



Newsletter 11th February 2019

Aycliffe Village Primary School



Dear Parents/Carers

Over the rest of this school year, we will be reviewing aspects of the Curriculum we offer at our school. This is part of our ongoing school improvement work and this year's school development plan. We are really interested in your views on this and I would be very grateful if you could complete the questionnaire about this (your children will bring this home tomorrow) Obviously there are statutory requirements of the National Curriculum that determine much of what we have to teach but we have some flexibility in what we can offer. We are keen to make our Curriculum exciting, engaging and relevant and your views can help us shape this. We will also be asking the children for their ideas, later this year.

A reminder that school closes at the end of the day this Friday for the February half-term holiday. School re-opens on **Monday 25th February** and we look forward to welcoming your children back then!

Best wishes
Mrs H Sutherland

Lime Class—visit to Aycliffe Quarry

Children in Lime Class will be visiting Aycliffe Quarry on the afternoon of **Monday 25th February**. This is to support learning they will be doing on recycling and in English on a book called **Paperbag Prince**. They children will be transported there and back in a minibus. They will have their lunch at school, as usual, and will back at school for home time that day.



Sycamore Class—Christening!

As part of their RE topic, children in Sycamore Class (Year 2) will be re-enacting a Christening at St Andrew's Church! This will take place on the afternoon of **Monday 4th March at 1.45pm** Parents/carers and family members are very welcome to join us, if they would like to!

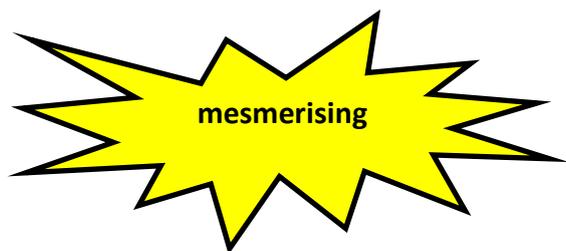


Celebration Assembly Awards

Outstanding Learner	Amy L, Harvey B
Outstanding Attitude	Joseph W
Outstanding Manners	Joseph B
Homework	Amelia W
Wow Writer	Joseph D, Indra F-H, Ethan N
Maths Wizard	Aaron S, Sam M, Sam T
Values	Kayla S
Independence and Perseverance	Ethan W-K, Neve B
Sports Award	Tyler L
Head Teacher Award	Mila P, Ruby C, Marnie S
Golden Broom	Horse Chestnut Class!



Wow word of the week



Thank you to Mila in Year 1 for bringing this week's 'Wow word' to me!

Attendance for last week

Willow Class	98.1
Horse Chestnut Class	98.0
Sycamore Class	95.8
Lime Class	86.9
Silver Birch Class	94.1
Rowan Class	97.3
Hawthorn Class	92.9

Well done to classes Willow, Horse Chestnut and Rowan who have all achieved attendance above our minimum target level. Special "Well done" to Willow for achieving 98.1% attendance that was the best out of the whole school.

Large Backpacks

A reminder that children shouldn't bring large backpacks to school please. As explained in a newsletter in July, this is **simply as we do not have enough space in our cloakroom areas, especially as many coat pegs are in classrooms**. Instead we ask that **children bring book bags or similar flatter bags**. There are some exceptions to this, for example some individual circumstances or when children have an after school club where they need sports equipment (we appreciate these cannot fit into smaller, flat bags)

School Uniform

A reminder that, as part of our school uniform policy, children should wear **plain, dark footwear** to school please. If there are any exceptional reasons why this isn't possible, for a temporary period of time, please speak to your child's teacher, so we are aware of the situation.

Activators

As part of our work in school to encourage children to be active, fit and healthy, some of our children have been chosen to be **Activators!** They accessed some training from staff with the School Sports Partnership we work with and are working with Mr Barr, our Sports Apprentice, to set up and lead activities to encourage children to be active during playtimes. Our Activators are:

Lexie N-B
James B
Jamie L
Rudi L
Lucy B
Chloe A
Courtney S
Harry T

Well done to the children who were chosen and we look forward to seeing them making a positive difference with the role they have.



Materials for Willow Class

Miss Bradley, Miss Dunn and children in Willow Class would be very grateful for donations of the following please:

- **cellophane wrappers, different size and shape boxes, tubes, ribbons, wool, plastic containers, bottles, egg boxes and yogurt pots for our creative area. We also require some empty clean jam jars for our play dough area and plastic inserts from chocolate boxes.**

These items are needed to help replenish creative areas in Reception so we would be very grateful for anything sent into school to support with this. Thank you!

Thank you from Mrs Dolan

Mrs Dolan would like to say thank you to everyone for all the kind words and wishes that have been sent her way. They have meant a great deal to her at this very difficult time for her and her family.

