



Newsletter 4th February 2019

Aycliffe Village Primary School



Dear Parents/Carers

I look forward to seeing many of you at Parents Evenings on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. A reminder that your childrens' books will be set out in the hall for you to look at before your appointment so please arrive a little earlier than your appointment time. You are also very welcome to continue looking through their books after you have met with your child's teacher. May I also remind you that appointments are for ten minutes, to ensure teachers have time to meet with all parents/carers. If there is anything else you wish to discuss that requires a longer meeting, please contact the school office to arrange another appointment.

Best wishes
Mrs H Sutherland
Head Teacher

Our school office

As many of you will be aware, Mrs Dolan and her family had some very sad and unexpected news last Thursday with the death of Mrs Dolan's mum. I am sure you will all join us in sending our love and condolences to Mrs Dolan and her family.

Please be aware we will be more stretched than usual in our main school office, due to Mrs Dolan's absence. We ask you to bear with us if we don't respond to queries as promptly as we would like to—it isn't easy being in two places at once! I didn't have a good start today and made some errors with numbers for school meal choices today so apologise if your child didn't get the meal they had chosen in advance. I will make sure I get it right tomorrow!

Residential Trips

A reminder of the dates for forms to be returned and deposits to be paid if you would like your child to go on the following residential trips:

Ford Castle - Year 4 children—by Friday 8th February please.

Kingswood, Dukeswood House—Year 5 and 6 children—by Friday 15th February please.

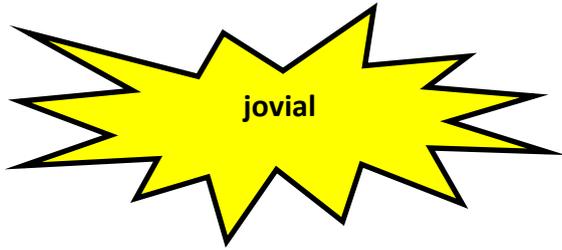
We will be confirming numbers with the venues on these dates so unfortunately won't be able to accept any forms received after this date. Please contact us at school if you wish to discuss any aspect of the trips or payments for these.

Celebration Assembly Awards



Outstanding Learner	Adam L, Charlie P
Outstanding Attitude	George D, Emily O'N, Charlotte A
Outstanding Manners	Harry P
Homework	Esme K, Alex B
Wow Writer	Finley S, Evie W
Maths Wizard	Lexie N-B, Charlotte B
Values	Heath D
Independence and Perseverance	Sophia C
Sports Award	Jenson W
Head Teacher Award	Susie M, Joe C
Golden Broom	Willow Class!

Wow word of the week



Mrs Brown—Jury Service

Mrs Brown has been called to serve Jury Service for the first two weeks after the February half term holiday (hopefully it won't be any longer than this but, obviously this will depend on the case she is assigned to) We have arranged for her class to be covered by Mrs Percival during this time.

Intra School Competition

As part of the work we do with our School Sports Partnership, all our children will be taking part in an Intra School Competition, in our school, this Wednesday. Silver Birch Class will even get involved in this during their swimming lesson that afternoon! We hope the children really enjoy this opportunity.



PTA Valentine's Disco

The PTA will be running a Valentine's Disco on **Thursday 14th February from 5.00 till 6.30pm**. Entry will be £1.50 (this includes juice) **Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 need to be accompanied by an adult please**. Refreshments, glitter tattoos and novelties will also be on sale. We hope to see many of you there!

Happy
Valentine's
Day



Big Battery Hunt

Mrs Vest, our Science Subject Leader, has arranged for our school to take part in the 'Big Battery Hunt'! Please read the following message from her:

We are excited to announce that we will be taking part in The Big Battery Hunt as a school. The Big Battery Hunt gives us the opportunity to be pioneers in an exciting challenge to encourage everyone nationwide to recycle more batteries. We will be in with a chance of winning some great prizes for helping to collect as many batteries as possible and will be helping the planet too!

The children will find out all about this challenge in assemblies on Monday and Friday this week and will then bring home a battery collection box. When you receive your box please take a few moments to read the safety information on the bottom of the box and look at the diagram on the side which shows you the kinds of batteries we are collecting.

Once your box is full, send it into school with your child who will be able to empty it into our giant collection battery, they will then bring the box home so you can fill it all over again. The challenge will continue until June.

Please take the time to talk to your children about this challenge, I am sure they will be able to share some really interesting facts about batteries and why it is so important to recycle them.

Thank you for your support with this. Mrs Vest, Science Subject Leader.