



Newsletter 26th March 2018

Aycliffe Village Primary School



Dear Parents/Carers

We had a great week in school last week celebrating World Book Day and raising money for Sports Relief! Thank you for helping us support these events—the costumes for World Book Day were amazing and we raised £141 for Sports Relief!

Well done to Year 1 for leading a great class assembly and to Miss Peel’s afternoon class for their fabulous performance of ‘The Greatest Showman’.

Today, I think I’ve had the most stressful job since I started as Head Teacher here... I had to judge the Easter egg competition! It really was very difficult as there were some amazing entries. Thank you to everyone who took part and congratulations to the winners!

Please keep this newsletter safe as the last page has dates for next half term. School breaks up for children on Wednesday this week as we have a training day on Thursday. Have a lovely Easter break and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 16th April!

Mrs H Sutherland

Sports Clubs after the Easter holidays

After the Easter holidays and until the May half term holiday, our after school Sports Clubs will be as follows:

Monday (run by Mr Morgan) - Multi Sports for Years 1 and 2

Thursday - Dance Club (All year groups)

Friday (run by Mr Walton) - Football for Years 3 and 4



Easter Services



We hope many of you can join us for our Easter Services this week. **These will take place in school this year.**

Tuesday 27th March at 2.30—parents/carers/family members of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Wednesday 28th March at 9.00—parents/carers/family members of children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

Celebration Assembly Awards

Star Awards



Reception	Adam C, Samuel S
Year 1	Neve B, Kayden B
Year 2	Brandon T, Ellie M
Year 3	Summer P, Charlie J
Year 4	Ellie W, Ido S
Year 5	Synnove L, Lucas C
Year 6	Mollie M, Thomas N

Head Teacher Awards



Key Stage 1	Amelia W
Key Stage 2	Evie W

Update about school uniform

During a recent governors meeting, we reviewed and updated our school uniform policy. We believe a school uniform promotes a sense of pride in the school and engenders a feeling of community and belonging. It is also designed to make children feel equal to their peers and to remove the sense of competition and distractions that fashion items can cause. We ask you to please take note of the following:

- **Large hair accessories, should not be worn in school.** We regard these as fashion items and this can lead to distraction and competition between children. Hair accessories such as bows and hairbands should be in the school colours and of a reasonable size (no glitter or sparkles please)
- **Shoes should be plain and black** (plain, black trainers may be worn)
- Jumpers/cardigans should either be those with the school logo or plain jumpers in the school colour. **Hooded tops should not be worn as part of school uniform,** The only exception to this is the Leavers Hoodies, Year 6 have in their final year (these have the school logo on)
- Jewellery should not be worn (other than watches) Jewellery items of religious significance should be discussed with staff. We prefer children not to wear earrings. If they are worn, **they must be small, plain studs and must be removed or covered by plasters from home, by the child, for PE lessons.** Staff will not take responsibility for removing and looking after earrings which is why we prefer children not to wear them.

Please contact me at school if you have any questions about the above. **We do not expect parents/carers to immediately replace footwear and jumpers but ask you to be mindful of the above when buying new uniform for your children.** I hope you will agree with us that high standards of uniform are a sign of a school that has high expectations for every aspect of their pupil's school experience.

Attendance for last week

Reception	100
Year 1	83.2
Year 2	92.4
Year 3	98.2
Year 4	96.4
Year 5	96.5
Year 6	95.0

Well done to Years Reception, 3, 4 & 5 and who have all achieved attendance above our minimum target level of 96%. Special "Well done" to Reception for 100% attendance that was the best out of the entire school.

