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January 6th 2016  
Letter to Parents/Carers

# HAPPY NEW YEAR

I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year and welcome everyone back to school for the new term. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the PTA for all their hard work during 2015 in raising much needed funds for the school. They have raised an incredible amount of money. Thank you, also, to parents, grandparents and others in the local community for supporting their events.

## **A message to you all from Mrs. Edmundson**

Mrs. Edmundson called to say a huge 'Thank you' to all of you for the many cards and gifts she received as she said her farewell at the end of last term. She is looking forward to a holiday with her husband and to becoming a grandmother!! We wish her all the very best for the future.

## **Welcome**

We welcome Miss Hunt and Mrs. Johnson to the school. Miss Hunt will be taking over as Year One teacher, replacing Mrs. Edmundson in KS1.

Mrs. Johnson is currently working with Miss Bradley and will take over from her when she starts her Maternity Leave later in the month, covering EYFS Reception Class.

We hope that they both settle in quickly and are happy in their work here.

## **Start of the School Day**

Pupils arriving before the bell should proceed up to the yard to come into school with their class.

For pupils who arrive on site by 08.55, two minutes will be allowed for pupils to walk up to join their class on the yard. The gate is to be closed at 08.57 by pupils from the Year 5 class.

If pupils arrive after the gate closes, the Teacher at the gate or Teaching Assistant at the gate is to bring the pupils round to their respective entrance. As the TA moves around the school to the KS2 and KS1 entrances they are to ensure that no pupils are left outside the school building in the yard or on the pathways.

**For pupils who arrive after 09.00 they are to report directly to the school office from the driveway and not enter the yard without supervision. These pupils will be recorded as late and if this is persistent, letters will be sent to parents.**

### **Dinner Money Payments**

May I remind parents that dinner money should be paid **in advance** on Monday morning? Late payments will result in a referral to Durham County Council.

### **After School Clubs**

All after school clubs will start next week, if your child would like to take part in any of the activities, please complete and return the attached pro forma with payment by no later than Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January. Please note: Film Club payments should be sent in separately and addressed to the PTA.

### **Parents' afternoon on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 1pm - 5pm**

We are holding our parent consultations on the above date. These consultations are very important. All parents and carers are requested to come and talk with the class teacher about their child's progress. Year 5 and Year 6 pupils are encouraged to partake in the consultation.

### **Congratulations to our former School Governor, Mr. S. Howarth**

Mr. Howarth, a school governor here at Aycliffe Village Primary School until very recently, has been awarded an MBE in the Queen's New Year's Honours List.

Mr. Howarth has worked tirelessly for the benefit of the Community here in Aycliffe for many years. The award is a just reward for the efforts that Mr. Howarth has given to all walks of the Community over the years.

### **M&M Theatrical Productions**

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January, M&M Theatrical productions will visit our school to perform 'Peter Pan'. For those children who remember previous years' productions this should be a very enjoyable 'Theatrical' experience.

The PTA has very generously agreed to fund the cost of the production.

### **France Meeting**

In preparation for our visit to France, Mrs. Brown & Mrs. Byrne would like to invite all parents and pupils along to a meeting on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm.

This will give us the opportunity to distribute all the necessary paperwork for the collective passport, parental consent forms, and payment cards and to discuss our plans for activities and excursions during our stay.

## Health & Safety

During the winter months, if children come to school wearing wellies or boots please send in normal school shoes to change into (not slippers) as the floors become very wet and slippery.

## Governor Elections

I would like to thank all of the parents who have considered taking on the role of Governor here at Aycliffe Village Primary School. Election papers are enclosed with this newsletter. These are to be returned by the 14<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

## Parking and dropping off outside school.

We respectfully ask that you abide by the traffic notices outside school when dropping pupils off at school and parking to collect them at the end of the school day. The restrictions are there to keep all children safe as they enter and leave school. To help avoid congestion, please park as far away from the school as possible and walk a short distance.

## Contact Information

If you have changed your mobile number or address over the holidays, please remember to pass on your new contact details to Mrs. Dolan in order to update our records.

As usual, if anyone would like to discuss any of the issues raised here, with me or any member of staff, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J.P.Gargan.  
Head Teacher

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## Parent Consultation on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January

Name of Child (ren) \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent \_\_\_\_\_

Time slot	Please tick	Time slot	Please tick
1.00pm - 1.30 pm		3.00pm - 3.30pm	
1.30pm - 2.00 pm		3.30pm - 4.00pm	
2.00pm - 2.30 pm		4.00pm - 4.30pm	
2.30pm - 3.00 pm		4.30pm - 5.00pm	

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## Dates for your diary:

Date	Event	Time	Place
<b>January</b>			
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Afternoon	1.00-5.00	Hall
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/6 Basketball*	09.30-12.00	NALC
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	M&M Production	1.30pm	Hall
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	France Meeting	6pm	Classroom
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Meeting	7pm	Staffroom
<b>February</b>			
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Valentine Disco	6.30pm-8pm	Hall
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>School Closes - Half Term</b>		
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>School Re-opens</b>		
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Art Gallery*	1pm-5pm	Hall
<b>March</b>			
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	World Book Day*		
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Y3/4 Production*	1.30pm-3pm	Hall
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Dance Festival Y1*	Pm	NALC
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	KS1 Easter Service		
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>School Closes - Easter Holidays</b>		
<b>April</b>			
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>School Re-Opens</b>		
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>School Closes</b>		
<b>May</b>			
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>School Closed - May Day Bank Holiday</b>		
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>School Re-opens</b>		
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	SATs for Y2 & Y6 children. Please do not arrange to take your child, or children, out of school at this time.	All week	
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>School Closes - Half Term</b>		
<b>June</b>			
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>School Re-opens</b>		
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair*	1.30pm	Hall
<b>July</b>			
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	France Visit	All week	
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Leavers' Disco	6.30-8pm	Hall
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Leavers' assembly	1.30pm	Hall
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>School Closes</b>		