

Class	Chosen by Teacher	Chosen by Class
Mrs Burrell	Reggie W	
Mr Whiteley	Bonnie B	Alisha M
Mrs Mitchell	The Whole of Pelicans Class	
Miss Lycett	Ava-Isabella B	Paige P-Y
Mrs Crossley	Kobie L	Alex C
Mrs Jones	Betsy H	Harley M
Mrs Cross	Daniel P-Y	Ethan S
Mrs Hughes	Felix R	Harry T
Mrs Bailey	Maxwell R	Blake C
Mrs Slinger	Oliver H	Scarlett S
Miss Mutch	Zak H	Harry S



The winners of this week's Golden Welly Award (for creative play and good behavior at lunchtime) are.... *Toby W and Willow T*



Attendance 4th March – 8th March



Good attendance means...

Being in school at least 95% of the time or 180 to 190 days



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 Crossley, Mr Edwards, Mr Whiteley and Mrs Hughes 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)

Year 1 and 2 HMS Hood Construction

Linking with their learning about toys through time, children in Y1/2 have been learning about construction materials, and focused on Lego and how it has evolved to what we know today. Children assisted with the initial construction of a special Cobi model of the battlecruiser HMS Hood, and saw the final completion this week, with some very special visitors including Barry Roberts, Chairman of the HMS Hood Association and Lee Crocker, Managing Director of Cobi Toys.

A particular thank you must go to Graeme Garnham, brother of Mrs Cross, who bought and donated the Cobi model and also provided intricate sketches of the ship that children, parents and grandparents could use to ask questions about the link between HMS Hood and Applegarth School.

In addition, a special thank you must also go to the kind donation of a display case for the model by Cobi Toys and all the families who came along to join in with their children's learning.

Great learning, everyone! A wonderful way to keep our special history of the school alive for generations to come! Visit [The Blog](#) to comment.





Sponsored Fitness Circuits

The school council have decided which pieces of play equipment they would like to buy to extend our trim trail. With money generously donated by our PTA, plus other local business grants, we are close to reaching our target of £5500 to enhance our school field. Miss Mutch is leading one last push to reach our target by organising a sponsored fitness event on Friday 12th April. She has organised a world champion kayaker, Otilie Robinson Shaw, to visit our school to deliver an inspirational talk about her life, as well as leading the whole school to take part in a fitness event.

We're asking families and friends to help us raise a bit more money to support the event and help us reach our £5500 target. The children should have received a paper copy of their sponsorship form. Hopefully, they can gather support to raise funds for the school. We also have a Crowdfunding page if families and friends wish to donate online. If you can, please indicate which children you are sponsoring as the PTA are offering extra incentives such as Skip 2 Be Fit skipping ropes ft counters. Otilie will also offer some signed photographs to the children who manage to gain sponsorship. Anything you can donate would be greatly appreciated. A couple of our teachers even put their reputations at stake by making a short video to raise the profile of our fundraising event: <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/applegarth-primary-school?>

Click the image below to get inspired, entertained and motivated!





Parent/Carer Conduct

We recently updated and shared our Parent/Carer Code of Conduct (attached again to the newsletter email).

There have been several incidents this term where adults in the school community have directly addressed and accused pupils of wrongdoing on the school site; off the school site; and online via social media and messaging. This has caused great upset and costs the school many valuable hours of time trying to repair the damage.

As outlined in the school policy, concerns about pupil behavior should be addressed with the school. Please imagine how you would feel if an adult were to approach your child and pull them up about something. I'm sure the intention is not to be aggressive or threatening, but this is certainly how it comes across to the child and family on the receiving end.

We always do what we can to follow up on concerns, so there should never be a case where you need to take matters into your own hands.

I have never had to enforce the restrictions on parents/carers' access to the school site at Applegarth, and I hope this remains the case. If inappropriate incidents do continue, then we would have to apply the following paragraphs in order to keep our pupils safe:

"If a parent/carers is displaying inappropriate or concerning behaviour, they will be asked to leave the school premises. Behaviour that could result in a parent/carers being asked to leave the premises includes aggressive, abusive or insulting behaviour or language that is a risk to staff or pupils, or behaviour that is making staff or pupils feel threatened."

"If a parent/carers persistently or consistently behaves inappropriately on the school site, or there is a one-off incident of extremely inappropriate behaviour, the school reserves the right to bar this individual from the school site."