Information about Easter Sports Camps

This Easter holidays Sedgefield School Sports Partnership are once again running multi-sports camps at 3 host venues. The camps are a great opportunity to help children keep active, meet with friends and maybe make some new friends along the way. The host venues are listed below:

- Tues 3rd & Wed 4th April @ Kirk Merrington Primary School
- Thurs 5th & Fri 6th April @ St Michael's C of E Primary School
- Mon 9th & Tues 10th April @ Timothy Hackworth Primary School

Please note that children do not have to attend the host school to be eligible to attend and they can also attend more than one camp if they wish. To find out more information please follow the link <http://www.sedgefieldssp.org.uk/holiday-camps/>

Update for Reception parents

Mrs Johnson will return to work, on a phased return, after the Easter holidays. She won't be teaching Reception Class during her first week but will be from the week beginning 23rd April. Miss Bradley will be working some additional days during Mrs Johnson's phased return. This means Mrs Smith's last day covering Reception will be Wednesday 18th April. We thank Mrs Smith for being such a lovely supply teacher during Mrs Johnson's absence.

Well done to...

The group of children who sang at St Andrew's Church yesterday—you were amazing and represented our school so well! Well done to Ruby for singing a beautiful solo!

Mollie M for winning our school's Banagram competition! She now goes through to the next round so we will be keeping our fingers crossed for her!

Harry P—on Friday he did a very kind thing. A girl in his class was very upset as she had lost her money for Sports Relief. Harry had two 50p pieces and gave her one of his as a way of cheering her up! This is exactly the kind of behaviour we love to see in our school!



Diary Dates for Summer Half Term 1

Please note that diary dates are correct at the time this newsletter was written. There might be occasions when dates need to change. If this happens we will let you know on future newsletters so please check these weekly.

Date	Event
Monday 16th April	<p>Return to school after the Easter holiday</p> <p>9.00—NSPCC will visit school to deliver a Speak Out, Stay Safe Programme. They will lead an assembly for KS2 children at 9.00 and for Reception and Key Stage 1 children at 9.45. This is to ensure children know the important message of sharing any concerns they might have.</p> <p>Collapsed Curriculum day for KS2 children. They will be taught in afternoon classes all day and cover follow up work on messages from the assembly as well as other elements of PSHCE (Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education) and British Values.</p>
Wednesday 18th April	6.00—PTA meeting. New members very welcome to join!
Thursday 19th April	PM—Year 3 Bike Skills Training. Letters will be sent out about this.
Monday 23rd April	PM—NSPCC to run follow up workshops with Years 5 and 6
Wednesday 25th April to Friday 27th April	Year 4 children to go on their Ford Castle Residential Trip! Miss Peel and Miss Richmond will take the children.
Thursday 3rd May	9.00—Year 4 to lead a class assembly. Parents, carers and family members of Year 4 children invited to watch.
Wednesday 9th May	6.00—PTA meeting.
Thursday 10th May	PM—Year 4 Bike Skills Training. Letters will be sent out about this.
Monday 14th May to Thursday 17th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Monday 21st May	Year 2 SATs Week
Friday 25th May	<p><i>An event to celebrate the Royal Wedding of HRH Prince Henry of Wales and Ms. Meghan Markle!</i> Children will re-enact the Royal Wedding at St Andrew’s Church, Aycliffe Village. This will be followed by a pic-nic on our school field (fingers crossed the weather is fine!) Parents, carers, family members of all children are invited to attend. More details will be shared on future newsletters but we wanted to make you aware of this date as soon as possible so you have every opportunity to attend.</p> <p>Break up for the May half term holiday.</p>
Monday 4th June	Return to school after the May half term holiday.

AYCLIFFE VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL – AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Multisports (Y1 / Y2) Monday 16TH April - Monday 21st May (excluding 7th May)

(5 weeks @ £3 per week) Total cost £15

Name of child _____

I will arrange payment via ParentPay upon confirmation of a place and will collect my child from school at 4.15pm.

Signed _____

Ballet & Funky Dance Fitness (Reception to Y6) Thursday 19th April – Thursday 24th May

Please note places are limited to 20, and will be allocated on a first come-first served basis.

(6 weeks @ £3 per week) Total cost £18

Name of child _____

I will arrange payment via ParentPay upon confirmation of a place and will collect my child from school at 4.15pm.

Signed _____

Football Coaching (Y3 / Y4) – Friday 20th April – Friday 25th May

(6 weeks @ £3 per week) Total Cost £18

Name of child _____

I will arrange payment via ParentPay upon confirmation of a place and will collect my child from school at 4.15pm.

Signed _____