



Newsletter 10th December 2018

Aycliffe Village Primary School



Dear Parents/Carers

As next week is our last week of the term, it is a busy week full of Christmas activities! Please see the last page of this newsletter, for reminders of dates and details. We are all looking forward to a fun filled week of Christmas Concerts, parties and a pantomime. We start the celebrations with our Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day this Friday!

We have two performances of both the Reception and Key Stage 1 Nativity and the Key Stage 2 Singalong. ***This is as space is very limited in our hall and we anticipate attendance will be shared equally. We ask please that families bring only two adults per performance. I would love to be able to say bring as many people as you would like but, with our small hall, the stage up and a large Christmas tree, the space is even more limited than usual. We also won't have much room for pushchairs/prams in the school hall so please avoid bringing them or leave them outside, where possible.***

I look forward to seeing you in school next week!

Best wishes
Mrs H Sutherland
Head Teacher



Reminder about payments for Parent Pay

Please make sure any outstanding payments on Parent Pay are paid as soon as possible so we can ensure all systems are up to date by the end of term. Many thanks.

Flu vaccinations—Thursday 13th December

A reminder that these will be administered in school this Thursday to children from Years 1 to 5 whose parents completed the online permission form.

Celebration Assembly Awards

Outstanding Learner	Hannah S (Year 6), Hannah S (Reception)
Outstanding Attitude	Olivia C
Outstanding Manners	India H, Jasmine D
Handwriting	Kayden B, Finley S
Wow Word	Jamie L
Maths Wizard	Amelia W, Ava O’N
Values	Alex B, Susie M
Independence and Perseverance	Oliver Y
Sports Award	Ashton A
Head Teacher Award	Amy L, Lily P, Aston H
Golden Broom	Willow Class



Mrs Byrne

Mrs Byrne, or Madame Byrne (as she is most well known to the majority of our children and you) has decided to retire at the end of this term. She will be a big loss to our school and I have really enjoyed working with her. We will all miss the contributions Madame Byrne has made to French and RE at our school, including the many residential French trips she has supported on. We will also miss Mrs Byrne's caring and supportive approach to her role in our school—she is always on hand to help out whenever she can and in any way she can. I am sure it will be a case of 'Au Revoir' rather than good-bye as we hope Mrs Byrne will stay in touch with us all.



Wow word of the week



This 'wow' word was brought into school for me by Marnie in our Reception Class— she told us it's a word her Dad uses!

Update from the PTA

The total raised from the Christmas Fayre was **£563.65**. Thank you so much for all your support which helped raised such a fantastic amount. We will provide updates in future newsletters and PTA minutes of how this will be spent to support and enhance the education of your children. We are keen to get more people on board to support the work we do, so please contact us on the PTA Facebook Page if you would like to help in any way.

Community Christmas Disco

I have been asked to share information with you about a Community Christmas Disco. This will take place on **Thursday 20th December at the Village Hall from 4.30 till 6.30pm. Entry is by ticket only as there are limited places. If you would like to buy tickets please see Kate or Stephen Ward, Lorna Boyes or Michelle Britton** (they will have 20 each to sell) Tickets will be £1.50 each and will include juice.



Attendance for last week

Willow Class	99.5
Horse Chestnut Class	95.5
Sycamore Class	97.9
Lime Class	95.0
Silver Birch Class	93.2
Rowan Class	93.3
Hawthorn Class	99.3

Well done to classes Willow, Hawthorn and Sycamore who have all achieved attendance above our minimum target level. Special "Well done" to Willow class for 99.5% attendance that was the best out of the entire school.

Welcome back Miss Beuster (but she will be called Mrs Dean!!)

Miss Beuster will return to work the first week back after the Christmas holidays, following her maternity leave. However she will be called Mrs Dean as she is getting married next week! I am sure you will all join me in wishing her and her new husband every happiness for their future!

Mrs Dean will be returning to work on a part time basis and will be working Wednesdays to Fridays (in our Year 1 Class)

Ashton H's fundraiser

We are very proud of one of our pupils, Ashton H in Year 6, as she has recently been involved in some fantastic fundraising work for a local charity. After noticing a poster for a local Food Bank, Ashton decided she wanted to do something to help. She started by using some of her pocket money to buy advent calendars for children of families who access the Food Bank then set up a Just Giving Page, raised £157 and used this to donate a range of treats often requested by people who use the Food Bank. Such a lovely gesture—well done Ashton!



Christmas Dates 2018



Date	Event
Tuesday 11th December	1.00—2.30—Children in Rowan and Hawthorn Classes to sing at the Rotary Christmas Concert, Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre.
Friday 14th December	Christmas Jumper Day and school Christmas Lunch!
Monday 17th December	2.00—Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity.
Tuesday 18th December	9.15—Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity. 2.00—Key Stage 2 Christmas Singalong.
Wednesday 19th December	9.15—Key Stage 2 Christmas Singalong. PM—Reception and Key Stage 1 to go to the pantomime at Darlington Hippodrome. More details on next week's newsletter.
Thursday 20th December	9.00—Whole school to go to St Andrew's Church for a Christmas Service (start time of 9.30) <i>Please let Mrs Dolan know if you can help us walk the children to the Church.</i> <i>All children can come to school in non-uniform/party clothes today but please be mindful they will be walking to the Church so need appropriate footwear.</i> AM—Reception and Key Stage 1 party (in the school hall) PM—Lime and Silver Birch Classes to have their Christmas Party (in the school hall) PM—Rowan and Hawthorn Classes to have their Christmas Party at Aycliffe Village Hall (They will come back to school for home time) School closes at the end of the day for the Christmas holidays!

Christmas Party Food

We will be providing some snacks and juice for the children for their Christmas parties this year rather than asking families to send food in. Thank you to those parents who have been in touch to ask about this.

