

### w/c 12<sup>th</sup> December

- Trips Week (see last page)

### Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

- School Christmas Lunch

### Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December

- EYFS Christmas Performance - 11.00am

### Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

- Winter Wonderland 2.00 – 4.30pm

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### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December

- Big Breakfast 7.50 – 8.40am
- Break Up – Christmas Holidays at 3.00pm

### Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017

- School Reopens after the Christmas Holidays

### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January

- Parents' Coffee Morning

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

- Always looking on the bright side
- Feeling confident

Example use in a sentence:

1. I am optimistic about my test results.
2. I will continue to be optimistic that the weather will be good for the Winter Wonderland.

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



FROM THE ACADEMY OFFICE



Tickets for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Applegarth Academy Winter Wonderland are on sale in the Academy Office for £1 per adult. The Winter Wonderland is on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December and will be a magnificent event for the whole family and the local community. Come and enjoy:

- Children singing Christmas songs
- Children's Enterprise Stalls in our marquee
- Hot beverages



Save the Children

## ELP ASSEMBLIES

As parents will recall on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November pupils in Graham Class put on a special Singing Assembly to raise money for the charity "Save the Children" who help with emergency relief for children affected by natural disasters across the world. Thank you to all the parents, pupils and staff who made a donation to the cause. We will inform you in next week's Newsletter how much was raised.



## Save the Children **CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY**



Christmas Jumper Day is on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December (the same day as Christmas Lunch). We would like to invite all pupils and staff to come to school wearing a Christmas themed jumper or their own clothes.

Christmas Jumper Day is organized by the Save the Children charity. If you would like to make a small donation to the charity, please do so via their website:

<https://secure.savethechildren.org.uk/donate/signale?sourcecode=W16002076>



Celebrate your child's achievements and enjoy a Full English Breakfast on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 7.50–8.40am. The breakfast includes:

Sausage (vegetarian option available), Bacon, Egg, Beans and Toast with a cup of Tea or Juice!

**Cost: £2.00 per child or £2.50 per adult**

**All parents, carers, pupils and staff are welcome!!**

At Applegarth Academy we have a fundamental belief that by working closely with parents and the community, we can nurture the development of trust, confidence, respect and the desire to learn in our pupils and one another.

Our termly Parents' Coffee Mornings are a wonderful opportunity for parents to get together and share ideas over a cup of coffee/tea and biscuits. Mrs Daly, Mrs Miskelly and Miss Gilmore are also on hand to discuss issues relating to school.

The next Parents/Carers Coffee Morning is on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017.



**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

Visit our website for all the latest information [www.applegarth-academy.croydon.sch.uk](http://www.applegarth-academy.croydon.sch.uk)  
**Please follow us on TWITTER @ApplegarthAc**

## The Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club runs every day from 8.00am. There is no need to book beforehand, just turn up at our Dining Hall Entrance!

The cost is £1.00 per session and must be paid on the day.

**Please note that if your child comes to Breakfast Club and does not have a breakfast, you still need to pay the £1.00 to attend.**

Children in Reception can find Breakfast Club very daunting when they start, so to help your child settle into their new routine, parents and carers are asked to attend until they are settled.

### 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.





## CLASS ATTENDANCE FOR THIS WEEK

Einstein	91.8%	Hawking	97.1%
Newton	96.0%	Aristotle	94.2%
Gandhi	91.3%	Pankhurst	92.5%
Mandela	95.2%	Clarkson	95.3%
Wilberforce	96.6%	Keller	90.0%
Lincoln	95.3%	Lama	97.9 %
Rowling	95.2%	Tolkien	96.8%

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.



# School Trips

## TRIPS WEEK AUTUMN 2016

The following trips have been organised for the week commencing Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December:

Year Group	Trip	Date	Times	Cost to Parents
Nursery & Reception	Puppet Theatre	13th December	School time	£3.00 per child
Year 1	Puppet Theatre	13th December	9.45am	£3.00 per child
Year 2	Puppet Theatre	13th December	9.45am	£3.00 per child
Year 3	Battersea Zoo	15th December	9.30am - 3.00pm	£6.00 per child
Year 4	Battersea Zoo	13th December	9.30am - 3.00pm	£6.00 per child
Year 5	Greenwich Thames	15th December	9.15am - 3.00pm	£6.00 per child
Year 6	Greenwich Thames	14th December	9.15am - 3.00pm	£6.00 per child

### Consent Forms

Please ensure consent forms are signed and handed in to the Academy Office as per the date on the letter.

### Payments

All payments need to be made via Parent Pay (the Academy's online payment system). If you have not received your login details or are experiencing difficulties, please contact a member of the Office Team.