



Newsletter - Monday 13th May 2019

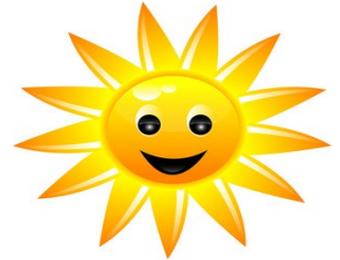
# Aycliffe Village Primary School



Dear Parents/Carers

It was lovely to hear our Year 4 children link our school values to trips/holidays they have taken, during their Class Assembly last Thursday. This included the recent school residential trip to Ford Castle. Thank you to all family members who joined us for their assembly.

It was a running joke at my last school that, as soon as I mentioned the sunny weather on a newsletter, it would take a turn for the worse! I really hope that doesn't happen now... As the forecast looks good for this week, I wanted to remind you to please make sure your child has a sun hat, a water bottle and has had sun tan lotion applied before they come to school on sunny days. They can be outside for a while at lunchtime and we want to make sure everyone is safe and well in the warm weather.



Best wishes  
Mrs H Sutherland  
Head Teacher

## Staffing Updates

We have two staff members retiring at the end of this academic year (I need to point out this is **early retirement** or I'll be in trouble with them!) Mrs Dolan and Mrs Coates will be leaving after many years working at our school and will be greatly missed by us all.

There is currently an advert out for a replacement for Mrs Dolan's role (advertised on Durham County Council's website). Please share news of this with anyone who might be interested. As the person specification and job description explains, it is essential that applicants have some experience of working in a school office, due to the many school specific systems and roles that come as part of this role.

## Celebration Assembly Awards

Congratulations to all children who received an award in last Friday's Celebration Assembly!



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| <b>Outstanding Learner</b>           | Kobe P                   |
| <b>Outstanding Attitude</b>          | Adam L, Effie S          |
| <b>Outstanding Manners</b>           | Ava L, Will C            |
| <b>Homework</b>                      | Bradley G                |
| <b>Wow Writer</b>                    | Finley W, Molly F        |
| <b>Maths Wizard</b>                  | Cameron E, Ashton A      |
| <b>Values</b>                        | Olivia H, Courtney S     |
| <b>Independence and Perseverance</b> | Dylan R, Ellie N, Seth B |
| <b>Sports Award</b>                  | Aiden A                  |
| <b>Head Teacher Award</b>            | Maizey N-B, Eloise H     |
| <b>Golden Broom</b>                  | Willow Class!            |

### Message from Mr Jakob (the music teacher who works in our school as part of Durham's Music Service)



Due to a successful bid to GAMP (Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership) there is now an opportunity for families of children aged 11-19 in Newton Aycliffe to hire a clarinet or flute without any hire charge to the family. This is a saving of 40% of the normal cost for those families which we hope will encourage more pupils to take up clarinet and flute. There will still be a charge for tuition costs per term (approximately £4.00 per lesson)

The benefits of learning a musical instruments are well documented and can lead to an increase in confidence and self-esteem and give opportunities for team work and development of new friendships. It can also improve communication skills and build creativity .

Trial lessons are available this term initially on Tuesday mornings, on request. Please contact Mr Jakobs on [a.jakob200@durhamlearning.net](mailto:a.jakob200@durhamlearning.net) if you would like more information.



#### Attendance for last week

|                             |             |
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| <b>Willow Class</b>         | <b>100%</b> |
| <b>Horse Chestnut Class</b> | <b>88%</b>  |
| <b>Sycamore Class</b>       | <b>90%</b>  |
| <b>Lime Class</b>           | <b>96%</b>  |
| <b>Silver Birch Class</b>   | <b>98%</b>  |
| <b>Rowan Class</b>          | <b>100%</b> |
| <b>Hawthorn Class</b>       | <b>98%</b>  |

Well done to Reception, Year 4, 5 and 6 who have all achieved attendance above our minimum target level. Special "Well done" to Willow and Rowan Classes who had 100% attendance last week!

#### Wow word of the week

