



Christmas Fair

A huge thanks to all of the families, staff and to the PTA for supporting our Christmas Fair. It was very well attended and we raised a significant sum which will be used to enrich pupils' curriculum and resources. The hampers were spectacular as always. We will contact the winners who weren't there for the draw 😊



Stars of the Week

Class	Chosen by Teacher	Chosen by Class
Mrs Burrell	Freya L	
Mr Whiteley	Calyton H	Skye J
Mrs Mitchell	Harvey J	
Miss Lycett	Paige P-Y	
Mrs Crossley	Ruby M	
Mrs Jones	Iris H	
Mrs Cross	Mia D	
Mrs Hughes	Lily B	
Mr Edwards	Nathan B	
Mrs Slinger	Scarlett S	
Miss Mutch	Finley W	

Anti Bullying Policy

Thank you to those of you who were able to respond to our anti-bullying survey. We had some very positive feedback about the policy (in particular about the use of selected stories to give meaningful messages about bullying). The finalised policy has been approved by governors and is attached to this email for you to read. You are welcome to give further feedback if you didn't manage to the first time.

A key pieces of information in the policy is the definition of bullying:

“The repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. Bullying can be physical, verbal or psychological. It can happen face-to-face or online.”

Our next steps are to create a one-page Quick Read Policy to share with you and continue to share anti-bullying messages and updates through the newsletter.

Year 6 Make the Front Page!

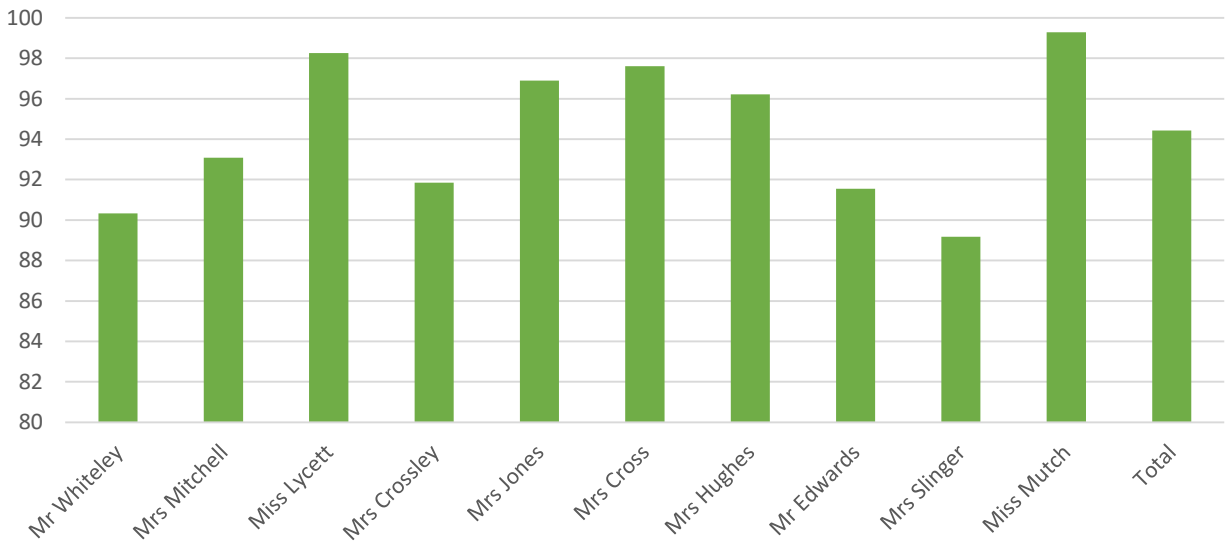


Miss Mutch's class are on the front page of The Darlington and Stockton Times for their part in the 80th Anniversary remembrance service for the Halifax Bomber which crashed very close to our school in the Second World War.

John Parkinson (a pupil at Applegarth at the time of the crash) said, "Many thanks to you and all the staff for an excellent commemorative afternoon, but even more particularly to Y6 for their superb preparations and presentation, and all your pupils for their reception and interested attention."

One of our parent governors, Jonathan Snelling added: "A fantastic tribute and a wonderful collection of memories."

Attendance 27th Nov – 1st Dec



0 days of school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned

'Applegarth Primary School believes that in order to facilitate teaching and learning, good attendance is essential. Pupils cannot achieve their full potential if they do not regularly attend school.'

