



Newsletter 19th March 2018

# Aycliffe Village Primary School



Dear Parents/Carers

One of our assemblies last week focused on the life of Stephen Hawking. We reflected on why he was such an inspirational figure and considered one of his quotes, **'Remember to look up at the stars and not down at the ground... However difficult life might seem there is always something you can do.'** Wonderful words that I am sure can motivate us all! I was thrilled that one of our Year 5 pupils was so inspired by this assembly, they did some extra research at home about Stephen Hawking and brought this into school to show me! Well done Evie!

We are really looking forward to our rearranged Year 1 Class Assembly and World Book Day and to raise money for Sports Relief on Friday this week. Please see below and overleaf for more details about these. We hope more of you can join us for our Sports Relief walk around Aycliffe Village this Friday at 1.45pm. If you are available, please see Mrs Dolan in our school office, so she can add your name to the list. It will be helpful if we know as soon as possible so we can make alternative plans if we are short of adults to support with this.

We also hope many of you can join us next week for our Easter Services. The singing is sounding wonderful so I am sure you will be in for a treat if you can join us!

Best wishes  
Mrs H Sutherland

### Toys in School

We ask that children do not bring toys into school unless they are bringing them into class for a 'show and tell' day arranged by their teacher. Some children are bringing small toys/figures into school and I have noticed it has caused some disagreements and many interruptions to learning over the last couple of weeks. If this happens in the future, these will be removed from children and the teacher will keep them until home time. Thank you, in advance, for your support with this.

### World Book Day and Year 1 Class Assembly

A reminder that we will be celebrating **World Book Day tomorrow (Tuesday 20th March)** and children are invited to dress up as a book character of their choice. **Year 1 will also be leading their class assembly at 9.00 that day** so we look forward to welcoming their parents/carers/family members to watch this.

### Celebration Assembly Awards

#### Star Awards

Reception	Heath D, Jude F
Year 1	Emmie J, Kobe P
Year 2	Scarlet D, Joseph B
Year 3	Flinn B, Indra FH
Year 4	Ava P, Ellie N
Year 5	Jenson W, Seth B
Year 6	Harrison P, Mollie M

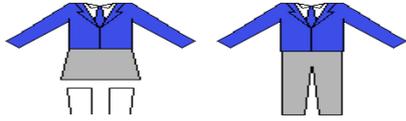
#### Head Teacher Awards

Key Stage 1	Alex and Lexie
Key Stage 2	Kayla, Jayden



### School Uniform

A reminder that items of our school uniform can be ordered online and delivered from Rawcliffe's, Stockton. Please visit the website: [www.schoolwearsolutions.co.uk](http://www.schoolwearsolutions.co.uk) or order by telephone: 01642 636650



### Last reminder about returning menu choices to school

A final reminder that menu choices **must be returned by Wednesday at the latest (the deadline was last Friday but we have extended it)** If we don't receive menu choices for any pupil, we will put them on the 'red' choice for all meals (as explained in a text message Mrs Dolan sent last week) We need choices in advance so orders for school meals can be completed.



### Attendance for last week

Our Minimum Target is 96%

Well done to Years Reception, 5 and 6 who have all achieved attendance above our minimum target level. Special "Well done" to Reception and Year 6 for 98.6% attendance that was the best out of the entire school.

Reception	<b>98.6</b>
Year 1	89.5
Year 2	93.6
Year 3	94.5
Year 4	95.5
Year 5	98.3
Year 6	98.6

### Sports Relief

A reminder that children are invited to wear sports clothes all day this **Friday for a donation of £1.00 to Sports Relief**. It will also ensure they are suitably dressed for additional sporting activities that day. Other events are:

1.15—performance of 'The Greatest Showman' dance by Miss Peel's afternoon class (their parents/carers/family members are invited to join us for this.

1.45—the whole school will go for a walk around Aycliffe Village for Sports Relief. We hope many of you can join us, if you are available.

We will have other sporting challenges going on over the course of the week, at playtimes and lunchtimes.



### Punctuality

Despite reminders, we still have a number of children arriving late for school. **Please make sure your child is on time to be on the school playground by 8.55 when the classes line up and come into school.** When children arrive later than this, it causes disruption to the start of their day and others in their class.

