

AYCLIFFE VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2017

Message from Mr. Pavey

The final two weeks of the term are upon us and they promise to be enjoyable. The children have been in great voice and have put a great deal of effort into their Christmas performances. Please check below for the day and time for your child's performance. I look forward to seeing you there, however I may not be at every production as there are a lot of things I need to do at Vane Road.

Over recent weeks, we have had some occasions when we have had difficulty monitoring children coming into school at the beginning of the day. This week we have been trialing a new system. We have positioned a member of staff at the school end of the path and we would like parents/carers to allow their children to walk alone from this point. This is so that this adult can more clearly see the children walking into school. We have had a few incidents when children have come back out of the school playground and the member of staff has not noticed as they children have been mixed in with adults coming back out of school. This is obviously an unacceptable risk for your children and we are hoping that this new system will improve the safety of them. We understand that this might be a difficult change for some children and if you want to discuss any individual issues, please make an appointment with either Mrs Brown or me and we will do our best to find a solution,

I just wanted to give parents/carers advanced notice that one day a week after Christmas, Taylor Shaw, the school caters will be putting on a World Cuisine themed meal, in conjunction with our junior curriculum theme of 'around the world in eighty days.' Children who already have school dinners will not need to do anything different to take part in this but we are going to be opening this up to all children. Further details will follow.

On Tuesday next week, the governors, Mrs Sutherland and I will be interviewing for a teacher for Year 2 who will cover Miss Beuster's class during her maternity leave. Miss Beuster is planning to begin her maternity leave at the end of January. I will let everyone know the outcome of the interview process next week.

The Reception children will have a special letter in their bags tonight regarding Mrs Johnson.

Safeguarding

In the Government's document, [Keeping Children Safe in Education Sept 2016](#) 5 forms of abuse/neglect are identified to be aware of: **abuse**, a form of maltreatment of a child; **physical abuse** a form of abuse causing physical harm to a child; **emotional abuse** the persistent emotional maltreatment of a child such as to cause severe and adverse effects on the child's emotional development; **sexual abuse**: involves forcing or enticing a child or young person to take part in sexual activities, not necessarily involving a high level of violence, whether or not the child is aware of what is happening and **neglect** the persistent failure to meet a child's basic physical and/or psychological needs, likely to result in the serious impairment of the child's health or development. These can happen to any child no matter their background and as adults we should be vigilant for the signs of abuse/neglect.

Other News

Mrs Sutherland would like to thank everyone for attending the Meet and Greet session on Tuesday. She found it extremely useful and she said it was a pleasure to meet everyone; she is excited about joining Aycliffe Village Primary School permanently.

Quick Reminder

Reception, Year 1 & 2 children are going to the Pantomime on Wednesday afternoon. The expected finishing time is 4pm, so we expect to be back at school for pick up at 4.30pm. Please collect your child from the school reception. Thank you.

Attendance

Our Minimum
Target Is 96%



Well done to Years Reception, 1, 3, 4 and 5 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	99.5
1	98.9
2	95.0
3	96.8
4	98.2
5	98.8
6	87.9

Head Teacher's Awards and Stars of the Week

Reception	J Watkins, J Trevelyan
Year 1	K Brown, E Willows-Kay
Year 2	H Worsley, E Dougan
Year 3	M Marsh, O Crabtree
Year 4	C McWhinnie, L Porter
Year 5	H Shaw, J Hannah, J Maddison
Year 6	D Jackson, J Hogarth

Head teacher's Awards:





Dates for Your Diary

Rec/KS1 Christmas Performance (Rec parents): Monday 11th Dec 9:30am
Rec/KS1 Christmas Performance (Y1/2 Parents): Tuesday 12th Dec 1:30pm
Year 6 Bike Ride: Wednesday 13th December 10:00am -12:00pm
Rec & KS1 Pantomime: Wednesday 13th December 2:00-4:30pm
Rec – Y4 Flu Immunisation: Thursday 14th December 1:30-3:00pm
PTA Christmas Disco: Thursday 14th December 6:00-7:30pm
Year Rec, 1 & 2 Christmas Party: Monday 18th December 1:30pm
Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party: Tuesday 19th December 1:30pm
Year 5 & 6 Christmas Party: Wednesday 20th December 1:30pm
Christmas Lunch: Wednesday 20th December
Carol Service at St Andrews Church: Friday 22nd December 9:30am
Break up for Christmas: Friday 22nd December
Return to school: Monday 8th 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