Applegarth Primary School Attendance and Absence Policy: Pupils

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
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 Parents & Carers Need to Know about DISNEY+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

The Walt Disney Company's streaming service, Disney+ combines entertainment from the famous animation studio itself with Pixar, Star and National Geographic, plus the Marvel and Star Wars franchises. With access to the latest releases, Disney classics and original series, there's plenty of content to explore. While parents may have noted that adverts have now been introduced on some versions of the service, the platform is – unsurprisingly for a Disney product – designed to be appropriate for the whole family.

LESS SUITABLE CONTENT

While Disney+ is predominantly family friendly, there are some movies and shows in its library which are aimed at an older audience: these may scare younger ones or contain themes or language that you'd rather your child wasn't exposed to. You could avoid such situations by enabling Junior Mode (see 'Adjust content settings', below) or specifying a content age rating for your child's profile.

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BINGE WATCHING

With the option to view content on any internet-enabled device and a growing catalogue of movies, cartoons and documentaries, Disney+ can make managing screen time difficult. This could result in children binge watching content, distracting them from activities like homework or socialising. Too much screen time has also been shown to negatively impact mood, sleep patterns and weight.

PHISHING EMAILS

Be especially cautious if you receive emails or text messages purporting to be from Disney+. There have been numerous reports of online scammers impersonating Disney+ staff in an attempt to gain access to subscribers' personal information. Disney+ states it will never email or call customers asking for their payment details, their private information or their password.



ENCROACHING ADVERTS

Disney+ has introduced a new subscription package – Disney+ Standard with Ads – which plays commercials before movies and during shows (like many TV channels). There are no adverts in Junior Mode, but profiles with a content rating of 6+ years will see ads appropriate for that age category. Adults who give consent will see personalised adverts based on their location and viewing history.

ACCESSING ADULTS' PROFILES

If adults don't set a PIN for their profile, children could access it and encounter content which isn't age appropriate. In the settings, Junior Mode has a toggle titled 'Kid-Proof Exit' which requires the user to read four words (numbers, spelled out) and enter them to switch profiles. For older children who can read, though, this isn't secure enough – so using a PIN for adult profiles is recommended.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ADJUST CONTENT SETTINGS

When setting up an account, there's an option to create profiles in what's called Junior Mode. This generally covers material that's suitable for children up to age 6 and is therefore fairly limited. You can give older children a wider choice of viewing by building a standard profile, then going into the settings and choosing a content rating from one of the pre-set alternatives: 6+, 9+, 12+ or 14+.



ADD PIN PROTECTION

Disney+ enables you to effectively lock profiles behind a four-digit PIN. In particular, some of the shows on the platform's Star content hub are far more oriented to adults (including several hard-hitting dramas from US networks), so protecting parents' or older siblings' profiles with a PIN will help to prevent younger children stumbling across material which isn't intended for them.



TURN OFF AUTO-PLAY

When a cartoon, show or movie finishes, Disney+ uses algorithms to identify content with similar themes, which it thinks your child will also enjoy. This suggestion will then automatically begin to play by default. There's an option to turn off this auto-play function in the profile settings, which will encourage your child to take a break from the screen and move on to a different activity.



ENJOY AS A FAMILY

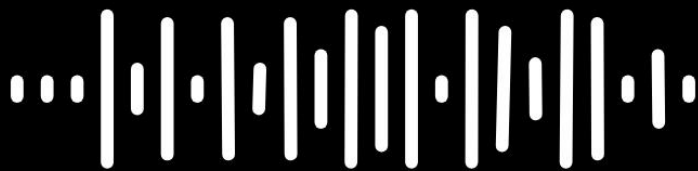
When your child watches a movie or show on Disney+ for the first time, you may want to sit with them to ensure it's suitable. You could do the same when introducing them to older films that you haven't seen for years: your perception of what's appropriate has very probably changed, and some of the language and attitudes in movies from your own childhood may seem quite shocking today.



Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.





Musician of the Month

Elton John



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CHRISTMAS PARADE

**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!



**FREE gift for
all children!**

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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CINDERELLA & ROCKERFELLA

TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER
THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER
@6.00PM APPEGARTH
PRIMARY SCHOOL

ADULT TICKETS £1
CHILDREN FREE



The
Children's
Society

Join us For Christingle
Sunday 10th December
4pm All Saints Church,



Christingle is a great way for communities to get together this
Christmas, to make memories, and have fun.

Woth Northallerton Silver
Band

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