



Newsletter - Monday 15th July 2019

Aycliffe Village Primary School



Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you all enjoyed reading your child's end of year report and that you found it an informative reflection of their year at school.

There are many 'thank yous' to be said at the end of this school year. Thank you to your children for their contributions to our school and the part they play in making it a very special place to be. I would also like to thank you, as parents/carers, for your ongoing support for our school and the way you support us, with your children's education. We have many volunteers who deserve a special thank you for the time they give to our school, for example as governors, members of the PTA, to hear readers, lead assemblies, support on school trips. I could go on... Without your support we wouldn't be able to do many of the things we do, so a huge thank you for the time you give so freely.



A final thank you from me goes to our school staff. It makes me smile that some people still hold the view that teaching/working in a school is a 9.00 till 3.30 job! I see so much dedication from our staff team and many people going the 'extra mile' and am sure you will join me in thanking staff for this at the end of a very busy academic year. Whilst there is far more to school life than Ofsted inspections, our recent inspection was validation of the very good work going on in our school and I believe staff should be congratulated and thanked for coming through a difficult time in such a positive way.

I wish you and your families a very happy and safe summer break and look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Tuesday 3rd September!**

With my very best wishes
Mrs Sutherland

Goodbyes to Mrs Dolan, Mrs Coates and Mrs Smith

I feel very sad as I type this as we will be saying goodbye to three very special staff members at the end of this week. Thank you **so** much to Mrs Dolan and Mrs Coates for their many years of dedication to our school. I can't quite imagine the school without them here! They will be hugely missed although I am hopeful they will still be in regular contact with us. Also goodbye and thank you to Mrs Smith for her dedication to teaching Year 1, as a long term supply teacher, this year. I know she is very fond of that class and our school and we are also very fond of her! We wish them all much happiness in their futures.

Celebration Assembly Awards



Outstanding Learner	Flinn B
Outstanding Attitude	Benjamin S
Outstanding Manners	Morgan A, Sam T
Wow Writer	Joshua T, James D
Maths Wizard	Zachary H, Oliver Y
Values	Ellie N
Independence and Perseverance	Tyler S
Sports Award	Aria T, Harrison J
Homework Award	Scarlet D
Head Teacher Award	Laila T, Harvey B, Charlotte A
Golden Broom	Hawthorn Class!

Parent Pay and School Meal Changes Reminder

An urgent reminder please to check that all Parent Pay accounts are settled before the end of term. If they aren't it causes issues for us in school so we would be very grateful for your support with this. Also please note we won't be able to accept any more change of school meal requests for September. A new deadline for any changes will be given in the Autumn Term.

School Facebook Page

Letters about our school's Facebook Page will be coming home tonight—apologies we didn't get these out last week as we said we would. Please complete and return this (one per child) as soon as possible so we can be up and running for September.

PTA Summer Discos

Tickets will be on sale at playtimes this week and should be bought in advance please so we know numbers we are catering for. Please send the money into school with your children rather than calling to the main office for tickets. Children will be given a ticket but we are also keeping a list of tickets sold in case any tickets get lost! A reminder that tickets cost £5.00 and this includes the cost of a DJ/children's entertainer, food, drinks, sweets and a novelty item/toy.

Wednesday 17th July, 3.15 till 4.45pm—Reception and Key Stage 1 disco (parents/carers don't need to attend)
Thursday 18th July, 3.15—4.45pm—Key Stage 2 and Year 6 Leavers disco.

Please collect children from the playground at 4.45pm. Children attending the disco can wear non-uniform for the full day (please make sure they wear sensible footwear as they will be outside at playtimes)

Sing with Shanaya—Summer School

Shanaya Atkinson-Jones, who ran an after school singing club at our school this term, has let us know she is running a Summer School in August. Leaflets have been handed out to children who have expressed an interest and a poster is up in our school entrance. The club is open to 5 to 13 year olds and will take place at St Clare's Church, Newton Aycliffe. It is on the following dates: Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th August, 9.30 till 2.50pm. The cost is £40 for two days.

If your child is interested in attending, please contact Shanaya on 01325 303141 or 07771814412.

Goodbye to Year 6!

Goodbye and good luck to our wonderful Year 6 pupils! We will miss them all and wish them lots of luck and every happiness as they move to the next stage in their lives. We look forward to celebrating their time at our school during their Leavers Assembly on **Thursday 18th July at 2.00pm**. We hope many of their parents/carers and family members can join us for this.

Well done to our Year 6 children for their excellent SATs results. We are so proud of the progress you have **all** made!

	% of children in our school working at the expected standard and above 2019	% of children nationally working at the expected standard and above 2019
Reading	91%	73%
Writing	91%	78%
Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	96%	78%
Maths	91%	79%

Update from the PTA

A further £350 was raised from raffle ticket sales following our Summer Fayre. Thank you to all families who supported with this. Most prizes have been claimed but a list of winning tickets has been placed on the PTA Facebook Page and a copy is available in our school reception area, if you would like to check this.

On Tuesday 16th July, members of the PTA will be selling good quality, second hand uniform on the playground at home time. Funds raised will go to the PTA and any uniform not sold will be donated to charity.

A future date for the diary is **Sunday 22nd September** when we will be arranging a sponsored hike and family picnic at Roseberry Topping. We hope this will be a fun, family event for our school community. Thank you again for your continued support this year.