

Applegarth Primary School Newsletter

18th September 2020



Chair of Governors Appointed

In our governors' meeting on Wednesday night, the board nominated and voted for Diane Parsons as Chair. Diane has been in the acting co vice chair role along with Brian Robson since the previous chair stepped down. Brian Robson was re-elected as vice chair. Both Brian and Diane have done an outstanding job and have worked diligently to improve governance and leadership at Applegarth. Our governors have been an excellent support network to me throughout the pandemic we found ourselves in and I would like to thank every one of them for their incredible efforts. Information about our governance can be found on our website: <http://www.applegarth.n-yorks.sch.uk/our-school/governing-body/>

A Super Start for Bees

Well done for reaching the end of your first full week, Reception. All of the adults in school have been blown away by how well our new starters have settled in. I can hear Bumblebees outside of my office as I write this! They are overflowing with excitement for Forest Friday and Honeybees are on their balance bikes working on their gross motor skills. I would like to thank all of the parents/carers for returning the forms we have sent out. Your engagement on Seesaw has been terrific too- Miss Miller and Mrs Burrell are very pleased to have you all on board. We have very high hopes for this Reception cohort. **Please don't forget to download the School Gateway App and register. It is very quick and easy to do and it means we can send you notifications for free.**

Book Fair

We are unable to safely store the trolleys and books for the Scholastic Book Fair but Mrs Fowler has a plan! The Fair will be online this year and, as always, the school receives a percentage of the profits to spend on books for the pupils. Further information to follow.

Bikability

Bikeability has been postponed. We will continue to plan the course with the intention of starting in spring.

Cycling to school

We are pleased that our pupils are still cycling and scooting to school. Please make sure that children wear a helmet and bring a locking device with them. Although the bike shed is hidden, the pedestrian and car park gate remain open for much of the day and we would hate for anybody's bike or scooter to be stolen. Bikes and scooters are left at your own risk so please make sure they are locked up.

Service Pupils

We are unable to run the Little Heroes club with all of the service pupils like we did last year due to restriction with our bubbles. However, Mrs Jones and Mrs Vincent have asked me to let our service families know that we are still here to listen and support you. Please pick up the phone, send a message or an email if you need anything or to keep us informed about deployment and training courses.

After School Clubs

Club	Day/Time	PE kit needed
Cycling	Monday 15:15 – 16:15	NO (sensible shoes)
Yoga	Monday 15:15 – 16:15	NO
Football	Tuesday 15:15 – 16:15	YES
Multiskills	Wednesday 15:15 – 16:15	YES
Running	Thursday 15:15 – 16:00	YES
Drama	Thursday 15:15 – 16:15	NO

If your child is taking part in an after school club requiring PE kit, please send them to school in PE kit for the day (shin pads and boots do not have to be worn all day).

Entering School on a Morning

Drop off and collection are well-established now. Since the pupils all know where to go on arrival, the teachers will remain in their classes in order to get straight into the learning for the day. There will be members of staff on the gate, playground, cloakrooms and front entrance to ensure that children enter and remain in school safely. Once the gates and doors are open at your designated arrival time, you can send your child straight in rather than waiting for the teacher to wave their name card.

Assemblies Go Digital

We had our first star of the week assembly via Microsoft Teams this morning. The pupils found it a real novelty and I could hear the applause coming from the classrooms! Mr Whiteley took screen shots of each winner and will post those with consent on the blog as soon as he can. These are certainly moments we need to capture for the next time capsule...

Wrap Around Care

We require cancellation of booking if a child is not going to attend. You can cancel by phoning the school office or you can cancel online using the same platform you booked on. Please cancel 24 hours in advance. I understand this will not always be possible and we will be flexible in the first instance but after that we will have to charge for the place. It is also a safeguarding issue- if we are expecting a pupil and they do not arrive, we have a duty of care to ascertain their whereabouts in order to make sure they are safe.

ParentPay

School meals, clubs and wrap around care are all managed and charged via ParentPay. If you require any help setting this up, please contact the school office. Log into your account at: <https://app.parentpay.com/public/client/security/#/login>

Don't forget to keep an eye on the blog for pictures of the exciting curriculum opportunities our pupils have been engaged in: <http://blog.applegarth.n-yorks.sch.uk/>