



Newsletter - Monday 1st July 2019

Aycliffe Village Primary School



Dear Parents/Carers

Well, what a fantastic day we all had in school on Thursday—two wonderful Sports Days and a great Summer Fayre! It was lovely to have so many of you there to enjoy the day with us. I didn't get to see much of the Key Stage 2 Sports Day, as I was covering the main office, however I heard many positive things about it from staff and family members who watched it. It was lovely to see our pupils showing great enjoyment, enthusiasm and sportsmanship as they took part in their races. At lunchtime that day, a Year 1 child told me she is so happy she comes to our school—great feedback!

'Move up' morning on Friday also went very well and I spoke to many children that afternoon who were really enthusiastic about their new classes and teachers. Our new Reception starters were amazing and I enjoyed practising their names when I spoke to them at lunchtime. We look forward to another 'Move up' morning this Friday.

I also want to mention that, due to some staff absence, we are very stretched in our main school office at the moment. We will do our best to continue running as smoothly as possible but, please bear with us, if we respond a little more slowly to things.

Best wishes
Mrs Sutherland

Parent Pay

A reminder please to check Parent Pay accounts as we approach the end of term. This is to ensure we don't have outstanding monies by the end of term. Thank you for your support with this.

Part time teacher for Year 1 from September 2019

Miss Claire Richardson will be joining our staff team in September as the part time teacher to job share with Mrs Dean. She is coming into school this Thursday and Friday to get to know staff and children and will be with Mrs Dean and current Reception children on Friday morning for our next 'Move up' morning. Parents/carers will have the opportunity to meet Miss Richardson in Autumn Term when we have 'Meet the Teacher' after school on Wednesday 4th September. We look forward to welcoming Miss Richardson to our staff team!

Celebration Assembly Awards

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



Outstanding Learner	Adam C, Sam M
Outstanding Attitude	Kayden B, Ethan N
Outstanding Manners	Jack W, Ava O'N, Sophia C
Wow Writer	Joseph D
Maths Wizard	Victor C
Values	Summer P, Bailey C
Independence and Perseverance	Charlie P, Jack M
Sports Award	Clar McW, Charlotte B
Head Teacher Award	Jenson P, Rudi L
Golden Broom	Horse Chestnut Class! (two weeks in a row!!)

Message from the PTA—Summer Fayre

Thank you so much to everyone who supported our Summer Fayre—it was a great turn out and we are extremely grateful for your support.

The winner of the 'Name the Teddy' stall was Joseph A (Wally was the name of the teddy!)

The winner of the Dalmatian soft toy on Year 5's 'Make a Difference' stall was Charlie P. The name of the Dalmatian was Charlie!



The winners of the Fitness Challenge were:

Infants—Kobe P

Juniors—Seth B

Secondary—Myles G

Thank you so much to everyone who entered our 'Great Aycliffe Bake Off'. The entries were just stunning and there were so many creative ideas! Thank you to two members of the local Women's Institute for coming into school to judge the entries for us.

The winners of the Great Aycliffe Bake Off were:

Infants—Kobe P

Juniors—Jenson C

Adult—Joanne C

Raffle tickets were sent home on Friday (one book per family). If you do not wish to buy them/are unable to sell them, please send them back into school as some families/staff ask for extra booklets.

Year 6 Leavers Meal and Leavers Assembly —Thursday 18th July

On previous letters we have given details of the Year 6 Leavers Meal saying parents/carers are also to be invited to this. Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control, we are no longer able to invite parents/carers to this. We are sorry about this and for any disappointment caused. Year 6 children will still be having a special Leavers Meal at lunchtime on that date. A reminder that the **Year 6 Leavers Assembly will take place at 2.00pm on Thursday 18th July** and we hope many parents/carers/family members can join us for that.

Goodbye

Reminder for parents/carers of children in Year 2

A reminder that, when children move from Year 2 to Year 3, **the funding for free school meals for all children finishes**. Parents/carers then have to pay for school meals, unless their child is eligible for free school meals, due to circumstances. Please contact the school office if you would like to find out more about this. We hope that many children will continue to have school dinners as they move from Year 2 to Year 3. However, if your child wishes to change from dinners to packed lunches, please let the main school office know by **Monday 8th July**.



Year 5's 'Make a Difference' challenge.

Well done to all our Year 5 children for their work as part of a recent 'Make a Difference' challenge. Seven children represented our school to lead the presentation of this challenge and did a fantastic job! We received this email below from the organisers.

"We wanted to tell you how impressed we were with your wonderful presentation about responsible dog ownership at the Durham Centre on Wednesday. This topic comes up quite frequently (as most children like animals) so I can confidently say that, of all the many presentations I've seen on this topic over the years, your presentation was the best presentation I've ever seen on this issue. It was very clear from your presentation that you all had a lot of knowledge about the topic of responsible dog ownership, and you'd practised very hard to make sure everyone spoke clearly and passionately about why it is so important. You'd chosen lots of interesting facts and information to include in your presentation, and we were very pleased to see you'd been in touch with your local MP to get his help with supporting Lucy's Law. Your song was excellent and we thought Molly's solo was wonderful, the icing on the cake! Good luck with the rest of your campaign and thank you for making a difference and being such wonderful Young Citizens!"

You might have also seen the stall Year 5 were running at our Summer Fayre, to raise money for the Dog's Trust. They really enjoyed organising and running this and raised an impressive £67.90. Well done to all involved and thank you to Mrs Brown for leading on this project.



Congratulations!

Well done to Alex from Year 6 for representing our school at the County Athletics last Friday. He was selected to compete in the 800m after attending an Athletics competition a few weeks ago. Alex did extremely well and came 4th in the County! This is a wonderful achievement, especially as Alex doesn't consider himself a runner! All the running around he does on football pitches must have played a part in this!

Four of our Year 5 children represented our school at a Maths Challenge in Woodham Academy today—Lucy, Ethan, Ava and Ashton. There were eleven teams competing and they came 3rd! We are all very proud of them!



Attendance for last week

Willow Class	97.1%
Horse Chestnut Class	99.5%
Sycamore Class	92.6%
Lime Class	95.8%
Silver Birch Class	96.4%
Rowan Class	94%
Hawthorn Class	93.6%

Well done to Reception and Year 1 who have achieved attendance above our school target of 97%. Special "Well done" to Horse Chestnut Class for 99.5% attendance that was the best out of the whole school!

Wow word of the week

