



Newsletter 8th October 2018

# Aycliffe Village Primary School



Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to everyone who attended our Harvest Festivals last week. I am sure you will agree the children did a wonderful job of reminding us about the importance of Harvest time whilst entertaining us with their reading, singing and dancing!

A reminder that Parents Evenings take place this Tuesday and Wednesday and we hope to see many of you there. Please be aware that **teachers need to keep to 10 minutes for each appointment** to enable them to meet with all parents/carers of children in their classes. If there is something that needs further discussion then please make a follow up appointment at another time. **Your children's books will be available for you to look at in the main hall so please come a little earlier than your appointment time to look through them.** Teachers will then collect you from the hall for your appointment with them.

We will also have Lost Property items out on display in the hall during Parents Evenings so please have a look through these. We will dispose of any items that are left after Parents Evening as we do not have room to keep storing them at school—most of the items have been there for at least six months.

Best wishes  
Mrs Sutherland  
Head Teacher

## Parent View

We would really appreciate it if you could follow the link below and add your views about our school to Parent View. This is the online system that will be used and checked by Ofsted inspectors when they next visit our school so it would be really good if we have a high number of responses. We will also use these responses, as we have done with feedback from previous questionnaires, to continue to make improvements to our school. Thank you in anticipation of your support with this. <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

## Celebration Assembly Awards



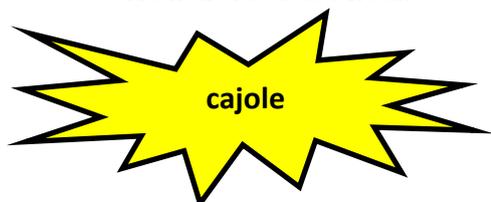
<b>Outstanding Learner</b>	Hannah S, Arran S
<b>Outstanding Attitude</b>	Victor C
<b>Outstanding Manners</b>	Alex C
<b>Handwriting</b>	Jacob J
<b>Wow Word</b>	No one chosen this week
<b>Maths Wizard</b>	Emma N
<b>Values</b>	Sophie F, Evie W, Isobel W, Ashton H
<b>Independence and Perseverance</b>	Myles F
<b>Sports Award</b>	Jude F, Harry P
<b>Head Teacher Award</b>	Marnie S, Joe C
<b>Golden Broom</b>	Horse Chestnut Class

### Parking

Despite regular reminders there have been some parking issues recently, eg people parking on the marked lines to drop children off. ***This is never allowed and is to ensure the safety and well being of our pupils. Details of cars repeatedly doing this will be passed onto the police so this can be followed up in the appropriate way.***

There was also an issue with a bus struggling to get past parked cars on our Harvest Festival days. Please be mindful when parking on both sides of the road—our school has previously had complaints from the bus company about this issue. There is plenty of room for parking if people park further away from the school and walk rather than parking directly outside school.

### Wow word of the week



Thank you to James D from Year 3 for finding this 'Wow word' for me!

### Sycamore Class—Gymnastics Festival

Sycamore Class (Year 2) will be going on a gymnastics festival at the South Durham Gymnastics Club tomorrow (as explained in a text message to parents/carers) They will have an earlier lunch and will get changed into PE kits at school before they go. Children will be back for the usual home time, depending on traffic.



### Reminder about flu vaccinations

A reminder that you need to complete the online consent for your child to receive their flu vaccination in school. Information is in last week's newsletter so please refer to this for more detail.

### Attendance for last week

Willow Class	98.1
Horse Chestnut Class	99.5
Sycamore Class	100
Lime Class	93.3
Silver Birch Class	99.1
Rowan Class	100
Hawthorn Class	99.0

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

### Birthday cakes

A reminder that we no longer hand out birthday cakes in school. There are a few reasons for this—one is to do with allergies some children across school have. Even if some classes don't have a child with an allergy, we do not allow it; it could make children with allergies in other classes feel concerned that their allergy is preventing their class from having this opportunity. Another reason is as it is part of our recently updated school Healthy Eating policy. Whilst occasional events such as Macmillan Coffee Morning are fine as part of a healthy balanced diet, handing out cakes for all birthdays across school can become a regular occurrence.

### PTA Meeting

A reminder that the next meeting takes place this Wednesday at school from 6.00pm.

