



Newsletter 2nd July 2018

Aycliffe Village Primary School



Dear Parents/Carers

Well, what a lovely day we all had in school last Thursday! Two fabulous sports days and a wonderful school fayre. There was a such a positive atmosphere in school. I told the children in our assembly on Friday how very proud I was of them during sports day. I saw many examples of children supporting , congratulating and being proud of each other and lots of examples of determination and perseverance. Thank you also to family members and staff who joined in with the adult races we had... the children certainly enjoyed watching them!

Your children will be bringing home a questionnaire this week for you for you to complete. I am very keen to have as many responses as possible so I can compare your thoughts since the last questionnaire I sent out in December. I can then look at these over the holidays and aim to action any further improvements you feel are necessary next academic year. Please ensure these are returned by Friday 20th July.

Many thanks for your continued support
Mrs H Sutherland

Change in price of school meals from September

We have been informed by Durham County Council that there will be an increase to the cost of school meals from September. They will now be £2.05 per day for children. Don't forget that school meals are free for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2(funded by Durham County Council)

Photos of our Royal Wedding event

As mentioned on a previous newsletter, we have some wonderful photos from our Royal Wedding event. These will be on display in our school hall on the following dates and times. Parents/carers/family members are invited into school on the dates and times below to look at and pre order photos (payable in advance please) These will then be printed and returned to you. If you are unable to come into school on these dates you might wish to give your child some money to choose a photo. Thank you again to Lee Ovenden for taking these photos and helping us print these. Any profit made from the photos will be going to our school PTA fund as Lee has offered to print these for free.

- Friday 6th July from 2.45 to 3.15
- Tuesday 10th July from 9.00 to 9.30
- Wednesday 11th July from 2.45 to 3.15

Celebration Assembly Awards



Outstanding Learner	Mia M
Outstanding Attitude	Harry P (Year 1)
Outstanding Manners	Maya C, Synnove L
Handwriting	Ellie N
Wow Word	Brandon T
Maths Wizard	Bradley G, Aidan H
Values	Emily O'N, Harvey B, Harry P (Year 6)
Independence and Perseverance	Freya C, Harry T
Head Teacher Award	Ava P, Molly H
Golden Broom	Reception

Year 1 and Year 2 trip this Wednesday

A reminder that Year 1 and Year 2 go on their trip to the Sea Life Centre then the beach this Wednesday. The forecast looks good so fingers crossed it stays that way! **Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather, has sun tan cream on, a hat and a bottle of water.** It will also be easier if they have a bag that fits all of their things in as they will need to carry everything themselves. We should be back at school for the usual collection time however this will obviously depend on traffic.

Residential trip to France—Monday 9th July

Not long now till the France trip –hasn't this come around quick?! Children going on this trip will be bringing a letter home about it so please look out for this and contact us at school if you don't receive it. Miss Peel and Mrs Byrne are lead teachers on the trip and will be accompanied by Mrs Peel (Miss Peel's mum) as another adult volunteer. We hope the children have a wonderful time. Thank you to all staff who are giving up their free time to take the children.

I have asked Miss Peel to keep in touch with us via text and we will update parents/carers, via our text messaging service, when we hear from them. Please don't expect an update every day but on arrival, halfway through the week and when they are setting off.

We have revised staff timetables for this week in school to ensure everything is covered for those children not going on the trip.

No backpacks in school from September please

We have made the decision to have no back packs in school from September please. Whilst we know some children will be disappointed with this we feel we have to make this decision for the following reasons. We simply do not have enough space in our school for all the backpacks to be stored and staff have reported this has been a real issue this year. As most classes have pegs in classrooms, there is just no space and it is creating trip hazards. We also have had many homework books and reading books damaged this year as they have been squashed into backpacks. **Instead children are asked to use book bags and drawstring PE bags (as these can be stored easily in school)** We appreciate there may be occasional times when other bags are needed, eg on days children have football training or dance lessons. However we cannot have these in school every day.

Attendance for last week

Reception	100
Year 1	88.9
Year 2	91.2
Year 3	94.5
Year 4	96.4
Year 5	98.3
Year 6	99.3

Well done to Years Reception, 5 & 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.

Parent Pay

As we are quickly approaching the end of this academic year, we ask that everyone please checks their Parent Pay accounts and settles any outstanding balances as soon as possible. Many thanks.



Wow word of the week

