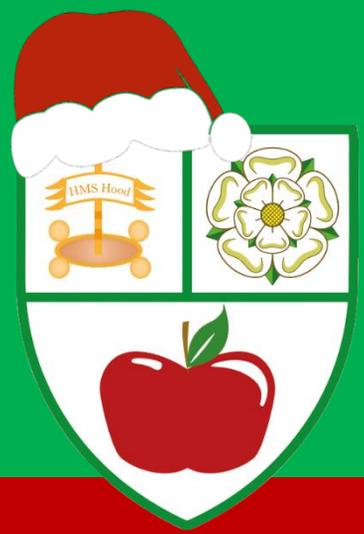


# Applegarth Primary School Newsletter



18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

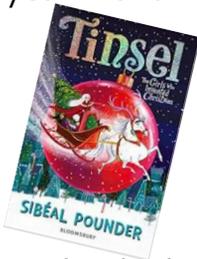
## Christmas Hampers

The Christmas Hamper event was an absolute success! Classes put 11 hampers together in total and they looked amazing. Thanks to all of your support, **we raised £500**. Thank you to the PTA for their help and to all of our teachers and support staff for putting everything together.

## Applegarth Calendars

The [calendar competition](#) raised **£425** in total. Thank you to Mrs Burrell for all of her hard work. We are grateful to all of the businesses who sponsored a page and we hope to run the competition next year with a new theme.

## Key Stage Two Author Event



The pupils in Key Stage Two were hooked with Sibéal Pounder's online visit last Thursday and many went home with signed copies of her book, *Tinsel*. Two of our pupil's questions were read out and answered in great detail- they were thrilled!

P.G Bell, author of *The Train to Impossible Places* (Shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Award) has been confirmed for a visit in spring term to explore his book *Delivery to the Lost City*.

## Panto

All of our pupils have thoroughly enjoyed watching Jack and the Beanstalk this week.



Thank you to the PTA for paying for school's access to the performance.

## Nativity Performances

We have released the Reception and Key Stage One nativities on [the blog](#). Our teachers and support staff have gone above and beyond to give pupils the chance to perform for their families. Mr Rowland has spent many hours outside of his paid time to make sure everything was perfect.

The link has been shared with Bees, Pelicans Puffins and Penguins so they could have the first viewing. At 4pm, I will send the link (and then the password) to the other year groups. The password must not be shared. We have some pupils who can not appear on publicly accessible videos online for their safety.

## New Parent Governors

Thank you to all of the nominees who put themselves forward. We had an overwhelming response and it was a close-run election. The two new Parent Governors you have elected are : **Mr Curran and Mrs Parkinson.** Congratulations again to the two of you and we hope to work with all nominees in some capacity in the future.

## Being Active Photographs

During PSHE lessons this term, we have been thinking about leading a healthy lifestyle. During the Christmas holidays, we would like to invite children to take photos of themselves being active. It could be walking, running, hula-hooping, bike riding or just playing outside. Please send your photos to school via their reading folders or email them to [admin@applegarth.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@applegarth.n-yorks.sch.uk) FAO of Mrs Hughes. We look forward to seeing what adventurous things you have been up to!



## Reporting Covid-19 Cases in the Christmas Holidays

School leaders will be involved in contact tracing should parents need to report confirmed cases in the first half of the Christmas holiday.

Please report positive cases using the welfare email address: [welfare@applegarth.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:welfare@applegarth.n-yorks.sch.uk)

We will monitor these emails at **5pm every day** up to (and including) **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December**. Only report confirmed positive cases (not the onset of symptoms or pending tests).

## Mass Covid-19 Testing

I would like to reassure you that the mass testing programme announced this week applies **ONLY** to secondary schools. **We will be returning to school as normal on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2021.**

## Hens

Mrs Searle would like to thank all the parents and staff who have helped her to look after our hens ( Raff, Betty and Poppy) this term. As you may be aware, the government has stated that all poultry must be kept indoors/ covered areas and away from contact with any wild birds from the **15<sup>th</sup> December**. To ensure our hens are safe over the Christmas period, Mrs Searle will be looking after them at her home until they are able to return to school.

Remember, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January is a staff training day. Pupils will return to school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM EVERYONE AT APPLGARTH.**

# Children's Wellbeing Activities

This time of year is exciting but can be busy and stressful! Add to that the difficult year we have all had.

At Pure Wellbeing Arts, children's mental wellbeing is important to us and over the christmas period we will be sharing a couple of short wellbeing activities that you can do with your children to bring a sense of calm!

**Look out for them on 23rd and 30th December**

You will find them on:

[www.facebook.com/Purewellbeingarts](http://www.facebook.com/Purewellbeingarts)  
[www.instagram.com/purewellbeingarts/](http://www.instagram.com/purewellbeingarts/)  
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