



Newsletter 8th May 2018

# Aycliffe Village Primary School



Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you have all enjoyed a lovely bank holiday weekend in the sunny weather!

Well done to our Year 4 children for leading a fabulous assembly last week! It was wonderful to see them all take part and to hear about their trip to Ford Castle and other holidays some of them have been on with their families.

I am sure you will all join me in wishing our Year 6 children lots of luck next week when they take their SATs tests. They have all been working very hard towards these and we hope they will be able to demonstrate this during the tests next week. However, as we will be reminding them, there is more to life than SATs, and as long as they give their very best then that is all we ask of them.

Best wishes  
Mrs Sutherland  
Head Teacher

## Parking and dropping children off on the marked lines outside of our school

A reminder that cars must **never park or stop on the marked lines outside our school**. The lines are there to provide a safe place for our children to cross roads and enter and leave school so it is essential everyone follows this rule. **Whilst stopping for a few seconds to drop children off might not seem like a long time, it would become a real issue if everyone did it and also contravenes the Highway Code**. The police visited school on Friday to meet with me and , when they arrived, someone was parked on the lines so they followed this up instantly. I have asked them to monitor the situation regularly.



## Curriculum Newsletters

Just to let you know that Curriculum Newsletters for this term are now available on our school website. We hope these provide a helpful overview of the curriculum your children are covering this term.

Once on our school website, hover over the 'Our Classes' tab at the top of the page then select your child's year group.



## Celebration Assembly Awards



Outstanding Learner	Anna B
Outstanding Attitude	Eloise H, Jamie C
Outstanding Manners	Amelia TL
Handwriting	Emily O
Wow Word	Molly F
Maths Wizard	James D, Leo N
Values	Phoebe G, Daisy D
Independence and Perseverance	Aidan H, Ethan N
Head Teacher Award	Oscar C, Scarlet D
Golden Broom	Year 1

## Safeguarding Update—Internet Safety

It has been brought to my attention that some of our children are using online social media sites that have age restrictions of 13. To address this, we will be reminding our children about the potential dangers and risks of the internet, about age restrictions that are in place and why these are necessary. I also wanted to make you aware of this in case it is something you wish to discuss and check with your children.

I have also recently been sent some information about 'Kids Messenger' and a game called 'Fortnite'. Please see the links below to parent guides for these in case you wish to find any more information about them.

<https://www.patreon.com/posts/parents-guide-to-16951352>

<https://messengerkids.com/>

### Wow word of the week

**candour**

### Year 4 Bike Skills

A reminder that Year 4 children need their bikes, helmets and a change of clothes **this Thursday afternoon** so they can take part in bike training skills on our playground.

### Attendance for last week

Reception	100
Year 1	95.3
Year 2	98.8
Year 3	98.2
Year 4	99.1
Year 5	99.1
Year 6	97.9

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

### The Big Pedal and Super Hero Day on Friday 4th May!

Thank you so much to everyone who took part in this and who joined in our Super Hero Day! We were thrilled with the costumes and decorated bikes/scooters! Mrs Brown invited two of our governors into school to judge this and the winners were as follows:

- 1st place—Freya C

Other winners were - Evie W, Joseph B, Rudi L, Eden S and Ruby C



### Learn to play golf in a day

We have been sent some information to school about some free 'Learn to play golf in a day' sessions at Woodham Golf and Country Club. These are taking place during the May half term holiday on Tuesday 29th, Wednesday 30th and Thursday 31st May (11.00—3.30pm) Please contact the Pro Shop on 01325 319977 if you would like more details or to book a place.



### Thank you to our PTA



Money raised by our PTA has been used recently to pay for some new items in our Reception Class, including sand trays and new computer keyboards. They are also funding some much needed decorating of our school hall and one of our classrooms. We are very grateful for the fundraising events the PTA have arranged and say a big 'thank you' to them and all family members who have supported events they organise.