

"Working together, we will achieve"



Applegarth

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Hello everyone,

Christmas is fast approaching and we have lots of events planned over the next few weeks which we are sure the children are going to enjoy! The children are busy rehearsing for their Christmas performances which are coming up fast and watch out for a letter about the Applegarth Christmas dinner which takes place on Friday 13th December – a lucky day for us!

The Christmas performances take place on the following days:

- ☺ Years 1 and 2 - Tuesday 10th December at 9.45am and 2pm.
- ☺ Years 3,4,5 6 – Thursday 12th December at 9.45am and 2pm
- ☺ Nursery and Reception – Tuesday 17th December at 10am.

There is no need to book tickets this year – just turn up to the performances that you wish to see although you may need to stand at the back if there are no chairs available.

Introducing the Applegarth Dancers.....

Come along and watch the children who attend our dance club show off their talents on **Wednesday 18th December** (Junior dancers) and **Thursday 19th December** (Infant dancers). Both performances are at 10.15am.

welcome Tomodachi!

Last week was Anti-Bulling Week and all of the children explored the issue of bullying and the different forms it takes. The Junior children discussed Internet Safety and contributed to a discussion on Fronter about Cyber Bullying. There is a great deal of information in our eSafety room on Fronter so do encourage your child to take a look and add a comment to our forum. We also introduced our Rights Respecting Mascot to the children - a hippopotamus! The children spent the week designing his 'coat and we have voted for a name - Tomodachi, which means 'friend' in Japanese.

Open Morning for Prospective Parents

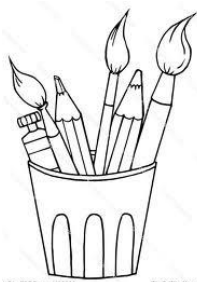
*Is your child due to start
Nursery or Reception in
September 2014?*

*Come along to our Open
Morning on Wednesday 4th
December and find out more
about Applegarth and the
STEP Academy Trust*



Building Work Update

Thank you for your patience and support over the last week as the building work has got under way and our new system for collecting the children at the end of the day has been introduced. The first phase of the project is the messiest and noisiest but the children are enjoying watching the machinery as it digs into the ground and creates the area where the extension will go. We know that it is now more congested around the Infant gates so do also make use of the pedestrian gates by the main car-park gates. We hope that the work to the Nursery play area will be completed in the next week (delayed due to the wet weather) and that this will ease things a little. We are also aware that a lorry came to collect a skip too close to the end of the day last week and have passed this information onto the Site Manager, who I am in contact with on a daily basis. Time constrictions have been put into place to avoid this, but do let me know if further issues arise.



Watch out for the wonderful piece of art which has been created by the children and will be put up on the wall outside Year 2 in the next few days. Well done to Team RRS and the other children from across the school who contributed to the design and painting - and apologies if any of them came home covered in paint!

PTA Meeting THIS WEDNESDAY

Please come along to our next PTA meeting which takes place this Wednesday at 3pm (in the Training Room). Our PTA Chair (Amy Hall) is busy organising our first PTA event alongside other committee members but we need as much help as possible. Watch out for a letter from them coming soon.....



Christmas Shopping for the children!

Our first PTA fund-raising event is a Christmas Shopping Day for the children. This will be an opportunity for your child to come along to school and 'shop' for a present for that special person. We'll help your child to gift wrap the present so that they can bring it home and pop it under the Christmas tree in readiness for the big day. Our Christmas shopping day takes place on Wednesday 18th December and if you would like your child to take part in this event, **please send £2.00 in to school in an envelope labelled with your child's name and with 'Christmas Shopping' written on the front.** Money needs to be in by Monday 9th December at the latest.

*Just a reminder that
Parents Evening is
this Thursday.*



Return this slip & your child will be entered into a prize draw!

November 25th 2013 Newsletter Comments:

Signed..... (parent of.....class.....