

Save the
DATE

Thursday 9th February

- Last day of half term

Friday 10th February

- INSET Day

Monday 20th February

- First day back after half term

Tuesday 21st February

- STEP Parents' Taster Sessions
3-3.30pm

Wednesday 22nd March

- Museum week – Parents
in between 4.00 – 7.00pm

Monday 27th March

- Easter Lunch and Parade

w/c Monday 27th March

- Trips week

Friday 31st March

- Last day of term for the
Easter holidays



CATERING NEWS

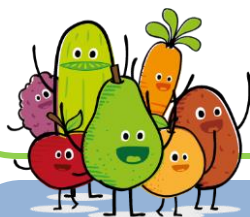


Taster Session

The STEP Catering Team will be holding a parent / carer taster session in the playgrounds on Tuesday 21st February between 3.00 - 3.30pm. Please use the opportunity to sample some of the food that the team prepare daily for the children to eat. We are always seeking ways to improve and as such your feedback is greatly appreciated.

More information

For more information about catering, please visit the Academy's Catering webpage on the below link:
<http://www.applegarth-academy.croydon.sch.uk/step-catering/>



WORD OF THE WEEK

Next week's Word of the Week is "**DELIRIOUS**" which means:

- Unable to think or speak clearly because of fever or mental confusion
- Extremely happy or excited

Example use in a sentence:

1. It was so hot that he became **delirious** and couldn't recognise anyone.
2. The crowd went **delirious** and pointed with glee at the glimpse of the queen.
3. She has been **delirious** with excitement over the whole week!

Please encourage your child to use the word '**DELIRIOUS**' as many times as possible.



PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

As you may be aware, recent changes introduced by the Department for Education (DfE) allow Academy Trusts to establish a Strategic Governing Body that is responsible for two or more academies. The Strategic Governing Body of Applegarth Academy also has the responsibility for Wolsey Junior Academy, part of STEP Academy Trust.

There is currently one vacancy for a Parent Governor to serve on the Strategic Governing Body of Applegarth and Wolsey Academies. We are very keen to encourage parents (or people with parental responsibility) of registered pupils to nominate themselves to fill this place. (Candidates who are elected members of political parties are not eligible due to potential conflicts of interest).

Parent Governors are elected by and from other parents and are vital to our Strategic Governing Body. They share equally with other STEP Governors the responsibility for carrying out the Strategic Governing Body's wide range of responsibilities. STEP Governors do not run the Academy day-to-day, as their role is at the strategic or policy-making level in the Academy.

If you join our Strategic Governing Body, you will serve for a four year term and you can continue to the end of the four years even if your child/children leave the school. Being a STEP Governor does take up time. There are six Strategic Governing Body meetings each year. You will need to set aside time to be able to be an effective STEP Governor: time to prepare for meetings, for visiting the Academies, undertaking training and updating.

Any parents/carers interested in being a STEP Governor can collect an Application Pack from the Academy Office and should make an appointment with Mrs Daly, Head of School to discuss the role.



IMPORTANT NOTICE PARKING

Please be reminded that parking illegally at the school gates or in front of the local residents' garages, double parking along Bygrove or in front of the school's vehicle access gate could also endanger children's lives. I am sure you will understand the health, safety and well-being of pupils, visitors and staff is of paramount importance. Overcrowding the area directly outside the school limits the view for those crossing.

Please do not park in front of garages/block cars when parking: this can cause residents and other parents unnecessary stress, especially if they need to get to work or leave for an emergency. It can also cause a problem should we need to get emergency services into the school / houses.

Parking on the zig zag lines also means that the taxi's and coaches which have been organized by the Academy or the Local Authority to collect pupils are being forced to collect the children in the middle of the road.

We thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

IMPORTANT



WINTER WEATHER REMINDER

Hats, scarves, gloves and coats

Although the weather has been mild at times, please ensure your child wears the appropriate clothing on the way to and from school. Wearing a warm coat with a hat, scarf and gloves will help to ensure that he/she is kept warm during the day.

Physical Education (PE) Kit

Please could we remind parents and carers to ensure their children have the appropriate clothing for PE this winter. Many pupils are coming to school with shorts as part of their PE kit. Some lessons will continue outside (weather permitting) and the halls parents should now pack the following items for PE:

- **Navy, black or grey tracksuit bottoms**
- **Navy, black or grey leggings**
- **Navy, black or grey sweatshirt or jumper**

COLD WEATHER PROCEDURES

Please remember that even if the weather is snowy the Academy will still be open unless you are told otherwise.

If in doubt:

Please call the Academy should the weather turn snowy. Here is a reminder of the Academy's closing procedures:

1. Check the STEP, Applegarth or Croydon websites - if the Academy is to be closed it will be listed on these websites. Please remember that the sites will be updated regularly.
2. If the academy is not listed, then it is open and all pupils will be expected to attend school as normal.
3. We send text messages to parents once a decision is made. Please ensure the Academy has your up-to-date contact details.

