



Newsletter - Monday 6th July 2020

Aycliffe Village Primary School



Dear Parents/Carers

On Thursday the government gave us the news we have been hoping to hear—that we can open school to all children in September. It might not be as it was in March, but we will be together again. Mr Tait, myself and staff will be spending the remaining days of this term planning what the new “normal” will look like and we will keep you informed through newsletters and Facebook.

It was lovely to be able to hold a socially distanced Sports Day on Thursday—as expected on Sports Day, the day was wet and so the event had to be held in the hall. Despite this the children had a great time. Mrs Wellstood and Mrs Pullan did a great job organising the races, sanitising equipment and keeping score of the points earned in each race.

Best wishes
Mrs Brown

Reports

Over the last few weeks staff have been busy completing reports for the children in their classes. These are due to be distributed on Wednesday.

Because of the current situation the sending out of your child’s report will be done in one of 3 ways:

1. If your child is attending school at the moment - they will be given their report to take home. They will also be given reports of any siblings not at school.
2. If you live in the village your child’s report will be hand delivered on Wednesday evening.
3. All other reports will be emailed. The email address that we will use will be the one associated with your Parent Pay account. If you do not want us to use this address (or you are unsure which address your account uses) please contact school before Wednesday morning.

As there has been no formal end of year assessment, the government has told schools that reports should not include any information about attainment this year, so the final page of the usual report is not there.

For parents of children in Year 6—we have given information to their secondary school based on Teacher Assessment.

We won’t be able to hold any form of Parents’ Evening this term. If you have a question about your child’s report you can request a telephone appointment. But please bear in mind that teachers are only allowed to be in school for a limited amount of time—and we only have 2 telephone lines! The conversation should only be about comments made on the report not about assessment and not about arrangements for next year.

If you are happy with the content of your child’s report there is no need to speak to a teacher.

Appointments can be made for the following times:

Friday 10th July 3.15—4.15	Mrs Brown Rowan Class	
Monday 13th July 3.15—4.15	Mrs Vest Lime Class	Miss Bradley Willow Class
Tuesday 14th July 3.15—4.15	Mrs Dean Horse Chestnut Class	Miss Craven Sycamore Class
Wednesday 15th July 3.15—4.15	Mrs Marambe Lime Class	
Thursday 16th July 3.15—4.15	Miss Richmond Sliver Birch Class	Miss Peel Hawthorn Class

If you have not received your child’s report by Thursday morning, please contact school.

Visit to Ford Castle

The government update last week said that schools could make day visits, however overnight visits will not be allowed in the Autumn Term.

This means that the visit to Ford Castle will be once again be postponed until we are able to have residential trips.

Request for wooden play resources

Miss Richardson and Mrs Dean would like to thank those parents that responded to their Facebook request for wooden toys and jigsaws for their classroom. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Further donations can be made if you have any unwanted wooden play resources.

Update on Head Teacher Appointment

An advert for a new Head Teacher is now in circulation. The Governors will be short-listing before the end of term.

Interviews will take place next term and the successful candidate should be in school in January.

We will keep you updated next term.

Safeguarding children on the internet

While our children have been at home using the internet so much it is really important that we all work together to keep them safe.

If any parent needs any support with this, our school website has just been updated with the latest information and support.

Here is the link:

<http://www.aycliffevillage.durham.sch.uk/parents/online-safety/>

School Meals in September

Mrs Swainston would like me to remind parents of children who will be moving from Year 2 to Year 3 that they will need to pay for their child's school meal in September.

If you wish to make a change your child's meal pattern from school meals to packed lunch, please email Mrs Swainston no later than Friday 10th July.

If you think you would be eligible for Free School Meals Mrs Swainston can also help you with that.

The cost of all school meals is increasing to £2.10 per meal which is £10.50 per week.