School Calendar

Event	Class/Phase	Location	Date and Time
Multiplication Check Meeting for Parents/Carers	Year 4	Applegarth Primary School	Wednesday 20 th March 5:00pm – 5:30pm
Easter Performance	Whole School including Nursery	All Saints Church, Northallerton ***All friends and family are warmly invited***	Friday 22 nd March 10:00am – 11:00am
PTA Easter Disco	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Thursday 21 st March Nursery, Reception and Key Stage One 5:00pm- 6:00pm Key Stage Two 6:15pm – 7:15pm
British Science Week	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Monday 18 th – Friday 22 nd March

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Non Uniform to Celebrate <i>Month of the Military child</i>	Whole School Including Nursery	Applegarth Primary School	Friday 19 th April Wear Purple (red, pink or something similar if you don't own purple clothes!)
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
Reception New Starters Welcome Event	Reception Sep 2024 Class	Applegarth Primary School	Wednesday 12 th June 2024 5:00pm – 6:00pm
Autistic Pride Day	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Tuesday 18 th June
Sports Day	Reception and key stage one	Applegarth Primary School	Wednesday 19 th June 2024 9:30am – 11:00am (Contingency date) Wednesday 26 th June 2024 9:30am – 11:00am
Robinwood	Year 6	Robinwood , Alston	Monday 24 th June – Wednesday 26 th June 2024
PTA Summer Fair	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Friday 28 th June 3:30pm – 5:00pm
Sports Day	Key stage two	Applegarth Primary School	Wednesday 3 rd July 2024 9:30am – 11:30am (Contingency date) Wednesday 10 th July 2024 9:30am – 11:30am
Reception New Starters Transition Day	Reception Sep 2024 Class	Applegarth Primary School	Friday 12 th July 9:30am – 3:30pm
PTA Halloween Disco	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Thursday 26 th October Nursery, Reception and Key Stage One 5:00pm- 6:00pm Key Stage Two 6:15pm – 7:15pm
PTA Christmas Fair	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Friday 29 th November 3:30pm – 5:00pm

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.



FRIENDS OF APPLGARTH

Easter Disco

THURSDAY 21ST MARCH

NURSERY, RECEPTION AND KS1 5PM TIL 6PM

KS2 6.15PM TIL 7.15PM

**Tickets £5 Disco, Hot Dog, Drink and Temporary
Tattoo.**

Tickets available from school office.

APPLEGARTH PRIMARY SCHOOL
EASTER COMPETITIONS



EYFS & KS1

Traditional Easter Bonnet
Competition



KS2

Decorated Egg Competition



All entries to be brought into
school on Friday 22nd March

Prizes for creativity, flair and
originality



Please contact Mrs Jones or Miss Lycett if you have
any queries



HOCKEY HEROES

A HERO IN EVERY KID

A FUN WELCOMING PROGRAMME FOR ALL CHILDREN AGED 5 – 8

Hockey Heroes is an 8 week fun programme for 5 to 8 year olds. It develops physical skills as well character 'superpowers' through working in teams, and trying new challenges.

For only £40, your child gets 8 hockey sessions, 2 sticks and a ball, plus a personalised t-shirt.

**Book your place now and get your kit at hockeyheroes.co.uk
Just enter your postcode to find Thirsk Hockey Club sessions.**

The sessions are:

- at Thirsk Astro Pitch, next to Thirsk School**
- on Mondays 13th May to 8th July**
- 6.30pm to 7.30pm**

Any questions contact - thirskhc.enquiries@gmail.com



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FIND OUT MORE: hockeyheroes.co.uk



Back to Hockey

Monday 13th July to 8th July 7.30
to 8.30pm
At Thirsk Astro Pitch

Thirsk Hockey Club is offering adults a chance to have a go at hockey. These are fun, social and informal sessions for people who either have not played for several years or are looking to play for the first time.

Do not worry if you are a little apprehensive our Back to Hockey coaches will guide you through a series of interactive sessions in a super-friendly and relaxed environment. These sessions are £30 for 8 weeks.

To find out more or book contact
thirskhc.enquiries@gmail.com

Saturday 23 March 2024

Great Yorkshire Showground, Harrogate, HG2 8NZ



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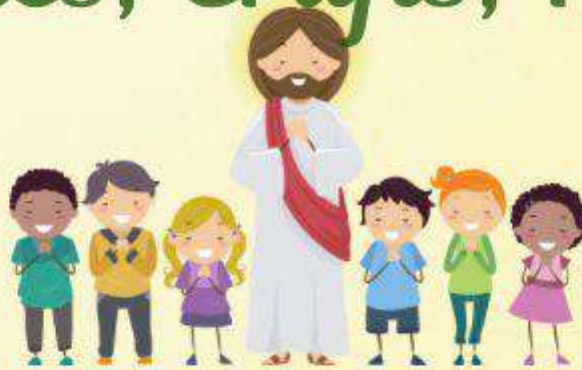
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ONCE INSIDE, ALL ACTIVITIES ARE FREE!



