

# AYCLIFFE VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2017

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### Message from Mr. Pavey

It has been another busy week at school. The Christmas tree has arrived and the infant children have begun practising the Nativity. It is one of my favourite times of the year in school. People who work in schools are privileged to work with children all year round but there is definitely something extra special about this time of year. I do hope that all parents/carers of Reception, Y1 and Y2 children will be able to join us on 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> December to watch the children perform.

Last week, I responded to a comment from a parent regarding the amount of paper that the school uses sending letters and other information out. I am now aware that the school has access to an App., which enables school to post items electronically. I have asked Mrs Dolan to send a text message reminding everyone about the App and that the newsletter will be sent out each week via this App (hopefully, the fact you are reading this, means the system has worked!)

The weather has turned extremely cold and as ever the Daily Express has predicted the coldest winter on record. If, by chance their prediction is correct, then we could have snow. Snow is great fun and a nuisance at the same time. I don't believe in closing schools due to snow if it can, by any chance, be helped and I will be working with the staff to devise a plan to avoid this. Closing a school is absolutely the last option and done in the interest of safety for the children. If snow does come, I love to let children out in it to play but it is imperative that they come well equipped: wellington boots, gloves, hat and a spare pair of socks would be needed.

Last week, we advertised for two parent governors. If you are interested in being a school governor, please make sure your statement of interest is in by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 12noon. This is an excellent opportunity to support the school to progress and achieve the best for the children.

I have also advertised for a Lunchtime supervisor. We actually now have two vacancies as Mrs Roberson has successfully gained additional hours in another role away from school. I would like to thank her for her work at the school and wish her well for the future, her last day will be Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July. If anyone is interested in working as a lunchtime supervisor at the school or knows of anyone else who would be, then please make sure the application forms are in school by noon on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

### Safeguarding

The Department for Education released a document in September 2016 called Keeping Children Safe in Education. This document gives schools clear guidance on their statutory duties in relation to child protection and safeguarding. It also gives definitions of the different forms of abuse.

**Emotional abuse:** *the persistent emotional maltreatment of a child such as to cause severe and adverse effects on the child's emotional development. It may involve conveying to a child that they are worthless or unloved, inadequate, or valued only insofar as they meet the needs of another person. It may include not giving the child opportunities to express their views, deliberately silencing them or 'making fun' of what they say.*

### Other News

Our recent fundraising managed to raise £159.50 for Children in Need and £123.32 for the Poppy appeal.

Well done to our Year 2 children for scoring the highest points at the Mutiskills Festival today!

### Quick Reminder

Mrs Sutherland will be in school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 5.30pm for the meet and greet. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet with her and share your views about the school and for her to share some of her plans for the future. Please let Mrs Dolan know if you want to attend so that Mrs Sutherland has an idea of how many people to expect.

### Attendance

Our Minimum  
Target is 96%



Well done to Years Reception, 1, 3 and 4 who have all achieved attendance above our minimum target level. Special "Well done" to Year 5 for 99.5% attendance that was the best out of the entire school.

This week's attendance	
Year	Attendance %
R	96.6
1	98.7
2	90.9
3	97.2
4	99.4
5	99.5
6	94.6

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

<b>Reception</b>	A.Dhillon, E.O'Neil
<b>Year 1</b>	E.Willows-Kay, M.Coates
<b>Year 2</b>	J.Cooke, L.Tweddle
<b>Year 3</b>	C.Johnson,L.Hardy
<b>Year 4</b>	M.Allick, A.Parnaby
<b>Year 5</b>	L.Norris, H.Tallentire
<b>Year 6</b>	S.Liddle, T.Nielson

**Head teacher's Awards:** K.Brown, C.Allick, M.Parnaby, J.Dean, R.Latheron, I.Walsh, H.Palmer





### Dates for Your Diary

**Year 2 Multiskills Event:** Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December at Ferryhill Business College  
**Meet & Greet Mrs. Sutherland:** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 5.30pm  
**Rec/KS1 Christmas Performance (Rec parents):** Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 9:30am  
**Rec/KS1 Christmas Performance (Y1/2 Parents):** Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 1:30pm  
**Year 6 Bike Ride:** Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 10:00am -12:00pm  
**Rec & KS1 Pantomime:** Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2:00-4:30pm  
**Rec – Y4 Flu Immunisation:** Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 1:30-3:00pm  
**PTA Christmas Disco:** Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 6:00-7:30pm  
**Year 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  
**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

### Autumn Term 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.

### 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)

