



Newsletter 10th September 2018

Aycliffe Village Primary School



Dear Parents/Carers

We had a fantastic first week back at school last week! Children were happy, very polite and working well and there was such a positive vibe in school!

I had a wonderful day at the Mini Great North Run on Saturday and It was great to see some of our children taking part in this. Huge congratulations to Joseph D, Harrison T, Iyla F and Jude F—we gave them a big round of applause during our assembly this morning. It is such a heart warming event and, during assemblies this week, we will be learning more about some of the people who ran in the Great North Run at the weekend.

We will also have elections for our School Council representatives this week. This is a great opportunity for our pupils to see democracy in action and to understand that they can, and should, play a key role in the development of our school. We look forward to announcing successful candidates during Celebration Assembly on Friday. Thank you to all children who choose to stand for election—we really appreciate your interest and enthusiasm.

After attending part time for their first week, our Reception children will be in school for full days from this week. They will be partnered with Year 6 buddies who will help them over lunchtimes as they first settle into school life.

Some parents have requested key dates for the year ahead so they can book time off work for any events they would like to attend. Please see the end of this newsletter for key dates, as the diary currently stands, for Spring and Summer Terms 2019. I hope you find the advance notice helpful.

Best wishes
Mrs H Sutherland
Head Teacher

Error with a couple of dates on last week's newsletter

Apologies for the error with a couple of dates on last week's newsletter. School is closed on **Monday 29th October** for a staff training day (after the half term holiday) and children return to school on **Tuesday 30th October**.

Celebration Assembly Awards

Last week in Celebration Assembly we chose a child from each class who has made a very positive start to the school year!



Horse Chestnut Class	Emily O'N
Sycamore Class	Alfie J
Lime Class	Emily O
Silver Birch Class	Eloise H
Rowan Class	Clara Mc
Hawthorn Class	Lucas C
Head Teacher	Will C
Golden Broom	Lime Class
Additional awards for new children across school who have settled in well.	Jack W, Ava L, Daisy G, Amy L, Matthew L

Theatre Performance

We are all looking forward to a performance of *The Secret Garden* by a theatre group this Tuesday afternoon! Some of our older children are reading this book and, across school, we will be basing some Literacy and wider curriculum work on this. Reception children will join us for the theatre performance but, if any of them find it too overwhelming, we will have staff on hand to take them back to class to do activities there instead.

A reminder of some school rules

Occasionally pre school children (coming with their parents to collect school age children) are **playing on other children's scooters and playing on the gym equipment**. Obviously they are very welcome to enjoy our playground until children come out of school but **must not go on the gym equipment (this is designed for children from Year 3 upwards) and must not ride on other childrens' bikes or scooters**. We ask family members with them to ensure these rules are followed please.

Parking - a reminder that cars **must never park or stop on the lines outside school**. The lines are there to ensure children have a safe place to enter and leave school.

Earrings— it is easier if they are removed before school. If your child is wearing earrings then they **must bring plasters from home to wear during PE lessons and need to be able to manage this themselves**.

Nail varnish should not be worn by children in school. I appreciate some will still be fading from the summer holidays...

PTA meetings

Our first PTA meeting takes place this **Wednesday (12th) at 6.00pm**. We would love new members to help with our fund-raising efforts for our school so please join us if you can. Future meeting dates for this term are: **Wednesday 3rd October, Wednesday 7th November and Wednesday 5th December (all at 6.00pm)**

Attendance for last week

Willow Class (Reception)	97.6
Horse Chestnut Class (Year 1)	95.6
Sycamore Class (Year 2)	96.7
Lime Class (Year 3)	100
Silver Birch Class (Year 4)	100
Rowan Class (Year 5)	100
Hawthorn Class (Year 5/6)	98.6

Well done to classes Willow, Sycamore & Hawthorn who achieved attendance above our minimum target level of 96% Special "Well done" to Lime, Silver Birch & Rowan for 100% attendance that was the best out of the entire school.

DVDs of our Royal Wedding event in May 2018

We anticipate that these will be ready by next week (for family members who paid for them in July) If anyone else would like a copy of this **please send £5.00 into the School Office in an envelope with your child's name on (cash please rather than Parent Pay on this occasion) to reserve a copy (by Friday 14th September)** It will be a DVD of fabulous photos set to music and will be a fantastic keepsake of a wonderful day! Profits from this are going to PTA funds.

Can anyone help please?

We need to move some three items of large furniture from Vane Road Primary to our school (we're getting them free!) Does anyone have a van and might be able to help with this please? We would be very grateful. I just can't squash them into my Mini!

Wow word of the week



My husband found this 'wow' word for me—I've got all my family involved now!

Diary Dates for Spring Term 2019

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
Monday 7th January	Children return to school after the Christmas holidays.
Thursday 24th January, 9.00am.	Sycamore Class Assembly (Year 2) Parents, carers, family members invited to attend.
Tuesday 5th February, 3.30—5.30pm.	Parents Evening
Wednesday 6th February, 3.30—5.30pm.	Parents Evening
Thursday 14th February, 9.00am.	Rowan Class Assembly (Year 5, Mrs Brown's Class) Parents, carers, family members invited to attend.
Friday 15th February	School closes at the end of the day for the February half term holiday!
Monday 25th February	School reopens after the February half term holiday. Parents, carers, family members invited to attend.
Thursday 28th February	Hawthorn Class Assembly (Year 5/6, Miss Peel's Class)
Thursday 7th March 9.00am	World Book Day! Children will be asked to dress up as a book character. Lime Class Assembly (Year 3) Parents, carers, family members invited to attend.
Friday 15th March	Comic Relief
Thursday 28th March, 9.00am.	Willow Class Assembly (Reception) Parents, carers, family members invited to attend.
Tuesday 2nd April, 2.30pm.	Easter Performance in school—Parents, carers, family members of children in Reception and Key Stage 1 invited to attend.
Wednesday 3rd April, 9.00am.	Easter Performance in school—Parents, carers, family members of children in Reception and Key Stage 2 invited to attend.
Friday 5th April	School closes at the end of the day for the Easter holidays!



Diary Dates for Summer Term 2019

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 23rd April	School reopens after the Easter holidays.
Thursday 2nd May, 9.00am.	Silver Birch Class Assembly (Year 4) parents, carers, family members invited to attend.
Monday 6th May	School closed for Bank Holiday Monday.
Monday 13th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Monday 20th May	Year 2 SATs Week
Thursday 23rd May, 9.00am.	Horse Chestnut Class Assembly (Year 1) parents, carers, family members invited to attend.
Friday 24th May	School closes at the end of the day for the May half term holiday!
Monday 3rd June	School reopens after the May half term holiday.
Monday 10th June	Year 1 Phonics Check to take place this week.
Thursday 27th June	9.30—Sports Day for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 1.30—Sports Day for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 3.30—6.00—PTA Summer Fayre
Friday 28th June	Move Up Morning! Children to visit their classes for next year and new Reception starters to visit.
Friday 5th July	Move Up Morning! Children to visit their classes for next year and new Reception starters to visit.
Thursday 11th July	End of Year Reports to be handed out.
Wednesday 17th July, 3.30—5.30pm.	Optional Parents Evening to discuss end of year reports.
Thursday 18th July	12.45—Leavers meal for Year 6 children and their parents/carers. 2.00—Year 6 Leavers Service. Parents, carers, family members invited to attend. 6.00—7.30—PTA Summer Disco
Friday 19th July	School breaks up for the Summer holidays!

