



Newsletter 25th June 2018

Aycliffe Village Primary School



Dear Parents/Carers

Well, I've dusted off my trainers ready for Sports Day this week! I am looking forward to seeing many of you in school to enjoy this event with us. Please see the separate section for further details on this.

We also have our Summer Fayre this Thursday and I hope many of you can join us and encourage family and friends to come too! I would like to thank members of our PTA and other parents who are helping to lead this, most notably Kelsey Coulter, Sarah Travis, Leah Kelly and Myles Dann. I am aware they are all putting a lot of effort and time into arranging this and hope you will also show them your appreciation when you next see them.

There are some additions and changes to some diary dates for this term so please check the section below for details of these.

Best wishes
Mrs H Sutherland
Head Teacher

Year 5 Class Assembly

Well done Year 5 for leading a wonderful class assembly last week! I didn't see it but have heard lots of positive feedback about it. I have also been using the sun joke Jen-son told at the end of the assembly. For those of you who missed it... 'Why did the sun go to school?' 'To get brighter!'



Additional diary dates or changes to diary dates

Year 5/6 will not be doing a production on 5th July. Instead, Year 6 will do a short performance as part of their Leavers Assembly on Thursday 19th July. This will start at 2.00pm.

5th July at 9.00am—children who have keyboard and guitar lessons will perform during an assembly that day. They will also be joined by two singers. Parents/carers/family members of any children performing are very welcome to join us for this.

Wednesday 27th June—Year 6 children moving to Woodham Academy in September have their induction there this Wednesday. Miss Peel will be sending a text message to parents about swimming for this week.

Celebration Assembly Awards



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| Outstanding Learner | Kayden B, Grace G |
| Outstanding Attitude | Ellie W |
| Outstanding Manners | James A |
| Handwriting | Samual S, Cole H, Theo J |
| Wow Word | Harry H, Ethan N |
| Maths Wizard | Ameila W, Joe C |
| Values | Maizey N-B, Charlotte B, Dylan H |
| Independence and Perseverance | Macie T, Ruby C |
| Head Teacher Award | Indra F-H, Clara McW |
| Golden Broom | Year 2 |

Sports Day

We look forward to welcoming you to our school on Thursday for our Sports Days! These will start at 9.30 for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children and at 1.30 for children from Years 3 to 6.

Please enter school by the gate on the school field (from The Orlands) We will put some chairs out for parents/carers/family members who are watching—please feel free to bring your own too in case we run out!

It looks as though we will have a sunny day for Sports Day! Please make sure your child/ren have a sun hat, are wearing sun tan cream (applied that morning) and have a water bottle with them.

As soon as our afternoon sports day has finished, children will return to class and we will be busy setting up for the Summer Fayre (starts at 3.30) I am sure our PTA would appreciate extra helping hands to get everything ready, if you are able to offer this. I look forward to seeing you then!

Healthy Eating in School

At a governors meeting last week we reviewed and discussed our approaches to promoting and ensuring healthy eating in our school. There are many areas I feel we need to improve in this regard to ensure we are in line with recommendations and expectations placed on us by the government. These expectations are in place for the very best of reasons—to ensure our children are taught and encouraged to live healthy lifestyles and so we can support them to achieve this.

More detail will be given on future newsletters and we will also be doing some work with children so they understand why it is important we have expectations of healthy eating in our school.

However I need to mention packed lunches as we currently have many that fall short of recommendations that we are expected to have in place as a school. Please be aware that fizzy drinks, energy drinks and sweets of any kind are not allowed in packed lunches. We also do not allow nuts or products containing nuts due to allergies. We ask that you restrict any items high in sugar or fat to one per day, eg cake or crisps or chocolate biscuit. Items such as fruit, raw vegetables, yoghurts, crackers, pasta, sandwiches are encouraged.

Attendance for last week

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| Reception | 97.1 |
| Year 1 | 84.7 |
| Year 2 | 98.4 |
| Year 3 | 90.9 |
| Year 4 | 99.1 |
| Year 5 | 100 |
| Year 6 | 100 |

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

Reminders

A reminder please that children must not bring toys into school (unless they are bringing them into school for show and tell agreed in advance by teachers) This has already been explained to children and on a previous newsletter but is still happening, on occasions. It leads to disagreements and distractions to learning. Any toys brought into school will be taken off children by teachers and sent home at the end of the day.

On a similar topic, we have decided that from September children will not be allowed to bring pencil cases and pens, pencils, rubbers, etc into school. We will ensure we have sufficient equipment for all children and, again, it will lead to fewer distractions.

Wow word of the week

