



Newsletter 21st May 2018

Aycliffe Village Primary School



Dear Parents/Carers

Royal Wedding fever certainly hit our school last week! As part of curriculum activities linked to this topic, and in preparation for our re-enactment this Friday, children across school were involved in making a range of resources/props. These included bunting, bouquets and wedding cake (thank you to Brenda Millington for helping with this) Please read the section overleaf for final details about our event this Friday.

Please also see the section overleaf which details our school structure for next academic year. I am very happy with the structure we have put in place and I hope you can see we have put a lot of thought into this and have responded to the views expressed by some parents/carers. I would like to remind you that we are holding a meeting about this on **Tuesday 5th June at 5.00pm** which will be an opportunity for you to ask any questions about this.

This Friday is the end of this half term and we will close for one week. School re-opens on Monday 4th June.

I look forward to seeing many of you at Church and school this Friday!

Best wishes
Mrs H Sutherland

Year 5 trip to see School of Rock at Greenfield

Our Year 5 children have been invited to go to Greenfield Academy to see **School of Rock** this Wednesday morning (23rd May) Greenfield are kindly arranging transport for us so there will be no costs to parents/carers or the school for this.

Update about our Reception Class

Mrs Johnson will not be returning to her role at our school. We thank her for all she did for our school whilst working here.

Arrangements for teaching our Reception Class for the rest of this academic year will be the same as currently. Miss Bradley will be working some extra days and Mrs Smith will now be with us until the end of this school year. Thank you to Parents/Carers of children in our Reception Class for your patience and understanding with this matter.

GDPR—new Data Protection Regulations

Letters and a copy of our school's Privacy Policy will be sent to each family on Wednesday this week. Please look out for these in your childrens' book bags.

Celebration Assembly Awards



Outstanding Learner	Sam M
Outstanding Attitude	Arran S
Outstanding Manners	Joseph B, Tyler W
Handwriting	Lily P, Ido S
Wow Word	Alfie J
Maths Wizard	Joseph B, Thomas P
Values	Macie T, Hannah W
Independence and Perseverance	Cole H
Head Teacher Award	Morgan A and All of Year 6!
Golden Broom	Reception

School structure for next academic year (from September 2018)

The school structure for next academic year will be as follows:

Year Group	Name of teacher	Number of children
Reception	Miss Bradley (full time) and a full time teaching assistant	21
Year 1	Mr Underwood	21
Year 2	Miss Craven (Miss Beuster will still be on maternity leave)	19
Year 3	Mrs Vest (Mondays and Tuesdays) Miss Hunt (Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays)	25
Year 4	Miss Richmond	22
Year 5	Mrs Brown	16
Year 5/6	Miss Peel As this will be the largest class, a Higher Level Teaching Assistant (to be appointed in June) will also be based in this class	6 Year 5 children 23 Year 6 children

Those of you who know our school building well, will be aware we have one very small classroom which can hold 16/18 children maximum. Therefore we had to have one smaller class and one larger, mixed year group. We thought this would be a positive move for next year's Year 5 group (I will explain more at the meeting on 5th June) I will be contacting parents of Year 5 children we anticipate will be in our mixed Year 5/6 class (by the end of this week) Other Teaching Assistant support will be allocated across school, according to the needs of pupils. We are interviewing for a new HLTA and a new TA (to replace a previous TA role in school) the first week after the half term holiday.

Attendance for last week

Reception	88.6
Year 1	94.7
Year 2	99.6
Year 3	97.3
Year 4	98.2
Year 5	100
Year 6	100

Well done to Years 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 and who have all achieved attendance above our minimum target level. Special "Well done" to Years 5 & 6 for 100% attendance that was the best out of the entire school.

Wow word of the week

matrimony

Final Arrangements for the Royal Wedding Event—25th May

A reminder that our 'Royal Wedding' **starts at 10.30 at St Andrew's Church. Due to limited space in the Church we need to restrict guests to one per family.** Others might like to be outside Church to see guests arrive and leave and, if there is room once everyone is in, then can stand at the back.

We will then return to school and will head onto the school field for our picnic (additional family members can join us then) **Parents/carers must enter school by the main entrance then collect children from their classes. Teachers will keep a list of those collected (essential for safeguarding purposes)**

As a treat from school staff, each child will have a free ice-cream and parents/carers can buy additional for themselves or for younger children with them (from a bike stall one of our parents is bringing)

Please speak to your child's teacher if you have any questions about their costumes/outfits. A reminder that children will be walking to the Church so will need to wear sensible shoes. Children might like to bring a change of clothes for the picnic afterwards.

Children and families are **welcome to leave school from 2.00pm when the gate on the playground will be unlocked.**

Diary Dates for Summer Half Term 2

Please note that these dates are correct at the time of printing. There might be unavoidable reasons why some dates need to be changed in the future. If this happens we will inform parents/carers on future newsletters and via text message.

Date	Event
Tuesday 5th June, 5.00pm	Meeting for Parents/Carers if they have any questions/concerns about our school structure for next year
Wednesday 6th June, 6.00—7.00pm	PTA Meeting—new members are very welcome!
Week beginning 11th June	Year 1 children will take their Phonics Screening Check this week
Week beginning 11th June	Healthy Eating Week—we will be focusing on this in school
Wednesday 13th June	Year 6 Leavers Bike Ride - more details on future newsletters
Thursday 14th June, 9.00am	Year 3 to lead a Class Assembly—their parents/carers/family members are invited.
Monday 18th June	Year 5 visit to Woodham Academy
Thursday 21st June, 9.00am	Year 5 to lead a Class Assembly—their parents/carers/family members are invited.
Week beginning 25th June	Sports Week
Wednesday 27th June, 5.00pm	Meeting for Parents/Carers of new Reception starters
Thursday 28th June	Sports Day—times to be confirmed 3.30—PTA Summer Fayre
Friday 29th June	Move up morning—children will spend a morning in their classes for next year and with their new teachers (new Reception children will visit)
Wednesday 4th July	Year 1 and Year 2 school trip to the Sea Life Centre and the beach!
Thursday 5th July	Year 6 production—time to be confirmed
Friday 6th July	Move up morning—children will spend a morning in their classes for next year and with their new teachers (new Reception children will visit)
Monday 9th July to Friday 13th July	Year 5/6 residential trip to France—Miss Peel and Mrs Byrne will take children on the trip.
Monday 16th July	End of Year Reports to Parents/Carers
Wednesday 18th July	Optional Parents Evening to discuss any areas raised in end of year reports
Thursday 19th July	Year 6 parents/carers invited to have a school lunch with their children in school 2.30—Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Friday 20th July	School closes for the summer holidays!