

# Applegarth Primary School Newsletter

11<sup>th</sup> September 2020



## Farewell, Mrs Fyfe

Our long-standing Chair of Governors, Mrs Fyfe, has stepped down from her role as a governor. Mrs Fyfe has supported Applegarth since her own children attended the school. Many of you will have seen Mrs Fyfe at school events and performances which is testament to the extent to which she went above and beyond in her role as Chair of Governors. Mrs Fyfe has been central to the leadership of the school and will be greatly missed. Having made many close friends in the school community, I'm sure this won't be the last we see of Mrs Fyfe. I would like to give my personal thanks for the support and guidance she gave me in my first year of headship and I would like to give a huge thank you from the pupils, parents/carers and entire school community.

## PE Kits

All schools have been advised against pupils changing their clothes in school and it is part of the NYCC Wider Opening Risk Assessment. We appreciate your understanding in this matter. The timetable for PE sessions can be found at: <http://www.applegarth.n-yorks.sch.uk/our-curriculum/curriculum-content/curriculum-physical-education-pe/>

**I also sent a PDF version out via email.**

As trainers are likely to get muddy/wet, your child may bring some sandshoes/plimsoles to school to wear in class. Ideally, this pair would be left in school. All classes will take part in yoga every Monday which forms part of their PE curriculum but they will do so in their school uniforms (which is why it is not included on the PE timetable).

## School Bags

We asked pupils not to bring bags into school initially. The main reason being storage. If everyone brought a bag, it would not be possible for us to keep them from touching other pupils' clothing on their pegs. We recognise that some of you walk to school and have lots to carry: a water bottle, packed lunch, reading book and reading record. If it is absolutely necessary, you may bring a bag but please avoid any unnecessary items coming into school.

## Communicating with your child's teacher

Due to the changes in drop off and collection, there is less face-to-face contact between parents/carers and staff. If you have a non-urgent message, you can write it in your child's reading record for their teacher. Anything more urgent could be sent via email or text to the school and it will be forwarded to them. We will also use the School Gateway App, emails, the website, the blog and Seesaw in order to keep communication strong.

## Pupil Premium

If you have been, or are currently, furloughed, make sure you apply for a Free School Meal (even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2). Application forms can be found at: <http://www.applegarth.n-yorks.sch.uk/parents/school-office/school-lunches/>

Please inform us if you think your child may be eligible for the Service Premium (for those serving in the armed forces). If your child is looked after, or previously looked after, they will also be entitled to additional funding through Pupil Premium Plus.

# School Day Timings

From **8:40am**, the playground gate and entrances to school will be opened to Reception pupils. Pupils from Year 1 to 6 may enter school any time from **8:45am-9:00am**.

**Reception** will enter through the fire doors facing the playground.

**Miss Gooding's** class will enter school through the external door of their classroom.

**Mrs Haworth's** class will enter through the stair door on the playground.

**Mrs Crossley's** class will enter via the door next to the Bees class.

**Mrs Jones, Mrs Cross and Mr Whiteley's** classes will enter through the red doors at the far end of the playground.

**Miss Brown, Mr Edwards and Mrs Hughes'** classes will enter through the main entrance to school (near the office).

## Collection at the end of the school day:

The school day will end at **3:15pm** for all classes except Reception.

**Reception** leave the same way they arrived at **3:05pm**.

**Years 1, 2, 3 and 4** will exit school the same way as they arrived and be collected from the playground. **Please maintain social distancing and keep the exit route clear by waiting behind the cones.**

**Years 5 and 6** will exit via the main entrance (school office). Parents/Carers to wait on Upwell Road or the Applegarth Field.

**Pupils from Year 1 – Year 4 with siblings in Year 5 and 6 will leave via the main entrance with their elder sibling.**

These arrangements have drastically reduced the number of people on the school site and we will continue to refine the process. We appreciate how understanding you have been if you have to wait for 5 or 10 minutes. Using this system means that we don't have to opt for completely different end times and part-time timetables which would cause massive disruption to all of you as parents and carers.

# Wraparound Care

## *Breakfast and After School Club from September 2020*

We offer care from 7:30am for £4 per pupil and £3 per sibling. In addition, our After School Club has continued to grow and has had excellent feedback. We will be continuing to provide this service on a permanent basis. The cost is £10 per pupil and £8 per sibling attending at the same time. The price includes a snack made by our catering team. I aim to set up block booking for a month at a time but while we get things settled, we will send you a link to the online booking page a week in advance. **Booking for next week is open until Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> at 21:00 <https://applegarth.schoolcloud.co.uk/>. We have a limited amount of places so book early. You must inform the school office of any changes or cancellations.**

## Important forms to complete ASAP

The consent form for collection and walking home have been sent out. Please return these forms by Monday at the latest.

**New Consent & Medical Fitness forms for each individual child have been sent on Monday for completion. These need to be updated annually. Please complete, sign and return to the school office by **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September.****

## School Gateway App

If you have provided school with your email address, you can sign up to the School Gateway App which allows us to send out free notifications and for you to stay fully up to date. We are currently sending more messages than normal at a significant cost. The saving we make using the app means we will have more to spend on resources for pupils. Please follow the link to register:

<https://login.schoolgateway.com/o/auth/register>

# School Uniform

You can order most of our uniform online at: <https://school-shop.co.uk/school/applegarth-primary-school/> For PE t-shirts in house colours (with initials printed on), reading wallets PE bags and water bottles, please contact the school office for an order form.