



Newsletter 16th July 2018

Aycliffe Village Primary School



Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you enjoy reading your child's end of year report and that you find it an informative and a helpful summary of their year at school. We would be very grateful if you could please complete the comments form about your child's report and the parent questionnaires and return them to school by the end of this week. Your views are very important to us and will help shape actions we take next year.

I can hardly believe it is the last week of term! Thank you for all your support this academic year and since I joined our school in January—it has really been appreciated by us all!

I also need to say goodbye and good luck to our wonderful Year 6 pupils! It has been a real privilege for me to be Head Teacher of such a fabulous group of children, even if it was only for a few months. We will miss them all and wish them lots of luck and every happiness as they move to the next stage in their lives.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing you on **Tuesday 4th September** when school re-opens for the next academic year!

With my very best wishes

Mrs H Sutherland

Head Teacher

Pizza Film Club Night for Year 6 pupils

As a treat for Year 6 to say thank you for their hard work with the Young Enterprise Project and well done for their Year 6 SATs results, Miss Peel is running a Pizza/Film Club night this **Wednesday**. This will start straight after school and will **finish at 6.00pm** when children can be collected from school or walk home, depending on the preference of their parents/carers.

Star Wars Train like a Jedi (with Change 4 Life)

Your child will be bringing home a pack of information this week from the government's Change 4 Life initiative. This is to support our school drive, and the drive nationally, to encourage children to lead healthy lifestyles through healthy eating and active lifestyles. Please encourage your child to take part in this over the summer holidays.

Celebration Assembly Awards



Outstanding Attitude	Ava O'N
Outstanding Manners	Jude F, Ella W-K, Oliver C, Jacob H
Handwriting	Lexie N-B, James A (Year 4)
Maths Wizard	Mia M
Values	Cameron E, Jasmine D, Kayla S
Independence and Perseverance	Emma N, Courtney S
Golden Broom	Year 1 and Year 2!

Reading and Library Books

We will be collecting all reading and library books in before the end of term. Please check carefully at home in case you have any school books and return them as soon as possible. Every year we have a number of books go missing, which can be costly to the school, so will be very grateful for any that are found and returned.

Reminders of some changes to school policies and practices from September

Apologies if this seems like a long list of changes and as though we are banning everything! I promise your children will still have fun at school! However I believe all of the things below are necessary to ensure there are no distractions to learning, to reflect our high expectations, to encourage our children to eat healthily and to help with issues with a lack of space and storage in school. I know they have been mentioned separately on different newsletters and I wanted to make sure everything is clear before the end of term and before families buy new equipment ready for returning to school in September.

- Healthy Packed Lunches—please make sure packed lunches follow the guidance given on our newsletter dated **25th June**. Further guidance on our policy will be shared at the start of next year.
- We are afraid we will no longer be able to hand out birthday cakes at school so please don't send them in from September. This is to do with our Healthy Schools Policy and also we have some children with food allergies in school.
- Children are also asked not to bring pencil cases to school. School will provide all equipment they need, eg pencils, rubbers, rulers.
- Also book bags/small flat bags, rather than large backpacks, should be brought into school. As I explained on an earlier newsletter we just do not have the space in school for larger backpacks to be stored and it has caused many issues with storage and space this year. Also, many school books and homework books have been ruined this year as they have been placed in bags that are not suitable for books. Drawstring PE bags should be used for PE kits.
- Also a reminder that children should wear **plain, dark shoes for school** and not trainers.

Earrings in school

In the newsletter on 26th March I reminded parents/carers of our policy with earrings at school. **Unfortunately we have a number of children not following this, eg are not bringing their own plasters to school to cover their earrings for PE lessons.** This means they are missing PE and/or swimming lessons or are asking for plasters from school. **It is preferable that children to do not wear earrings to school. If you wish to have your child's ears pierced we would suggest they are pierced at the start of the summer holidays then earrings can be removed for school days.** If they do wear them to school, they must bring plasters in from home to cover their ears on PE days and must take responsibility for doing this themselves.

Attendance for last week

Reception	85.2
Year 1	88.9
Year 2	96.0
Year 3	82.4
Year 4	89.1
Year 5	86.1
Year 6	92.9

Year 2 have had the highest attendance last week but attendance in all other year groups has been affected by holidays during term time.

School Disco Thursday 19th July, 6.00—7.30pm

Entry is £1.50 which includes unlimited drinks. Other items will be on sale, including glitter tattoos, novelty items, hot dogs and sweets. **Parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 must be accompanied by an adult please.**

Wow word of the week



I heard this word on television last week and it was used to describe Gareth Southgate. That might give you a clue!

Feedback from the Young Enterprise Work

Miss Peel and Year 6 wish to say thank you for supporting their Enterprise Project and they hope your children enjoyed the activities they arranged. A total of £238 was raised! The children are discussing what to spend it on and so far have spent £120 on books for the school library. They are also planning on spending some money to support the outdoor gardening area, including a new tree information board each class will be helping to design in September. This money will also be used to fund a subscription to Times Table Rockstars, which is a new online resource we have recently trialled in school, to support children with the learning and practice of times tables.



Year 6 SATs Results 2018

We are thrilled for our Year 6 pupils as their SATs results were excellent this year! They are testament to the hard work all children have put into their learning this year and the progress they have *all* made! I am the first to say that SATs results are not the 'be all and end all' and I truly believe there is much more to a good education than just academic results. However, I also believe that we, as a school, have a duty to support children to achieve as well as they can academically as this will set them up well for their future lives. Working towards SATs also teaches our children a lot about hard work, perseverance and resilience. These are all skills which can then be applied to other aspects of life.

As a school, our results showed a significant improvement from last year and we feel they reflect the high ambitions we have for our pupils. As you will see from the table below, our results are above national averages in all areas! Well done Year 6 and well done to all staff who have helped pupils to achieve this well, especially our Year 6 teacher, Miss Peel.

	% of children in <i>our school</i> working at expected standard and above 2018	Comparison to our school results from 2017	% of children working at expected standard and above <i>nationally</i> 2018
Reading	86%	Increase of 11%	75%
Writing	86%	Increase of 1%	78%
GPS (Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling)	93%	Increase of 23%	78%
Maths	86%	Increase of 26%	76%

Congratulations!