ACT WILL DO

HARMFUL CONTENT

Social media sites must rapidly remove illegal and/or harmful content such as bullying or harassing comments; pornography; and content that supports extremist activity or encourages or depicts violence, suicide, self-harm or eating disorders. If they fail to do so, they can be fined up to 10% of their global revenue while their executives may even face jail time.

ANIMAL CRUELTY

Content featuring cruelty to animals is now prohibited, even if it originates from abroad (where the law may be different). Again, it is the platform's responsibility to remove this.

MORE TRANSPARENCY

Sites must be transparent about the hazards that any children using them could encounter – by publishing risk assessments for their platforms, for instance.

HOSTING MISLEADING ADVERTS

Scams and fraudulent adverts must be blocked or removed, or the hosting companies are liable to be fined.

NON-CONSENSUAL SHARING

It's now easier to convict online abusers or people who share intimate images without consent, while legislation on the criminality of deepfakes has been clarified. The new laws also relate to any individuals who even *threaten* to share such images. This should help to protect women and girls in particular online.

REPORTING AND FILTERING

Sites should have easy reporting mechanisms for children (or their parents and carers) to flag up problems quickly. They must also provide options to filter out unwanted content.

AGE-RESTRICTED MATERIAL

Sites must prevent children from accessing age-inappropriate material. This includes enforcing age limits and implementing robust age verification.

What this means for you

The act has some specific implications for schools: it's essential that leaders understand the new legislation's scope and limitations. The act is certainly a positive step, but as artificial intelligence and other advances in tech continue to produce new challenges, schools will still need to remain extremely vigilant.

KNOW WHERE TO GET HELP

Look out for the Code of Conduct that Ofcom is creating in response to the Online Safety Act. Note that the new legislation doesn't mean an instant change; many of its elements will only come into force at the end of 2023. An Ofcom consultation on 'protecting people from illegal harms online' will be running until February 2024.

REMEMBER THE ESSENTIALS

Remain mindful of your organisation's own online activities: the legal duty for schools to maintain appropriate software monitoring and filtering, for example, will not change.

WATCH FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

There are some issues on which the legislation remains less clear for now: whether it's possible for Ofcom to scan encrypted private messages (such as on WhatsApp) has yet to be resolved, for instance – making this an area where, for the moment, young people have less legal protection.

UNDERSTAND AND EXPLAIN

Staff should learn how to raise concerns with tech companies whose platforms contain anything upsetting or unpleasant. Students also need to be made aware of the newly strengthened laws relating to cyber-bullying, sexting or posting inappropriate content. Young people *do* make mistakes online – so the clearer their understanding of the possible consequences, the better.

ENGAGE WITH PARENTS

Schools should also explain to parents and carers the new possibilities that the Online Safety Act affords them in terms of protecting their children. Many parents may have previously felt that there was little they could do about changing online platforms' content; they now have a far greater level of support when complaining about a company or the behaviour of an individual.

Meet Our Expert

Luke Ramsden is Senior Deputy Headmaster and Director of Safeguarding for the St Benedict's family of schools. He is a regular speaker at conferences and writes in the TES (among other journals) on school leadership, pastoral care and safeguarding. In 2022, he was named Pastoral Leader of the Year at the National Awards for Pastoral Care in Education.



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**Friday 15th December - 4:30pm, 5:00pm,
5:30pm or 6:00pm (time slot to be booked)
from Thirsk Clock Tower**

Join our parade from Thirsk Clock Tower and walk with the elves through town and back to East Thirsk Learning Resource Centre to meet Father Christmas. Once there you can have your photograph taken with him, enjoy some yummy Christmas refreshments and receive your FREE gift!

All ages are welcome and there will be some fantastic prizes up for grabs on the night, including a luxury Christmas hamper from Upstairs Downstairs, along with other fantastic local goodies!



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Booking is essential and spaces are limited.


Email Laura.Farrington@northyorks.gov.uk to secure your place and receive your designated time slot of either 4:30pm, 5:00pm, 5:30pm or 6:00pm.

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@6.00PM APPEGARTH
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Join us for

Family Church
Advent Party
Sunday 3rd December
3.30pm

Worship with
Story, music, games, creative prayer,
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St James Church, Romanby

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of faith in families





The
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Sunday 10th December
4pm All Saints Church,



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Band

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