

# AYCLIFFE VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2017

### Message from Mr. Pavey

It was lovely to see so many of the Reception and Infant parents/carers at the Christmas production 'Gnome Alone' this week. The children were an absolute delight and they have given us great memories to cherish. Once again, I would like to thank the staff for their hard work in organising the production, I am sure you can imagine how challenging it is to make sure that each child has a part, that they have the right costume and are simply in the right place at the right time. It is also clear that the children have had a great deal of support from their parents/carers to learn their lines, so thank you to you too!

On Wednesday afternoon, the Reception and Infant children went to the pantomime in Darlington. I have enjoyed hearing all about Snow White and her Dwarfs – they clearly had a great time, apparently, it was 'CRACKING!' I am sorry that they were later back than we anticipated but it is so difficult to predict how long it will take to get back from these events. Thank you for your patience.

Please join us for the Christmas Carol service on Friday next week at 9:30am in St Andrew's Church. If you are able to help walk children from school to the church and back again, please let Mrs Dolan know.

On Tuesday this week, Mrs Sutherland, Mrs Hindle (Governor) and I interviewed 3 candidates for the maternity cover post in Year 2. I am delighted to announce that we had a very strong field (all three of them could have been given the job) and that Miss Craven was appointed. Officially, she will start on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018 which is when Miss Beuster plans to start her maternity leave. I am sure that we will be seeing a lot more of Miss Craven before her official start date as she gets to know the children.

Just a quick pre-warning that letters regarding Parents Evening which will take place during the week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> January will be coming home with children straight after Christmas.

Unfortunately, this week we had a complaint from Arriva bus services regarding parked cars outside school. The Number 7 bus has been having regular difficulties getting passed parked cars outside school. Please would everyone remember to park considerately, especially when double-parking.

### Safeguarding

Sadly, during the festive period statistically there is an increase in the incidents of domestic violence (DV) within homes across the county. DV has a huge impact on the children within these homes. Like DV itself, the impact on children can be both physical and mental. Children are at risk of physical harm as they often hurt by objects thrown or whilst trying to stop or protect a parent/carer involved in DV. They will often suffer great trauma as a result of seeing adults involved in DV. For me the most shocking statistic is that most children who see DV in their own homes go on to either be the victims or perpetrators of DV in their adult lives. Help stop this cycle of DV by reporting incidents to the police or to First Contact on **03000 267 979**.

### Other News

We are very pleased to announce the safe arrival of Miss Hunt's Baby 'Samuel Joseph' and hope to have a visit from them in the New Year.

### Quick Reminder

Can we please remind parents to ensure that your Parent Pay dinner money account is paid up to date before the end of term. Thank you

### Attendance

Our Minimum  
Target is 96%



Well done to Years Reception, 2 and 4 who have all achieved attendance above our minimum target level. Special "Well done" to Year 6 for 100% attendance that was the best out of the entire school.

This week's attendance	
Year	Attendance %
R	97.7
1	89.5
2	97.3
3	94.1
4	99.1
5	94.2
6	100

### Head Teacher's Awards and Stars of the Week

Reception	Whole Class
Year 1	Whole Class
Year 2	Whole Class
Year 3	J,Liddle, S,Dhillon
Year 4	L,Brennan, D,Hackett
Year 5	L,Christophorou, H, Tallentire
Year 6	H.Pearson, E, Pattison, A,Brennan

Head teacher's Awards:





### Dates for Your Diary

**Year Rec,1 & 2 Christmas Party:** Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 1:30pm

**Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party:** Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 1:30pm

**Year 5 & 6 Christmas Party:** Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 1:30pm

Your child should have brought home a letter regarding party food, please ask Mrs Dolan or your child's class teacher if you have not received this information.

**Christmas Lunch:** Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

**Carol Service at St Andrews Church:** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 9:30am

**Break up for Christmas:** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

**Return to school:** Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January

**Key Stage 2 trip to Locomotion:** 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018

**Parents Evening:** Week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> January

February half term: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

### After School Clubs

**Monday:** Gym Club

**Thursday:** Ballet Club

**Friday:** PTA Film Club

Gym club & Ballet clubs are 3:15pm to 4:15pm .  
Filmclub is 3-15pm to 4:45pm.

**All clubs have now finished and will re-start during week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018.**

### House of Eden

If you would like any further information, or to book your child into House of Eden Child Care, please contact Tina Elmar (Nursery Manager) Tel: 01325 313513 or email: [aycliffe.village@edennursery.co.uk](mailto:aycliffe.village@edennursery.co.uk)

