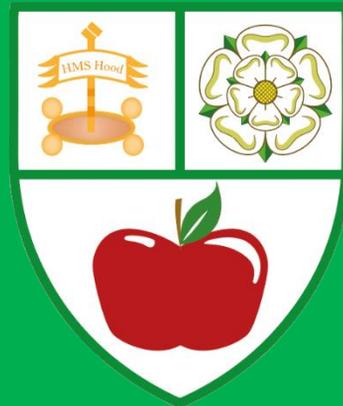


# Applegarth Primary School Newsletter

23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020



## ParentPay Meal Selector

We are excited to announce that we are introducing ParentPay Meal Selector on a trial basis. This will allow you as a parent/carer to help choose their meals. To ensure that you and your child are confident in decision making, we will be showing actual images of the fantastic food on offer, as well as health and allergen information to allow the most educational and enjoyable experience.

We are delighted about this opportunity for a number of reasons:

- Parents/Carers are able to see the delicious food on offer.
- Parents/Carers are able to partake in an activity with their child that encourages education around food, and the ability to help them make healthier, more informed choices.
- Less food waste in school.
- More enjoyable lunchtime service.

The meal options for your child for **Monday 2nd November onwards**, will be available for you to select in ParentPay from **Tuesday 27th October**.

## Halloween Pumpkin Trail



This event will run on **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October** and will start from our school entrance at **4:30pm**. Just look out for the spooky orange glow. Maps will be sold on the night for £3 per pupil and £2 for siblings. We hope that lots of you can take part.  
*Mr Whiteley*

## Wellie Weeks

Please could Years 5 and 6 bring in their wellies after half term. For safety and organisation, please make sure all wellies are clearly marked with your child's name (the same goes for the bag they arrive in). Reception, Years 1 and 2 will use the playground only for the time being.

## PE Kits

Thank you for sending pupils in PE kit on their designated day/s. It has helped us to minimise risks and maximise time in lessons. As well as house coloured t-shirts, we ask that pupils try to wear black wherever possible:

Black joggers / shorts / leggings and black hoodies or school jumpers.

That way, we can re-establish a standardised dress code.

## Wraparound Care

We still have spaces in Breakfast and Afterschool wrap around clubs if anybody needs a place. If you have not attended before, please take a registration form from the office and book online using the link you receive via text.



My heartfelt thanks goes out to our school community who have made the difficult situation at the end of this week a great deal more manageable. Once again, I feel incredibly fortunate for the support and encouragement we have received from you.

I would also like to thank those of you who followed the guidance on the letter. Unfortunately, we did see a big dip in numbers on Thursday even in the bubbles that were not affected. Please make sure you follow the advice **from Public Health England:**

*We know that you may find this concerning but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.*

*The small number of children who have been in close contact with the individual who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) have received a letter informing them that their child must stay at home for 14 days.*

*The school remains open and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well.*

**A bubble will only be open if it is safe.** We need your trust and co-operation in order to make effective education and catch up possible after the lockdown in March. If pupils whose classes are open do not attend, their absence will be unauthorised (in line with the NYCC attendance policy). I appreciate how worrying this situation is but keeping pupils at home when it is not necessary will not keep them safer. It will, however, have a negative impact on their education at a time when they need to be in school more than ever. It is worth mentioning that some of our staff are clinically vulnerable and remain on site working in school, such is their confidence in the school's management of potential and confirmed cases.

## Halloween Pumpkin Trail

A gentle reminder that Reception (Miss Miller and Mrs Burrell) and Miss Gooding's Year 1 class will not be able to take part in the Halloween Pumpkin trail. If some pupils were to attend, it would cause a lot of angst and ill will which could ruin the event and jeopardise the safety of the other families taking part. We need to look after each other as a school and a community. The guidance to self-isolate has been given and still applies to those who have had a negative test result.