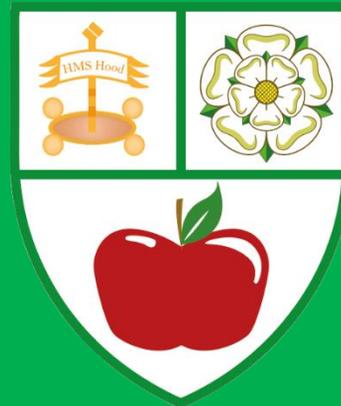


# Applegarth Primary School Newsletter



27<sup>th</sup> November 2020

## Safeguarding in Lockdown

During the first lockdown, there was a rise in safeguarding incidents reported to county councils and police both locally and nationally. The main concerns were in the following areas:

- Social, emotional and mental health issues
- Exploitation, including online activity and child-to-child abuse
- Domestic abuse
- Substance misuse

During the current lockdown, there has been a similar increase in safeguarding concerns across the country. As a school, we are vigilant and act swiftly to ensure our pupils are kept safe. All of our staff have extensive safeguarding training and we network with agencies, experts and other schools on a regular basis to share best practice.

It is vital that we work together with the school community to safeguard pupils and that you know what to do if you have any concerns that you need to share. You can phone school and ask to speak to either: Mr Peoples, Mrs Hopkin or Mrs Crossley (our safeguarding team) or email our dedicated inbox [welfare@applegarth.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:welfare@applegarth.n-yorks.sch.uk).

Our Safeguarding Governor is Mrs Burnside.

Alternatively, you can report your concern directly to NYCC using the information below:

## PTA News

Alastair and Angela Wilkin stepped down from the PTA on Wednesday night after many years of service. Alastair has been involved with Applegarth since attending the school himself in the 1970s. The Wilkin children have attended the school and the family have dedicated a massive amount of time and energy fundraising and organising events for pupils and their families. They have certainly left their mark on the school and the local community. Mr Wilkin has also served as a Governor for several terms and has made a valuable contribution to the school leadership team in this role. I would like to give my personal thanks for everything they have done and to thank both Alastair and Angela on behalf of the entire school community.

The new chair is Miss Clemmet. Vice Chair is Mr Burgess. Mrs Gazzard and Mrs McCartney will continue in their roles as secretary and treasurer respectively.

## Online shopping

Many of you will be using Amazon more than ever for your Christmas shopping this year. It would be fantastic for the school if you could shop using the following link:

[APPLEGARTH AMAZON SMILE](#)

In doing so, the school will earn money at no extra cost to you. This will go straight back into buying resources and equipment for the pupils through the PTA. On Wednesday, the PTA generously agreed to fund a brand new adventure trail on the school field which is being built on Monday and Tuesday. For general online shopping, use [EASY FUNDRAISING](#)

**Worried about a child?**  
**Call 01609 780 780 &**  
**#TellUsYourConcerns**

 **North Yorkshire**  
Safeguarding Children Partnership  
[www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk](http://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk)



## Well Done Team Applegarth!

Thank you for all of your kind words of congratulations since I returned to school at the beginning of the week. The pupils have been wonderful and many of them have said how happy they are about young Wilf's arrival. It makes the transition back to work much more enjoyable knowing I have such wonderful children to return to here at Applegarth. I really have missed them (when I've had time between nappy changes!).

Mrs Hopkin has done a fantastic job leading the school in my absence. She has certainly outdone me with the quality of her newsletters! A successful school needs a strong team and I think you'll all agree that we certainly have that here. I am proud of every member of staff and how they rally round to thrive in difficult situations. Every member of our team has faced even greater challenges (on top of an already demanding job) since March. I would like to say a massive well done to each and every one of them 😊

## Halloween Trail

Including the money raised by Reception and Year 1, the Halloween Trail raised over £700. This money will be spent on resources, visits and equipment for the pupils. The PTA have bought a live stream Panto (Jack and the Beanstalk) for all the pupils to watch with part of the money raised. They want to make sure that pupils miss out on the Christmas experience.

## Uniform Reminders

Please ensure your child is wearing safe footwear (no heels, sandals or open toes). Shoes may be getting muddy sometimes because we are using the field to increase distancing. If you have to resort to trainers sometimes, that is not a problem. Tying long hair back is essential for pupils' safety and to limit the risk of spreading headlice. We do buy spare hair bobbles in case anybody loses theirs but we are running out. Please make sure hair is tied back.

# Phonics and Early Reading

As you may know, our website had a complete rebuild last year and we are continually updating and improving the content. In her role as English Lead, Mrs Hopkin has developed the *Phonics and Early Reading* section of our website to be a useful resource for all adults working with children who are accessing phonics and children in their early stages of reading – please visit regularly for updated content. Below is a sample of what you might find on the page

<http://www.applegarth.n-yorks.sch.uk/our-curriculum/reading-and-phonics/>:

### Useful Videos

#### Parent and Carer Guides from Letters and Sounds

##### A Guide to Pronunciation



##### A Guide to Tricky Words

Explanation of tricky words

#### Parent and Carer Support for the Y2 Phonics Screening Check 2020

##### A Guide to Alien (psuedo) Words



##### A Guide to Revision Lessons

Quick guide to our Phonics Screening Check Revision lessons

### Useful Documents to Support at Home

#### Phonics Support

[Phonics Glossary](#): an explanation of key terms for the teaching and learning of phonics

[Top Tips for Phonics at Home](#): further support for adults working at home with children for phonics and early reading.

## Applegarth Calendar

The calendars are printed and ready for sale. They look amazing (I have ordered three!). In order for us to get an accurate idea of how many we need to order in total, please fill in the slip in your child's reading bag and return it to school as soon as possible. Deadline for orders is Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. The calendars are £5 each and they really are worth it. You do not need to pay yet.