



Newsletter 30th April 2018

Aycliffe Village Primary School



Dear Parents/Carers

It has been lovely to catch up with our Year 4 children and Miss Richmond and Miss Peel, following their trip to Ford Castle last week. They have been full of conversation about the experiences they had and it sounds as though they had a wonderful time! We have some fantastic photos and the children will be sharing some of these during their class assembly this Thursday. I am sure parents/carers will join me in thanking Miss Richmond and Miss Peel for taking their children on this trip, as well as all staff who took on extra cover duties at school.

I am sure I don't need to remind you that next Monday is a bank holiday so school will be closed. I hope you all enjoy the long weekend!

Best wishes
Mrs Sutherland
Head Teacher

Year 4 Class Assembly

Year 4 will be leading their Class Assembly this Thursday at 9.00am. Parents/carers/family members of Year 4 children are invited to watch this. The topic for the assembly is the recent Ford Castle trip and other holidays/trips the children have enjoyed. We hope you can join us as we know the children love having an audience!



Additional dates for your diaries

These dates have also been added to our school calendar and APP.

Year 5 visit to Greenfield School (all day, this Wednesday) Swimming has therefore been cancelled this week.

Wednesday 2nd May, 5.30– Meeting for parents/carers about France residential trip. This will take place in the school hall and will be led by Mrs Brown.

Celebration Assembly Awards



Outstanding Learner	Joshua R
Outstanding Attitude	Effie S
Outstanding Manners	Sam M, Evie W
Handwriting	Harry H, Rudi L, Jamie L
Wow Word	Bailey C, Mollie M
Maths Wizard	Scarlett L
Values	Keira S Summer P
Independence and Perseverance	Evie S, Alfie J
Head Teacher Award	Imogen C, Myles F
Golden Broom	Year 6

Big Pedal

Thank you to everyone who has supported this and taken part. We are currently in 3rd place in the 'local standings' and hope to improve this further by the end of the challenge! The Big Pedal continues until this Friday and will culminate in a superhero day! **Children taking part are invited to dress up as superheroes on Friday and to decorate their bikes/scooters as part of this.** We have invited some of our school governors into school to judge this.



Wow word of the week



Reminder about Royal Wedding Event

A reminder that parents/carers are invited to our Royal Wedding event on **Friday 25th May**. We will be re-enacting the Royal Wedding at St Andrew's Church at 10.30 (smart dress code please!) We will then have a picnic celebration back at school. Further details will be shared in future newsletters.

Attendance for last week

Reception	99.0
Year 1	97.9
Year 2	98.0
Year 3	95.5
Year 4	97.7
Year 5	99.1
Year 6	100

Well done to Years Reception, 1,2,4,5 and 6 who have all achieved attendance above our minimum target level. Special "Well done" to Year 6 for 100% attendance that was the best out of the entire school.

PE Kits

We have a number of children who do not have PE kits in school and this is causing issues and disruptions at the start of lessons. PE is a required part of the National Curriculum and all children have to participate. **Therefore please ensure your child has a PE kit in school at all times. We hope that PE lessons can take part outside during this term so please also make sure your child has appropriate outdoor PE shoes/trainers.** Thank you for your support with this.



NSPCC Workshops

Our Year 5 and 6 children took part in workshops with the NSPCC last Monday, as follow up work to the assemblies we had in school the week before. The assemblies and workshops were very valuable and pointed out many important points to our children about keeping themselves safe and what they should do if they are ever concerned about anything.

Our school text message system

Some parents have let us know that, when they receive text messages from school, they now often appear with different phone numbers rather than the name of the school. This is happening even when we, as a school, are sending successive messages from the same computer. Mrs Dolan has contacted our supplier about this and they explained this is for security reasons. Apologies for any confusion this might cause but we have checked it and everything is working as it should.

