

"Working together, we will achieve"



Applegarth

ACADEMY

Newsletter 7
February 10th - 2014

Hello everyone,

With half term fast approaching, here is the latest news from Applegarth Academy:

Thank you for supporting our **UNICEF Day of Change** last week. The children brought in heaps of spare change and we raised lots of money by filling in the letters of UNICEF with the donations we received. We'll let you know how much we have raised as soon as possible.

Need some advice on Housing?

Come along to our coffee morning this Thursday (13th Feb) from 9am until 10am. Enjoy a bacon roll whilst listening to a presentation about housing.



SMOKING AT THE GATES

If you need to smoke when you drop off or collect the children, please can we ask that you don't do this directly outside of the school gates. There are quite a lot of cigarette butts on the ground just by the school entrance, where adults have dropped cigarette ends before coming into the school; this is not pleasant for the children to see.

Thanks very much for your support with this.

OUR READING VOLUNTEERS are having such a positive impact that we are looking for more and more help. There has been a notable increase in the number of children reading for pleasure, so please let us know if you are able to help.

Disco!

Children, come along to the PTA disco this Thursday at 3.15 - 4.30pm for Infants and 4.45 - 6.00pm for Juniors.

Tickets cost £1.50 per child (with a rate of £1.00 per child for families with three or more children)

THURSDAY is also a **MUFTI** day and for 50p children can come to school in their home clothes, with the money going towards events which we hope to organise in the future.





Building Work Update

The building work is progressing well and is on track to be completed in April despite the constant wind and rain. You can see that the roof is now on and the building is really starting to take shape. Thank you for your on-going patience with this project. Once it has been completed, the pathway outside the school gates will be resurfaced and so too will the pathway which leads from the Infant gates into the school. The pathway between the Infant and Junior playgrounds will also be reinstated. Please don't hesitate to let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

ParentPay is on its way!

I know many of you will be pleased to have received the letter last week to inform you that you will soon be able to pay for school dinners using the parent pay system which allows you to pay for school dinners either online or using the paypoints found in many of our local shops.

A FREE SCHOOL MEAL FOR ALL INFANT CHILDREN!

You may have heard in the news of the Government's intention for every child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to be offered a school dinner for free, from September 2014. At Applegarth, we are starting to think about the arrangements we will need to put in place. Please watch out for a letter about this, asking for some information about potential take up.

STEP NEWS..

The Schools Minister, David Laws visited David Livingstone Academy this week for a tour of the school and a discussion with the Directors and Headteachers. Applegarth Academy had a visit on Friday from our local MP, Gavin Barwell. He met some of the children, had a tour of the school and found out a bit more about our continual journey of school improvement.

FAIRFIELD HALLS DANCE FESTIVAL! Book your tickets to watch our dancers perform at the Fairfield Halls on Wednesday 26th March at 7pm. Tickets can be purchased from the Fairfield Halls Box Office.

Coming Soon..... BOOK WEEK - March 3rd -7th

School Grounds Day - Saturday 15th March

Come along and lend a hand with weeding, fence staining and a general tidy up. From 9.00am until 1pm - refreshments provided. We'd love to see you there!

Watch out for a letter about book week and how we are planning to celebrate World Book Day. Start thinking about a book character that your child could dress up as on the Friday (Traditional Tales and Fairy Tales)

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

February 10th 2014 Newsletter Comments:

Signed.....

Parent of.....

Class.....