**Applegarth and Hutton Primary Parent Councils**

**HEAD TEACHER’S REPORT – 09.02.2021**

1. Current Roll January 2021 – 35 Applegarth 8 Hutton

Projected roll 34 Applegarth 9 Hutton

1. BUDGETS Joint Parent Council **£2191.15** - £87.50 (Pantomime) **£2103.65** Squares £369 **£2472.65**
2. STAFFING UPDATE:

Mrs McWhirter – currently working from home.

Mrs James - Maternity leave

Miss Fergusson Full time P5-7 until June 2021

Mrs Clark Temporary cover until June 2021

Mrs Shenton-Ross - Maternity leave

Miss Bremner and Miss Keenan team teaching P1-4

Learning Assistants: - Mrs Kerr, Mrs Bell, Mrs Black and Mrs Jamieson (not currently) Mrs Wilson

1. CURRENT ARRANGEMENTS -Following consultation with the parents from Hutton Primary and the authority it was agreed that Hutton will remain at Applegarth for the foreseeable future.

1. TERM 3 – Distance learning. Announced during the Christmas holidays. Communication with parents. Communication with parents has continued to be timely and considered. Parents are clear as to the current arrangements and aware of changes afoot. Feedback has been requested from parents via forms and is very positive. When discussing with parents how they are managing home learning this time they are sounding more confident, they are appreciating the routine and early notice of weekly overviews. The ability to meet on Teams with their class teacher has been a very positive addition to the service we are able to offer this term. Weekly newsletters and whole school assemblies continue to feature weekly.

Applegarth and Hutton Hub – This has worked well as pupils are in their own school. This has been supervised by Learning Assistants. The pupils attending ranges from 4-7 daily. Stages attending P2 – P6.

Learning and Teaching Teachers were asked to provide Literacy, Numeracy, Health and Well Being and Interdisciplinary Learning. We continued with the weekly Rainbow Day which allows pupils to catch up on tasks, explore more creative tasks, French, baking, outdoor learning and PE.

Pupils’ work is collated and kept in a ‘folder’ paper copies that are handed in are also kept in a folder. Tasks are progressive and are following planned curricular learning. Pupils receive feedback on uploaded work. There is a blend of learning packs and online learning to accommodate as many family’s needs as possible. Pupil’s feedback is requested weekly

Some pupils have been allocated laptops and MiFi units to support their leaning.

Live sessions – Live sessions happen on a daily basis – always with two staff members present – used to ‘connect’ an opportunity to ask questions etc.not direct teaching. Staff prepare video clips for teaching as well as links to other activities relating to their tasks.

1. PEF Applegarth/Hutton Planned interventions are on hold, hoping to progress training on Closing the Literacy Gap in Term 4.

1. POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR POLICY This has been reviewed and now aligns with Restorative Practice and our School Rules -RESPECT READY and SAFE. Parents and staff have been consulted. Pupil Council will be consulted in the future.

1. THE BALANCED READER – this has been out for consultation, however it has not progressed this term due to current circumstances.
2. CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS – Based on the theme of ‘Share a Little Love and Kindness’ the whole school community benefited from this and the responses were amazing.

Decorating Christmas tree –donated from Farm Fit Robinsons. Pupils decorated with bird food eg apples, threaded monkey nuts, moulded bird seed and lard. Pupil Council Elves delivered the trees to the three Care Homes in Lockerbie – on ‘Santa Black’s sleigh’ – trailer)

Christmas Production – filmed without singing – good use of Makaton! Staff filmed, scripted, edited etc. A Covid Special!

Christmas presents – donation from a previous Parent Council Chairperson, Jill Hollis. Santa managed to visit even within Covid restrictions.

Christmas Presents – Crossdykes Windfarm Fund agreed to donate £10 per child to purchase a ‘family game’ each.

David Yule – parent and photographer took individual photos of pupils and gifted the prints.

Presents for each family consisted of Pupil photo in a decorated frame, a pendrive of the Christmas Production and a hand decorated Christmas decoration.

Christmas Enterprise – pupils made Christmas Lollies, Bird Seed (hearts!), Christmas wooden cookie decorations and Reindeer Dust (£268.80 raised)

Collection of food for First Base

Collection of gifts for Aberlour

Collection of items for hampers – Squares (£369 raised)

1. COVID-19 UPDATE The school is planning on opening from Monday 22 February. The arrangements will be finalised on the 16 February and parents will be notified as soon as possible. P1,2 and 3 pupils will be welcomed back to school. The hub will continue to run for P4-7, distance learning arrangements will be in place for P4-7 and any P1-3 pupil that is shielding.

All staff attending school will be able to access the Asymptomatic Testing Programme. These have been delivered to school and will be used from 22 February.

The previous advice pertains:-The school is given a regular updates of any changes to protocol or further advice that impacts on risk assessments within school. The school report to Health and Safety Education on any COVID-19 if any tests have been taken by staff and pupils. Applegarth – Ventilation, Staff compliance 2 metres distance, staff wearing masks at various times throughout the day. If parents/carers are dropping off children they should wear a face mask.

One way system – feedback was sought through a survey on the temporary one way system. If it is only P1-3 returning the one way system would not be required from 22

1. WOODEN SHELTER– Applegarth priority and under discussion. We have received two quotes to date. Muirhead Energy have been contacted and our plan discussed at their community meeting 08.02. 21. They are interested in supporting us and if we were to provide some of the funding they would be even more enthusiastic.

The hen run has been removed. Permission is in place from the authority as it is not on Council ground.

Wood chips have just been donated from James Jones. - two families have done an amazing job shoveling and spreading – amazing teamwork .

1. Virtual Valentine Coffee Morning - Parent Council have organized an Alternative Coffee Morning. Utilising a local company, Just Be – they have ordered a box of treats to gift to every child – a scone with jam and cream, a tray bake and a cake. Parents were able to order more if desired and can collect from school from 9-10am on Wednesday 10 February. Family Bingo, Lucky heart and a creative art project will engage all families through a virtual meeting on Wednesday. An appreciated social, fun gathering.