

# Applegarth Primary School Newsletter

25<sup>th</sup> September 2020



## Photographic Competition Calendar

Thank you for all of the wonderful entries. You certainly have plenty to judge and some difficult decisions as you pick your top 12 photos... Judging will happen over the course of next week in which I will take the photos around the classrooms for children to vote on. The photos will be on [The Blog](#) for parents/carers to look at and a judging form will be attached. If the weather improves, I will display the photos outside on the playground at the end of school for you to look at as well. Voting will close on **Friday 2nd October**. Thank you for your support, Mrs Burrell.

## Inbound Messages on School Gateway

As of today, we will be turning off the inbound messaging function on the school gateway app. We allowed responses via text during lockdown to help maintain communication whilst we were working partly remotely. Now that we are back on site, it is more effective to use fewer streams of communication to make sure that we do not miss any important messages. If you need to contact school, please phone the school office or email [admin@applegarth.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@applegarth.n-yorks.sch.uk). We still have our monitored inbox for welfare concerns too: [welfare@applegarth.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:welfare@applegarth.n-yorks.sch.uk). You can report pupil absence by choosing option one when you phone school. This is primarily for if you are phoning out of hours. During school hours, you may choose option two and speak to the office to report an absence if you wish.

### Spitfire Fly Past

Some of the staff and pupils were fortunate enough to witness the Spitfire fly past in honour of the NHS workers of the UK. Follow the link to watch the video: <http://www.applegarth.n-yorks.sch.uk/community/armed-forces/>

On behalf of Applegarth, I would like to once again give our thanks to the NHS and key workers who continue to keep us safe.

## After School Clubs

There are still spaces in some of the after school clubs we advertised earlier this term. If your child is interested in joining, please call the school office to check for availability.

## School photographs

Individual and family photographs are booked in for Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2020. We are in the process of organising the logistics of how the day will work and will notify you in plenty of time.



# Class Names for 2020/2021

We are pleased to announce the class names for this year. Reception and Key Stage One have kept their names and Miss Gooding's class have chosen Pelicans (in the theme of children's publishers). Key Stage Two have chosen their favourite authors as part of our drive to improve standards in reading across the school.

- Honeybees**- Mrs Burell (Reception)
- Bumblebees**- Miss Miller (Reception)
- Pelicans**- Miss Gooding (Year 1)
- Penguins** – Mrs Crossley (Year 1 and 2)
- Puffins**- Mrs Haworth (Year 1 and 2)
- Cressida Cowell**- Mrs Jones (Year 3 and 4)
- Oliver Jeffers**- Mrs Cross (Year 3 and 4)
- Joseph Coelho**- Mr Whiteley (Year 3 and 4)
- AA Milne**- Miss Brown (Year 5)
- C.S Lewis**- Mr Edwards/Mrs Hopkin (Year 5 and 6)
- Enid Blyton**- Mrs Hughes (Year 6)

## Halloween Pumpkin Trail

With the support of the PTA, Mrs Burrell and Mr Whiteley are organising a Halloween pumpkin trail this year. The event will involve using a digital map to find pumpkins around Northallerton. The houses where the pumpkins are displayed will be decorated and a winner will be voted for by the families who take part in the trail. There will be a fee for entry because this event will be instead of our usual disco at this time of year which can not take place at present.

Thinking forward to Christmas, it may be that our productions can not go ahead. We will await further guidance. In the meantime, I have been thinking about having a large outdoor Christmas tree on the playground and doing carol performances on an evening with refreshments and a raffle. We all feel that it is still important to give our pupils and parents memorable experiences at Christmas and we will find a way to do so.

## Stone Age and Tudor Visitor

Last week, Year 5 and 6 had a highly engaging day with a Tudor visitor. They were able to investigate primary sources, and most importantly, handle swords, axes and shields from the armoury! Today, Year 3 and 4 have been learning through hands on history with a Stone Age visitor. Their day is not yet over as I write this so please look at [The Blog](#) to see what activities they have been busy with.

## Parents' Evening

Parents evening will be on the **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October from 3:30pm – 6:00pm**. The appointments will be online video conferences using our existing platform, School Cloud. Booking will be the same as normal and you do not need any software. The calls are end to end encrypted for security. I will send out the booking link on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October.

## Residentials Y5 & Y6

We are working with Robinwood, Carlton Lodge and NYCC to come to a solution regarding this year's residentials. Currently, residentials are not going ahead due to DfE guidance and insurance reasons. It is our intention for the pupils to attend the residentials but it may be at a later date. **You will receive correspondence before half term with more information.** Whatever happens, I will ensure that adequate time is given for a staggered payment plan.

## Staffing updates

Mr Kelly and Miss Walker have worked incredibly hard over the last six months to keep the school immaculately clean. I would like to say a massive thank you to both of them. **A congratulations is in order for Mr Kelly who has been promoted to Site Supervisor of Applegarth.**

Ms Goodenough will be joining our lunchtime team very shortly. She has an incredible amount of experience working with children and I am sure she will be a valuable addition to the school.