**Applegarth and Hutton Primary Parent Councils**

**HEAD TEACHER’S REPORT – 27 September 2021**

1. Current Roll January 2021 – 36 Applegarth 9 Hutton 45 Pupils
2. BUDGETS Joint Parent Council – The joint funds were passed on to Applegarth Parent Council £2171.65
3. STAFFING UPDATE:

Mrs McWhirter – PT (long term absence)

Mrs James – Returned 2 PT days and 2 Mat leave days each week

Miss Palmer – P1-3 (long term absence)

Miss Keenan – P4/5

Miss Fergusson Full time P6/7 until June 2022

Mrs Shenton-Ross - Maternity Leave

Miss Bremner – Maternity Leave

Learning Assistants: - Mrs Kerr, Mrs Wilson, Mrs Bell and Mrs Black

Clerical – **to** be advertised

1. FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Currently P1-4 extending to include P5 in January

1. ADDITIONAL FUNDING

Cost of the school day additional £190 Applegarth £40 Hutton funding – transport, baking etc.

1. School Improvement Plan

**School Priority 1**

Raising Attainment in Literacy – Reading and Writing and Numeracy - Whole school approach to reading and writing. CLG and Fastlane interventions. Mental Maths - aligned.

**School Priority 2**

Raising Attainment through ensuring high- quality learning experiences for all our pupils

**School Priority 3**

Develop a shared vision, values and aims in a positive, nurturing ethos (UNCRC, coaching ethos)

1. PUPIL EQUITY FUNDING Applegarth/Hutton Closing the Literacy Gap 2021 – 3 individual pupils – very positive results, last session.

PEF 2021 Foci – embed previous strategies, one to one session where appropriate, nurture, inclusion.

1. COVID-19 UPDATE Almost all pupils have returned to school on 19 August.

All staff attending school are encouraged to use the Asymptomatic Testing Programme. Advice at the beginning of term was given that we should continue with the same mitigations in place from the previous session for the first 6 weeks of term. Head Teachers are meeting regularly with NHS/ Schools H&S and the Education Management Team.

The previous advice pertains:-The school is given regular updates of any changes to protocol or further advice that impacts on risk assessments within school. Applegarth – Ventilation, Staff compliance 1 metre distance, staff wearing masks at various times throughout the day. If parents/carers are dropping off/ picking up children they should wear a face mask.

The above mitigations are to be continued for the next 6 weeks. Communication is sent directly to families.

We fully appreciate the efforts of the full school community in striving to keep us all safe.

1. WOODEN SHELTER, OUTDOOR CLASSROOM– thanks to Muirhead Energy, Hutton Community Fellowship and the Parent Council we have an amazing new resource in our forest classroom. Thick and Thin, Adam Murray, has completed the shelter during the holidays and the pupils are already reaping the benefits. Performance areas, label the trees, White board in shelter, Storage, Hooks, outdoor learning bags.
2. MAINTENANCE – Areas of the playground require immediate ‘fixing’ eg decking, steps, P1-4 outdoor space. Currently requesting quotes.
3. HEN RUN- We welcomed two new chickens to our school community after the Easter holidays, Chick Pea and Daisy. They have settled quickly and well and are being well looked after. Thanks to Mrs Boyes for providing the chickens. (Eggs are being sold and are undercutting a local business!) Mr Aitken, Pippa’s Dad has kindly offered to construct a new run for the hens which will make it easier for us to let them out and in and allow a bigger ‘run’ at weekends.
4. WINDFARM VISIT Invite to attend the opening on 6 October. They are covering the cost of transport and providing breakfast. Pupils will also get the opportunity to ‘get up close’ to a wind turbine.
5. BIKE to SCHOOL WEEK 27 September. Pupils are encouraged to bring in their bikes/ scooters on Thursday 30 September for another wheelie good afternoon.
6. WEEKLY NEWSLETTER Opinions sought for the value and/or alternatives?
7. RESIDENTIAL P6/7 Opinions/ options?
8. SWIMMING CLUB Annan Swimming Pool After the October holidays. Interest?