



Newsletter 24th September 2018

Aycliffe Village Primary School



Dear Parents/Carers

Our children are really responding to our 'Wow' word of the week and it's wonderful to see and hear examples of excellent vocabulary being used around school. We were so impressed that one of our Reception children, after returning from our Celebration Assembly last Friday, asked her teacher if she could write 'surreptitiously' in her writing book!! I know some other classes also have a 'Word of the day' and I have been delighted to see some of these words coming through in written work across school.

Best wishes
Mrs Sutherland
Head Teacher

Update from the PTA

The PTA are looking for a Secretary. The role involves attending meetings, taking minutes and helping with the planning and running of events, a commitment of 2 - 3 hours a month on average. It is open to parents or family members who have a child in school so please spread the word to grandparents and aunts and uncles. If you have any questions, please speak to Leah Kelly or Myles Dann or contact Leah via Facebook. If the vacancy isn't filled by the October half term holiday, the PTA will have to dissolve. This would be a huge shame for the pupils who benefit hugely from the activities the PTA run and the money they raise.

Leah Kelly, Chair of the PTA

Further to the message above, the minutes from the last PTA meeting have been added to the PTA section on our school website. A powerpoint has also been added that shows how much the PTA has raised and the impact they have on our school. We really hope this helps encourage someone to come forward to support with the role of Secretary as it will be a real shame if our PTA has to stop—we are extremely grateful for the way their fundraising supports our school.

Celebration Assembly Awards

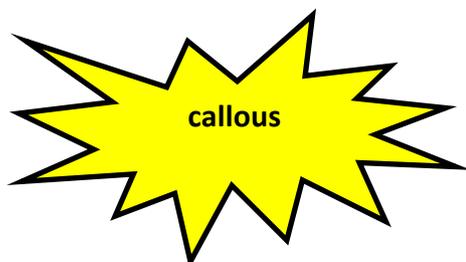


Outstanding Learner	James D
Outstanding Attitude	Courtney P, Maya C
Outstanding Manners	Oliver D
Handwriting	Zachary H
Wow Word	Chloe A
Maths Wizard	Oscar H, Joshua T
Values	Jamie L
Independence and Perseverance	India H, Lily P
Sports Award	Mila P, Finley S
Head Teacher Award	Tyler L, Rudi L, Isobel W
Golden Broom	Rowan and Hawthorn Classes!

Names in school uniform

Please, please, please put your child's name in **all** items of school uniform. It is practically impossible to return items to their rightful owners if names aren't written in clothes and our lost property box is overflowing! **We will put lost property items out on display in the hall on parent evening nights in October.** Anything that isn't claimed then will be given to charity as we do not have the space to store them.

Wow word of the week



Thank you to Jenson from Year 6 for this week's 'Wow word'. He very kindly used his new dictionary from the Rotary Club to find me a list of 'wow' words for our newsletters!

Reception children entering and leaving school

As explained in a Tapestry message from Miss Bradley, we feel our Reception children are more than ready to enter and leave school the same way all other children do (via our school playground) This is earlier than we originally planned and will start from Monday 1st October.

Children from Years 1 to 6 walk to the playground by themselves (from 8.45 when staff members are on duty) however clearly this wouldn't yet be appropriate for Reception children. Therefore we ask that parents/carers/family members walk Reception children to the gate to the playground. Reception staff members will be there to take them onto the playground and supervise them, alongside the teacher on duty, until they line up to go into school at 8.55. **We ask family members not to come onto the playground in the morning please as there isn't enough space when the whole school are there playing.** Reception children will then be collected from the playground at 3.15, as the rest of the school are.

We will discuss and practise this with the children. Please speak to Miss Bradley if you have any concerns/further questions.

Thank you

Thank you to the Rotary Club for donating and presenting dictionaries to our Year 6 pupils during Celebration Assembly last Friday. They were thrilled with them!

Attendance for last week

Willow Class	97.6
Horse Chestnut Class	95.0
Sycamore Class	99.5
Lime Class	98.1
Silver Birch Class	99.1
Rowan Class	94.7
Hawthorn Class	99.3

Well done to Willow, Sycamore, Lime, Silver Birch and Hawthorn and who have all achieved attendance above our minimum target level. Special "Well done" to Sycamore Class for 99.5% attendance that was the best out of the whole school.

Macmillan Coffee Morning—Friday 28th September

A reminder that we would be **very grateful for donations of cakes to be sent into school for this Friday (homemade or bought) and we will sell them to our children at playtime to raise money for Macmillan. There will be no set price for cakes instead donations will be accepted.**

A reminder that the Village Hall has a Coffee Morning on Friday from 9.00 and family members from our school are very welcome to attend and support this community event.

