



Newsletter 17th December 2018

# Aycliffe Village Primary School



Dear Parents/Carers

I am finishing this newsletter after a wonderful Nativity performance by our Reception and Key Stage 1 children this afternoon. They were fabulous and I am sure there were many proud family members in the audience (I know there were some very proud teachers!) I look forward to seeing more fantastic performances from our children tomorrow and Wednesday.

I want to congratulate our Year 5 and 6 children who represented our school **extremely** well at the Rotary Christmas Concert last Tuesday. We have received many compliments about their singing, including our soloists, Kayla and Evie!

As we reach the end of term and the end of 2018 it is a good time to reflect on some lovely memories of a very positive calendar year for our school. Highlights for me include a Year 5 'Snappy Opera performance at the Gala Theatre in Durham, our fabulous 'Royal Wedding' in May, significantly improved Year 6 SATs results in July 2018, our Remembrance Art Gallery, taking part in the community Remembrance Service on the Village Green and a whole range of wonderful singing performances from our children. There is much to celebrate and be proud of as we move into 2019.

I wish you, your children and your wider families a very Happy Christmas and every best wish for 2019! May it bring you everything you would hope for.

Mrs H Sutherland

## Wow word of the week



## Swimming

Swimming has now finished for Lime Class (Year 3 children) After Christmas, and for the full Spring Term, Silver Birch Class (Year 4 children) will go swimming every Wednesday afternoon. **This will start on Wednesday 9th January.** Please make sure your child has their swimming kits on that date and every Wednesday after.

## Celebration Assembly Awards

Outstanding Learner	Sam M, Ellie N
Outstanding Attitude	Lilly D,
Outstanding Manners	Mia M, Mila P
Handwriting	Harrison J
Wow Word	Marnie S
Maths Wizard	Charlotte B, Brandon T
Values	Synnove L, Cameron E
Independence and Perseverance	Aidan H
Sports Award	Lexie N-B
Head Teacher Award	Jacob J, Ella W-K
Golden Broom	Hawthorn Class



### Information about the Pantomime—Wednesday 19th December

Parents/Carers of children going to the pantomime on Wednesday—please be aware of the following information.

The children are expected back at school around 4.30 although, as I am sure you can appreciate, the time could be affected by a number of factors out of our control, eg traffic, length of the show, toilet visits with the children!! **Parents are asked to come and wait in our school hall please (this will be open from 4.15 onwards) Then once children are back in school, we will ask parents/carers to come and collect their children from their classrooms. Last year, staff told me some parents were trying to take their children from the line as teachers were leading them from the bus back into school and it was a bit chaotic. Please note that this will not be allowed this year—if this happens it is impossible for teachers to keep track of the children in their care and could lead to a child wandering off and going missing.** We need to make sure everyone is returned safely to school and back into the care of their families and, with a large number of young children, need to do this in an orderly and organised fashion. I hope you understand our reasons for this.

Please can I also ask everyone to be mindful of where they park when collecting children from the pantomime. Last year our school received a complaint from the bus company as a service bus couldn't drive along the road due to cars parked on both sides of the road near our school.

Also just to confirm that children will not need any money for the pantomime. We will provide some sweets for them during the interval.

### Update from the PTA

The date of the next PTA meeting is **Wednesday 9th January from 6.00—7.00pm**. Please join us if you can—new members are always very welcome!

Since September, with your support, the PTA has raised **£1963.88!** This is a fantastic amount and has helped support many things in school, including newly decorated classrooms including a new carpet, ICT equipment and contributions towards our new playground markings and this year's Christmas tree! Thank you so much for supporting everything we have arranged so far this school year.

### Attendance for last week

<b>Willow Class</b>	97.2
<b>Horse Chestnut Class</b>	97.7
<b>Sycamore Class</b>	97.9
<b>Lime Class</b>	96.4
<b>Silver Birch Class</b>	97.7
<b>Rowan Class</b>	97.3
<b>Hawthorn Class</b>	98.1

Well done to all classes who all achieved attendance above our minimum target level. Special "Well done" to Hawthorn class for 98.1% attendance that was the best out of the entire school.

### After School Clubs for the Spring Term

Details about After School Clubs for Spring Term 2019 will be on the newsletter on Monday 7th January. They will start the week after (week beginning 14th January 2019)

### Recorder Lessons

Lime Class (Year 3) will have recorder lessons on Tuesday afternoons in the Spring Term. The lessons will be taught by Mr Jakobs from Durham Music Service. We have recorders at school but children are also welcome to bring their own recorders if they have them (please make sure their names are on them)

### Reminder about payments for school meals

Please ensure these are paid promptly. We are regularly having to chase payments from a number of families. Please see Mrs Dolan if there are issues with any aspect of Parent Pay and payment for school meals. Thank you for your support with this.