



Newsletter - Monday 17th June 2019

Aycliffe Village Primary School



Dear Parents/Carers

I know it's the time of the year when everyone is thinking about next school year and classes and teachers their children will have. Please see the final page of this newsletter for details of our school structure for next academic year. There is just one, part time teacher to confirm—this information will be shared with you, as soon as possible and before the 'Moving Up Days' on 28th June and 5th July.

Thank you to everyone who visited our Art Gallery last Friday. I hope you enjoyed looking at the wonderful pictures on display! Fully framed pictures are available to buy until Thursday this week (£7.00) if you didn't have chance to visit and would like to send money in for this.

Best wishes
Mrs H Sutherland

Music Concert—Music Works

A reminder that some children who learn keyboards and guitars with **Music Works** at school are doing a concert tomorrow (Tuesday) at 9.00am. Family members of children who are performing, including the singers, are very welcome to join us for this. I've heard some of the rehearsals and it's sounding great so I am sure we're in for a treat!

Swimming for the next two weeks

There will be changes to the children going swimming over the next couple of weeks, due to other events at school. Please be aware of the following changes:

- Wednesday 19th June—**all Year 5 and 6 children who aren't going to Kingswood** will go swimming.
- Wednesday 26th June—all Year 4 children will go swimming.

Celebration Assembly Awards

Congratulations to all children who were chosen for awards during our Celebration Assembly last week!



Outstanding Learner	Hannah S (Reception), Macie T
Outstanding Attitude	Hannah S (Year 6), Isobel W
Outstanding Manners	Molly F
Homework	Olivia C
Wow Writer	Harrison J, Theo J
Maths Wizard	Iyla F, Indra F-H, Synnove L
Values	Arran S, Lexi N-B
Independence and Perseverance	Edward D
Sports Award	Jamie L
Head Teacher Award	Joshua T, Imogen C
Golden Broom	Rowan Class!

Kingswood Residential Trip

We have many excited children in school who are really looking forward to their residential trip this week! **Please bring children's cases/bags to the main entrance on Wednesday morning and we will store them in the corridor until it is time for the bus to go.** We will send you a text once the children have arrived and a text once they are leaving to return home but please don't expect daily updates—the days are fully packed, for children as well as staff, so there won't always be time to contact school!

Please see a summary below of key points that were covered during the meeting that took place on 3rd April.

- Anyone who doesn't have a packing list can get one from the Main Office
- Packed lunch is needed for the first day (Wednesday) as children will be travelling at lunchtime
- Long sleeved shirts are needed for a number of activities so these are essential
- Swimming kit/rucksack is NOT required
- A water bottle is vital
- NO spray deodorants - they affect smoke alarms
- £5 for the shop in a clearly marked envelope
- NO mobile phones or other electronic gadgets - disposable cameras are best

Kingswood and school cannot accept liability for the loss, theft or damage of any personal property your child may bring.

Attendance for last week

Willow Class	96.7%
Horse Chestnut Class	96.2%
Sycamore Class	97%
Lime Class	96.7%
Silver Birch Class	97.1%
Rowan Class	96.9%
Hawthorn Class	98%

Well done to Years 2 and 4 who have achieved attendance above our school target of 97%. Special "Well done" to Hawthorn Class for 98% attendance that was the best out of the whole school!

Wow word of the week

Thank you to Synnove and Ashton H for finding this week's 'wow' word for me!



New Reception Starter Meeting

A reminder that we are having a meeting for parents/carers of new Reception starters on Thursday this week at 5.00pm. We are looking forward to welcoming new children and families to our school!



WhatsApp

We will be reminding some of our older pupils this week that the age restriction for WhatsApp is now 16 years (a change from May 2018—before this the age restriction was 13 years) We also felt a reminder for parents/carers might be helpful as some parents might not be aware of this. We are aware many of our pupils are accessing WhatsApp, even though they are well below this age, and this is causing some concerns. I would encourage you to consider and discuss this with your children please.

Please follow the link below to further information about WhatsApp for parents/carers:

<https://parentinfo.org/article/whatsapp-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers>

School Structure for next academic year (from September 2019)

Name of Class	Year Group	Name of Teacher	Number of Children
Willow Class	Reception	Miss Bradley	18
Horse Chestnut Class	1	Mrs Dean (2.5 days) Additional part time teacher to be confirmed—we will share this information with you as soon as possible.	21
Sycamore Class	2	Miss Craven	21
Lime Class	3	Mrs Vest (2 days) and Miss Hunt (3 days)	19
Silver Birch Class	4	Miss Richmond	26
Rowan Class	5	Mrs Brown	16
Hawthorn Class	5/6	Miss Peel	6 Year 5 children 22 Year 6 children

Those of you who know our school building well, will be aware we have one very small classroom (currently Mrs Brown's room/Rowan Class) which can hold about 16 children comfortably. Therefore we have to have one smaller class and one larger, mixed year group in Key Stage 2. Last year we chose Year 5 to be the year group that is mixed and have set our whole school planning and curriculum up on this basis. We feel this has worked well this year so are looking to continue it next year. I will be contacting parents of the group of next year's Year 5 children we anticipate will be in our mixed Year 5/6 class (by the end of this week)

As Hawthorn Class will be the largest class in school, Mrs Wellstood (Higher Level Teaching Assistant) will support mainly in that class. Other Teaching Assistant support will be allocated across school, according to the needs of pupils.

Update from the PTA

We are having a non-uniform day on **Monday 24th June** in return for children/families donating sweets/chocolate (about the value of £1.00 please) for a tombola at our Summer Fayre. We will be very grateful to anyone who can support with this please.

Reminders about the sale of **fruit for Key Stage 2 children on Fridays** (20p per item) and **Ice-Cream Friday** after schools on Friday (if the weather is fine) - 50p for an ice lolly and £1.00 for an ice-cream.

Our **Summer Fayre** will take place on **Thursday 27th June from 3.30—5.30pm**. We are requesting donations for the adult and children's tombola and would like good quality second hand uniform and children's toys. Please send these items into school. We are also holding a Summer Raffle and are looking for prizes from local businesses.

There will be three categories for entry to our Aycliffe Village Primary Bake Off—Infants, Juniors and Adults, with prizes for the winner of each category. Infants and Juniors who would like to enter are asked to send in 6 decorated cupcakes. Parents can enter any cake they wish. Cakes will be impartially judged by experts from the local Women's Institute. Once judged, entries will be on sale to raise money for school funds.