APPLEGARTH ACADEMY FACEBOOK PAGE

We have created a Facebook page, so please go online and add us. The page has been set up for us to create new ways of communicating with parents and carers about school activities and events. Please note, this is a new site and more content will be uploaded shortly.

Visit our website for all the latest information www.applegarth-academy.croydon.sch.uk
Please follow us on TWITTER
@ApplegarthAc

CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS

STEP Academy Trust is the Admission Authority for all of its Academies and administers the admission arrangements on behalf of the Strategic Governing Bodies of the above named academies.

The Board of Trustees are proposing to make changes to its admissions arrangements for the academic year 2018/2019. As such The Admissions Code of Practice requires an Admission Authority to consult with stakeholders including parents of children aged between 2 and 18 years.

The STEP Academy Trust Admission Policy 2018/2019 for each Academy is available on their website and on the STEP Academy Trust website: <http://www.stepacademytrust.org/about-us/admissions/admissions-consu...2018-2019-intake/>.

The consultation period takes place for the STEP Academy Trust proposed admission arrangements for a minimum of 6 weeks between Tuesday 20 December 2016 and Monday 30 January 2017.

Your views on any aspect of the admission arrangements will be sent to the relevant Strategic Governing Body and the Board of Trustees for consideration. All responses received by the end of the consultation period will be carefully considered and will decide the admission arrangements for the school year 2018/2019. Once the arrangements have been determined, they will be publicised by 15 March 2017.

If you have any queries regarding the above, these should be submitted by email to: admissions@stepacademytrust.org or in writing to: Company Secretary, STEP Academy Trust, Gonville Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey, CR7 6DL.

NOTICE FROM ADDINGTON FIRE STATION

As well as dealing with emergency incidents, we also undertake a lot of community fire safety work. One of the services we provide is a free home fire safety visit that everyone living in London is entitled to.

As part of our home fire safety visits we take our fire engine out to the appointment and carry out a specific risk assessment for each home we attend, whilst any children can go outside and have a tour of the fire engine. We also offer home fire safety advice given by specifically trained and professional fire fighters. Finally we offer a free 10 year battery life smoke alarm fully installed.

To book your free home fire safety visit please follow the link below or call the telephone number provided.

<https://hfsvwr.london-fire.gov.uk/HFSVRequestGaz.aspx>

Telephone: 0800 028 44 28



PLATINUM AWARDS FOR THIS WEEK

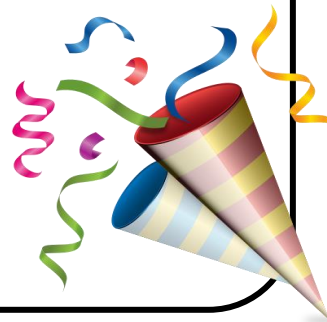
A HUGE 'WELL DONE' TO THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN:

Adam Holder-Moore (Clarkson)

Alisha Francis, Rochelle Leow, David Mogere, Rosie-Anne Wood, Frankie evans, Zhane Coore, Leroy Peter, Amon Bowen (Pankhurst)

Ben Todd, Kylie Preston-Gardner, Ryan Skinner, Aden Cheeseman, Zachira Miller, Esther Roberts, Charlie Beams (Lincoln)

David Saines (Wilberforce)



PRIZE DRAW

All pupils that had a special school meal yesterday prepared by the STEP catering team were entered in to a prize draw. The winners are as follows:

- Upper KS2 – WILLIAM BROOM – Rowling
- Lower KS2 – ANAIYA-JAI LEACOCK – Clarkson
- KS1 – DEBORAH KAREEM-KOMOLAFE – Lincoln
- Nursery /EYFS – DAVID GYIMAH-KUSI – Newton

Congratulations, we hope you enjoy your prizes!



ATTENDANCE

Our Academy target is 96% for attendance.

We are really working hard to achieve our target for attendance this year. Please can we stress how important it is to continue sending your child to school as we would love to see all the children achieving 100% for the term, and even the year! We do need the support of every Parent and Carer. You can help us by:

1. Ensuring that your child attends school every day unless he or she is very poorly.
2. Ensuring that family holidays are arranged during the holidays.
3. Routine medical appointments are made for the weekend or during the holidays.

It is important that all pupils attend school regularly and on time. We need the support and co-operation of every single Parent and Carer if we are to continue to improve learning and achievement which depends on good attendance and punctuality.



CLASS ATTENDANCE FOR THIS WEEK

Einstein	97.3%	Hawking	94.6%
Newton	100 %	Aristotle	92.5%
Gandhi	98.2%	Pankhurst	97.8%
Mandela	92.8%	Clarkson	95.0%
Wilberforce	99.3%	Keller	95.3%
Lincoln	99.1%	Lama	98.6%
Rowling	97.1%	Tolkien	96.7%

Some classes have reached the LA target of 96% this half-term. Well Done!

We need the support and co-operation of every single parent if we are to continue to improve learning and achievement, which depends on good attendance and punctuality.

