



Newsletter 26th November 2018

Aycliffe Village Primary School



Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you so much to everyone who joined us for our Art Gallery on Friday. It was lovely to see our school hall so full and to hear the buzz of excitement as children showed you their art work and writing. I am sure you will agree the quality of the work was outstanding and we are now trying to find more permanent places to display all of the work on this topic as we certainly don't want it to be hidden away!

It is our Christmas Fayre this Thursday, from 6.00—8.00pm. I hope many of you can join us for this and can spread the word with family and friends so we can raise as much money as possible for our school. I wanted to make you aware that the Christmas Fayre will be a little smaller than usual this year. This is as I made the decision that classrooms could not be used for games, stalls, etc as they have in previous years. This causes some disruption to classrooms and I have to prioritise teaching and learning. There will still be a range of stalls and I hear a special visitor in a red suit will be visiting! Thank you to members of our PTA who are putting so much of their own time into arranging the Fayre. I know they are always very grateful for any extra support and/or volunteers so please contact them via the PTA Facebook Page if you can offer to help in any way (with this or any future events)

Mrs H Sutherland
Head Teacher

Safety Carousel—Year 6 children

Year 6 children in Hawthorn Class will be going to the **Safety Carousel at The Work Place, Newton Aycliffe on Tuesday (27.11.18)** They will need a packed lunch (If your child normally has a school meal, a packed lunch will be provided by Taylor Shaw) and will return to school for home time. They will be walking so please make sure they are dressed for the weather.

Flu Vaccination

We have been sent another reminder about this to share with parents/carers. Flu vaccinations will be administered to children from Reception to Year 5 in our school on **Thursday 13th December. These will only be given to children whose parents/carers have completed the online form by the new deadline of 30.11.18.** Please follow this link to access it.

www.hdft.nhs.uk/nasalfu-consent You will also need the school code which is 40354. **If you have already completed the form, you don't need to do it again.**

Celebration Assembly Awards



Outstanding Learner	Neve B, Layken Hardy
Outstanding Attitude	Laila T, George D
Outstanding Manners	Heath D, Morgan A
Handwriting	Rudi L
Wow Word	Evie W, Kayla S, Jacob J
Maths Wizard	Hannah C, Sophia W,
Values	Aria T, Jenson W
Independence and Perseverance	Brandon T
Sports Award	Cole H
Head Teacher Award	Edward D, Ellie M, Jenson C
Golden Broom	Rowan Class

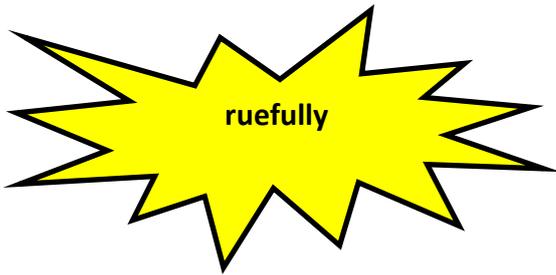
PTA Update and Reminders

A reminder that the deadline to place orders for Christmas cards is **29th November**.

Thursday 29th November will be 'Mufti Day'. Instead of Mufti Jars, this year the PTA are asking for you to send in Mufti Crackers. Please use a cardboard tube (something like a kitchen roll is perfect) and pop inside wrapped sweets or a pocket money toy. Around the value of 50p - £1 is perfect. Then wrap the tube in wrapping paper or decorated paper in the style of a Christmas cracker. **Please send these into school on the day of the fair (Thursday 29th November) and on this day your child can come into school in non-uniform.** The crackers will be sold at the fair to raise money for the PTA.

Any further donations for the tombola or of second hand uniform will be greatly appreciated. Please send them into the main office. Many thanks for all your support!

Wow word of the week



Christmas Service at St Andrew's on Thursday 20th December

Some parents have been asking about the Christmas Service on 20th December (9.30 start) and whether parents/carers can attend. You are very welcome to join us but please be aware seating may be limited as we are taking the whole school to the Service. The service will be led by Reverend Anne. Our children will not be leading the service but they will be singing some songs as part of the service.



Attendance for last week

Willow Class	100
Horse Chestnut Class	96.5
Sycamore Class	100
Lime Class	96.5
Silver Birch Class	95.5
Rowan Class	100
Hawthorn Class	95.7

Well done to Willow, Horse Chestnut, Sycamore, Lime and Rowan who have all achieved attendance above our minimum target level. Special "Well done" to Willow, Rowan and Sycamore Classes for achieving 100% attendance!

Parent Governor Role

The term of office of one of our Parent Governors expires soon (14th December) which means we will have a vacancy. If you are interested in joining our Governing Body, please see Mrs Dolan in our school office, for a nomination form. If we have more than one person interested then this will go to a vote. Please note our skills audit shows that we would really benefit from a governor who has experience in the fields of safeguarding and/or Special Educational Needs. This isn't essential but would be advantageous for the skill set of our governing body, as a whole. **Please return completed forms by Friday 7th December.**

Singing at our Christmas Fayre—29.11.18, 6.30pm

The PTA asked if our children could sing at the Christmas Fayre this year and this was something I was more than happy to arrange! **We will be singing at 6.30pm.** Many of our children have told me they would love to take part so, rather than restrict it to a small group of children, **the invitation to sing is open to all children from Year 2 and above (Children in Reception and Year 1 won't know the songs as well as we are rehearsing them in separate assemblies) If your child is interested in joining us for this they need to gather in the centre of our school hall at 6.25pm so I can get them organised to sing for 6.30pm.**

They don't need to wear school uniform and can wear Christmas hats, jumpers, tinsel, etc, if they would like to.



New date for the diary

Hawthorn and Rowan Classes will be taking part in a Christmas Concert arranged by the Rotary Club. This will be at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre on **Tuesday 11th December, 1.00—2.30pm.** Parents, carers and family members are invited to attend. We hope to see you there!