



Newsletter 18th June 2018

Aycliffe Village Primary School



Dear Parents/Carers

Our children were desperate to know who had won the art competition they took part in a couple of weeks ago but, unfortunately, Sarah Jayne Vickers was unable to come to our Celebration Assembly last week to announce the winners. She will attend this Friday instead.

Our outdoor play equipment/trim trail on our school field is looking much smarter today! Volunteers from 3M and Durham University have been painting this in school today. We are very grateful for the time they have given to this to help us continue to improve our school grounds.

I am also very pleased to tell you we appointed a new Higher Level Teaching Assistant last week. Her name is Mrs Wellstood, she will join us in September and will be based in our Year 5/6 class. We are really looking forward to her joining our team!

Best wishes
Mrs H Sutherland

Year 5 Class Assembly

A reminder that Year 5 children will be leading their class assembly this Thursday (21st June). Parents/carers/family members of Year 5 children are invited to attend. Please come to the main school entrance for 9.00am. Unfortunately I am not in school this Thursday morning so will miss this—I will try to sneak into the hall to watch a rehearsal!



Mufti Jars for Summer Fayre

The PTA have asked us to have a mufti day and, to take part in this, have asked children/families to bring a jar into school with something in it worth between 50p and £1.00, eg sweets, small toys, crayons, etc. These jars will then be used for prizes at our Summer Fayre on 28th June. Any sweets put in the jars should be wrapped please.

The mufti day will take place on **Wednesday 27th June** and jars should be brought into school that morning. Please. Many thanks.



Celebration Assembly Awards



Outstanding Learner	Benjamin S, Harry H, Morgan A
Outstanding Attitude	Leo N
Outstanding Manners	Olivia C
Handwriting	Joshua T
Wow Word	Neve B, Joseph D, Daisy H,
Maths Wizard	Adam C, Eloise H
Values	Joshua R
Independence and Perseverance	Esme K, Arabella C-H, Sam T,
Head Teacher Award	Thomas N, Jayden H
Golden Broom	Year 6

Sex and Relationships Education

As part of the education we offer at school we are required to teach sex and relationships education, ***appropriate to the age of the children in our school.***

We will be reviewing our policy and curriculum for this ready to start afresh in the new academic year in September. However, in the meantime, we are planning to cover the following aspects before the end of this academic year.

If you have any questions about the information shared below, please contact me at school. Please be reassured that everything we discuss will be delivered with sensitivity and in an age appropriate way and we will be following guidance for schools from various sources, for examples the National Curriculum and the NSPCC.

Year Groups	Focus of lesson	Reason for this
Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	Understand appropriate touch and what is not appropriate. Knowing what is meant by 'private parts' and the 'pants rule' (as promoted by the NSPCC) <i>To be covered with these classes the week beginning 2nd July.</i>	Children need to understand what is appropriate and inappropriate touch. This will help them be more aware of their bodies and is also important for safeguarding, ie they would be able to recognise inappropriate touch if it happened to them and would know they need to tell an adult about this.
Years 5 and 6	Talk about puberty with a school nurse <i>To take place in school on Tuesday 19th June</i> —a text message was also sent to parents/carers about this on 13th June.	Children will understand changes that will happen to them as they enter puberty. This will help them feel more comfortable with this process when it occurs.

Attendance for last week

Reception	98.1
Year 1	97.9
Year 2	99.6
Year 3	98.2
Year 4	100
Year 5	99.1
Year 6	88.6

Well done to Years Reception, 1,2,3,4 & 5 and who have all achieved attendance above our minimum target level. Special "Well done" to Year 4 for 100% attendance that was the best out of the entire school.

Resources for Bug Hotels!

As part of their Science work, some children in our school will be making Bug Hotels! Thank you to Louise Porter, one of our parents, for coming to lead this with our staff.

We would be grateful for the following items to be sent into school for this please: cans, plastic water bottles, bricks, garden canes.

Thank you for your support with this.



Wow word of the week

incandescent

Message from Miss Peel and Year 6

Over the next few weeks, our Year 6 children will be taking part in the Young Enterprise Fiver Challenge. As part of this challenge, the children will be creating their own mini-businesses and will be running a Young Enterprise morning at school on a Monday and a Thursday morning (starting from Thursday 21st June)

The children's products/activities will range in price from 10p to £1 during the school day and may include toys, fruit snacks, smoothies, fruit juices and cakes. Please be aware that the selling of cakes will be less frequent than the selling of fruit related products to stay in line with our healthy eating policy in school. More expensive items may be sold at the school Summer Fayre and may be purchased with your supervision.

If you would like to support the Year 6 children in this project, please feel free to send your child to school with a small amount of money to purchase products or to take part in activities with, from the Year 6 children's mini-businesses.

Any profits made from Young Enterprise mornings will be spent on resources for the school, chosen by the Year 6 children. A percentage of the profits will also be used for the continued development of our school garden project.

Many thanks

Miss Peel and Year 6

Smoking at the school gate

It has been brought to my attention that some family members of pupils at our school are smoking just outside our school gate. Whilst this is not on school grounds, it is causing concern for some parents/carers that their children are having to walk through smoke to get into school. Given research on passive smoking it would seem reasonable to ask for this not to happen please and for people who wish to smoke to move away from our school gate. I look forward to your support with this.



Reminders

Despite, regular reminders, we still have some children who don't have PE kits or outdoor PE shoes in school. This means that there are times when they are not able to take part in lessons. This is not acceptable as PE is a required part of the National Curriculum and exercise is obviously extremely important for health and well being. Please could you check with your child/ren that they have full PE kits in school.

Another reminder please that names are put in all items of clothing children bring into school. We have many items in lost property at school that cannot be returned to their owners as they do not have names in them.

Thank you

School dinners

We have had a couple of issues with our pre ordering system for school meals over the last couple of weeks. Apologies for this and thank you to parents/carers and children who have made us aware of these. I wanted to reassure you we are working with staff employed by Taylor Shaw, our school meals provider, to ensure these issues are corrected. We will also review our 'in school' systems regularly .

