



Newsletter 12th March 2018

Aycliffe Village Primary School



Dear Parents/Carers

We were all extremely proud of children in our Reception Class for the wonderful class assembly they led last week, on the theme of Mother's Day! They performed it in front of the whole school, staff and family members and showed great confidence for their young ages. I am sure there were also lots of very proud family members in the audience!

Best wishes
Mrs H Sutherland

Meeting for parents/carers of Year 4 children who are going to Ford Castle

We have arranged a meeting on **Monday 26th March at 5.00pm**. This is to go through final arrangements for the Ford Castle trip, including sharing a list of clothes/equipment children should take with them. We hope you can join us and your children are welcome to come too. Please let us know if you are unable to attend and we will send copies of any information shared, home with your child.

PE Kit—outdoor shoes

As the weather gets warmer and drier, we will be trying to have more PE lessons outside. Please can you make sure your child has suitable footwear for outdoor PE lessons.



The Voices Project, Baltic

Year 4 will be taking part in a project at school called The Voices this Thursday. This is run in conjunction with the Baltic Museum in Gateshead. Children will have the opportunity to find out more about an exhibition called 'Starless Midnight' that was displayed at the Baltic in January then will work with a writer and artist, Stevie Ronnie, to produce a response to this. The exhibition was inspired by the 50th anniversary of Martin Luther King's visit to Newcastle-upon-Tyne. I am sure this will be a very worthwhile and enjoyable opportunity for our Year 4 children and I hope they enjoy the experience.



Celebration Assembly Awards

Star Awards

Reception	Harry H, Joshua T
Year 1	Hannah C, Alfie J
Year 2	Finley W, Ava O
Year 3	Jamie L, Sophia C
Year 4	Charlotte A, Charlie P
Year 5	Finnley M, Courtney S
Year 6	Grace G, Harry P

Head Teacher Awards

Key Stage 1	Emily O, Effie S,
Key Stage 2	Molly F, Danielle J, Lilly D



Additional dates for your diaries

Please be aware of the additional dates below that have been added to our school diary for this half term.

Monday 19th March	Parents/carers/family members of children in Year 6 are invited into school at 9.00am for a tree planting event (as part of The Green Tree Project they have been working on)
Friday 23rd March	The time for the walk around Aycliffe Village, as part of Sport Relief, is 1.45 not 2.45 as it said on last week's newsletter. Apologies for the error!
Friday 23rd March	Parents/carers/family members of children in Miss Peel's afternoon class are invited to watch a performance of their 'The Greatest Showman' dance at 1.15pm . The children have choreographed and rehearsed this as part of their PE lessons this term.
Thursday 29th March	A reminder that school is closed to children on this date as staff are having a training day.

Attendance for last week

Well done to Years Reception, 3, and 4 who have all achieved attendance above our minimum target level. Special "Well done" to Reception for 100% , the best attendance last week!

Reception	100
Year 1	95.3
Year 2	93.6
Year 3	99.5
Year 4	99.1
Year 5	95.7
Year 6	95.7

Vision, values and a motto for our school

One of the key areas we are working on as a staff, is to review, update and confirm the vision and values for our school. We will be working alongside governors on this during our staff training day on Thursday 29th March. We are also keen to have a motto for our school as a way of encapsulating all we stand for and what we aim to do for our pupils/your children. I am very keen to hear your views on this and to draw on ideas you and your children might have for this. Therefore I will be sending a letter home about this soon and would really welcome your responses to this.

