



Newsletter - Monday 24th June 2019

# Aycliffe Village Primary School



Dear Parents/Carers

I want to start the newsletter with some big 'thank you's' this week. Firstly to all staff who have given up a lot of their time to take children away on residential trips this year—Mrs Brown, Miss Peel and Mrs Peel (Miss Peel's mum!) for going on the trip to Kingswood and Miss Richmond, Miss Peel and Mrs Peel for the trip to Ford Castle. I am very grateful to them for this and am sure you are too, as parents/carers. It was lovely to see beaming smiles from Year 5 and 6 children when they returned from Kingswood on Friday and many of them said they had the 'best time ever' and want to go back!

We have our Summer Fayre this Thursday and I hope many of you can join us and encourage family and friends to come too! I would like to thank members of our PTA and other parents who are helping to lead this, most notably Leah Kelly, Vikki Anderson and Myles Dann. I am aware they are all putting a lot of effort and *many* hours of their time into arranging this and hope you will also show them your appreciation when you next see them.

Thank you so much to everyone who was able to support our non-uniform day today (for a donation of some sweets/chocolate) for a tombola at our Summer Fayre. Your support is much appreciated.

Best wishes  
Mrs H Sutherland  
Head Teacher

### Move up mornings

A reminder that children will have their first 'Move up morning' this Friday (28th June). They will have the opportunity to spend time as their new class from September and to get to know their new teachers. We also look forward to welcoming our new Reception starters and their families to our school! Year 6 children will do some general transition work that morning with a staff member from a local secondary school.

### Year 6 transition visits—Thursday 27th June

A reminder that Year 6 children who are moving to Woodham and Greenfield in September have their transition day this Thursday (details of this have been shared directly with parents from the secondary schools) Any Year 6 children who are not moving to Greenfield or Woodham from September should come into school, as usual. We will be asking them to help staff to lead Sports Day activities.

### Celebration Assembly Awards

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



<b>Outstanding Learner</b>	Tyler L, Alfie J
<b>Outstanding Attitude</b>	Finley W
<b>Outstanding Manners</b>	Amelia W
<b>Homework</b>	Sam S
<b>Wow Writer</b>	Esme K, Chloe A
<b>Maths Wizard</b>	Amelia T-L
<b>Values</b>	George D, Archer D
<b>Independence and Perseverance</b>	Courtney S
<b>Sports Award</b>	Arabella C-H
<b>Head Teacher Award</b>	Ella W-K, Harvey W
<b>Golden Broom</b>	Horse Chestnut Class!

## Sports Day

We look forward to welcoming you to our school this Thursday for our Sports Days! (weather permitting—I'm keeping my fingers crossed!) ***This will start at 9.30 for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children and at 1.30 for children from Years 3 to 5. A reminder that Year 6 children will have a separate Sports Afternoon on Monday 15th July as most of them are on transition visits to secondary schools this Thursday.***

***Please enter school by the gate on the school field (from The Orlands)*** We will put some chairs out for parents/carers/family members who are watching—please feel free to bring your own too in case we run out!

If the weather is sunny on Thursday, please make sure your child has a sun hat, is wearing sun tan lotion (applied that morning) and has a water bottle with them.

***As soon as our afternoon sports day has finished, children will return to class and should be collected from the playground, as usual. Please note, the Summer Fayre won't start until 3.30 even if Sports Day finishes a little earlier.*** I am sure our PTA would appreciate extra helping hands to get everything ready, if you are able to offer this. I look forward to seeing you then!



## Trip to Beamish and Make a Difference Challenge (Years 5 and 6)—Wednesday 26th June

The seven Year 5 children going to represent our school at the 'Make a Difference' challenge will be accompanied by Mrs Brown and Mrs Rusk. They will leave school about 9.10 to travel to The Durham Centre, Belmont and will return for a later lunch at school about 1.15pm. Please make sure they wear full school uniform.

All other Year 5 children and all Year 6 children will go to Beamish on Wednesday. Miss Peel and Mrs Wellstood will be lead staff members on this trip. They will leave school at 9.00am and will return in time for the end of the school day, depending on traffic. They need to wear a school T-shirt and jumper/cardigan but might want to wear different trousers and footwear, depending on the weather and as they will be doing lots of walking. Please make sure they have an appropriate coat too as they will be outside for much of the day. ***All Year 5 and 6 children will have packed lunches on Wednesday. The school will make these for children who are usually on school dinners and children usually on packed lunches should bring their packed lunch from home, as usual.***

## Update from the PTA

Our Summer Fayre is on this Thursday from 3.30 - 5.30pm. Thank you so much for your donations to our tombolas. The cut off for donations is TOMORROW (Tuesday) to allow them to be prepared for the fair.

If you would like to enter the Great Aycliffe Village Bake Off please ***bring cakes into school on Thursday morning*** in a suitable container. ***If you'd like to have your container back please can you make sure it is labelled with yours or your child's name. Please include with your entry the following information on a piece of paper: Name of entrant, either Reception/KS1, KS2 or parent/adult and a brief description of your cake eg. vanilla cupcake with chocolate icing.*** Judging will take place before the fayre. Winners will be announced and prizes presented during the fayre. We are really looking forward to seeing and tasting your entries! Cakes will be on sale during the fayre. Thank you so much for your continued support.

## Wow word of the week

