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**Letter to Parents/Carers**  
**19<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

I would like to say a big thank you to the staff and children of Aycliffe Village Primary School who have given me a very warm welcome to the school this week.

I will be acting Head Teacher whilst Mr Gargan is absent from school and I am very much looking forward to working with the staff, governors, parents, carers and of course the children during my time here.

I remain Head Teacher at Pittington Primary School and I will split my time equally between the two schools. This is a great opportunity for both schools to share best practice with each other and improve outcomes and opportunities for the children in both schools.

### **Clothing**

During next term we will hopefully be able to enjoy some warm sunny days!  
May we remind parents that sun cream screen should be applied at home and not be sent in to school; sun hats may be worn if required. As we are all aware, the great British weather can be very unpredictable, so we ask that the children always have a waterproof jacket with them each day.  
PE kit reminder – Dark coloured shorts and white T-shirt should be kept in school at all times. Please also ensure your child has trainers or plimsolls as lessons will often be taken outdoors during the summer term.

### **Fidget Spinners**

A number of children have asked if they can bring fidget spinners into school. We have looked at the research into these and they are of very limited value in a classroom. Therefore we regard them in the same way we do toys – they should not be brought into school.

### **School Meal Change Request**

As from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017, if your child wishes to change their school meal pattern, a change request form must be completed and handed into the school office. Parents will then be sent an acknowledgement of the agreed change over date. Forms can be requested at the school office or downloaded from the website.

Please note; failure to notify the office may result in school meals being charged to your account.  
Thank you for your co-operation.

### **OurSchoolsApp**

Hopefully many of you will have downloaded 'OurschoolsApp' which will ensure easier, quicker and more efficient communication. If you have not yet downloaded it please follow these instructions;  
Android: <http://bit.ly/1Q9dgcb>  
Apple: <https://goo.gl/1FQgny>

### **Y5/6 Production & Y6 Leavers' Assembly**

This year, we will be holding our production of The Rocky Monster Show on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30pm.  
The Year 6 leavers' assembly will take place on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm.

**Health & Safety**

May we please request that parents inform the school office of any confirmed cases of infectious diseases such as Chicken Pox, Rubella, Slapped Cheek Syndrome etc. Thank you.

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,

Mrs C.Lee.  
Acting Headteacher

## Dates for your Diary

| Date                       | Event  | Time         | Place              |
|----------------------------|--|--------------|--------------------|
| <b>May</b>                 |  |              |                    |
| Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>   | Y6 Primary Athletics                               | 9.30-12.45   | Sildon             |
| Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>    | School Closes – Half Term                          |              |                    |
| <b>June</b>                |  |              |                    |
| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>     | School Re-opens                                    |              |                    |
| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>     | Bike-it Skills Y5/6                                | All day      | Playground         |
| Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>  | New Starters meeting for parents                   | All day      | Playground         |
| Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>  | PTA Meeting  | 7pm-8pm      | Staffroom          |
| Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>   | Y2 Outdoor Adventure Activities*                   | 9.30-12.30   | Hardwick Hall      |
| Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>    | Bike-it Skills Competition Y1/2                    | All day      | Playground         |
| Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>  | Y4 Educational Visit*                              | All day      | Binchester         |
| Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>    | Y5 Visit*  | All day      | Woodham            |
| Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>    | Bike-it Skills Competition Y3/4                    | All day      | Playground         |
| Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>    | New Starters in school                             | 9.15-11.30am |                    |
| Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>    | Sports week  |              |                    |
| Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>   | Y6 Bike ride*                                      | All day      | Aycliffe Route     |
| Wednesday 28th             | Sports Day Rec & KS1 ( Morning)<br>KS2 (Afternoon) | All day      | School Field       |
| Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> | PTA Summer Fair                                    | 3.30pm 6pm   | School             |
| Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>  | Y6 Transition Day*                                 | All day      | Woodham/Greenfield |
| Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>   | PTA Quiz night*                                    | 7pm          | Village Hall       |
| <b>July</b>                |  |              |                    |
| Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>     | Y4 Multiskills*                                    | 12.30-2.30   | Sildon             |
| Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Y5 Bike-it skills competition                      | All day      | Playground         |
| Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>   | New starters in school                             | 9.15-11.30am |                    |
| Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>   | Y5/6 Production                                    | 1.30-3pm     | Hall               |
| Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>    | Y5/6 Residential Visit                             | All week     | Germany            |
| Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>    | Parents afternoon                                  | 1pm-5pm      | Hall               |
| Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>   | House of Eden Graduation Ceremony                  | 1.30-2.30pm  | Hall               |
| Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>  | Leavers' Assembly                                  | 2pm – 3pm    | Hall               |
| Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>  | PTA Disco  | 6pm-7.30pm   | Hall               |
| Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>    | School Closes for Summer Break                     |              |                    |
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\*More information to follow