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24th April 3.30pm-5pm
Games, Crafts, Food



Palm Sunday
Family Fun

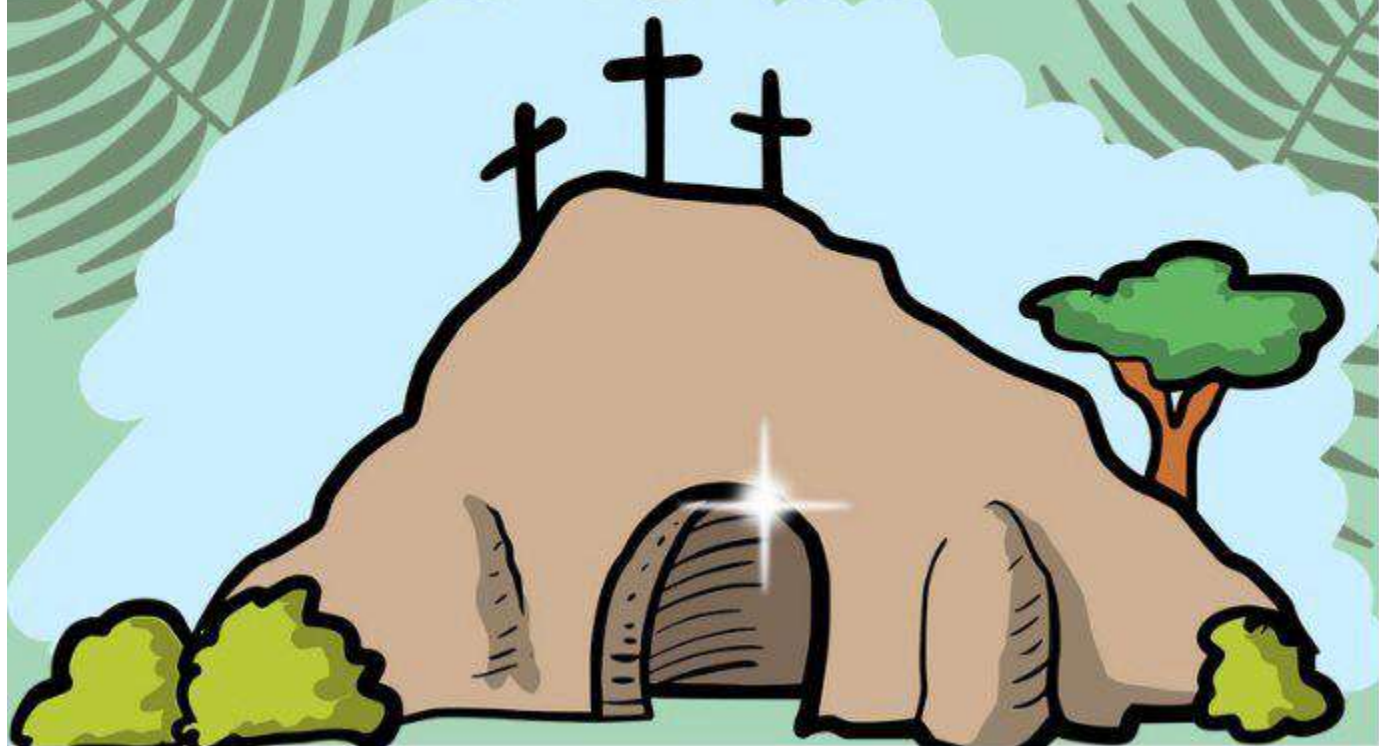
All Saints Parish Church

GOOD FRIDAY

EASTER GARDEN SERVICE

Friday 29th March 3.30pm

COME and CREATE your
own Easter Garden
to take home



EASTER FAMILY FUN WITH CRAFTS

Wednesday 3rd April
2:00pm - 4:00pm
Catterick Library

Bring your little one along to this adult learning course and keep them busy while learning and having fun together. This session is **FREE** to attend! Please ensure you book your place beforehand.



Scan the QR code or email or call using details below.

Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.