



Newsletter 17th September 2018

Aycliffe Village Primary School



Dear Parents/Carers

There was great excitement during our Celebration Assembly last Friday when we announced the results of elections for our School Council! It is always difficult when some children are disappointed not to be elected but, as I explained when I announced the results, we are very proud of them for the enthusiasm and interest they have shown. They should also be encouraged to keep trying. Sam T in Year 6 is a perfect example of this—when the results were announced and he found out he had made it onto the School Council, he was thrilled and said he had been trying to be a School Councillor for years! A perfect example of perseverance. The names of our School Council group for this academic year are detailed overleaf and we look forward to working with them, over the year, to help make improvements to our school.

Our Reception children joined us for their first assembly last Friday and, yet again, we were all impressed with how settled and content they are in school already. We didn't choose any of them for awards; not because they didn't deserve them but because we thought it might be a bit daunting going out to the front during their first assembly!

I hope your children enjoyed the performance of The Secret Garden last Tuesday. I know they were speaking enthusiastically about it in school. Zachary told me it was 'unbelievable' and Joshua said it was 'super duper!' Praise indeed!

Best wishes
Mrs Sutherland
Head Teacher

Curriculum Newsletters

These will be on our school website (on class pages) from **Thursday** this week. (Please go to the 'Our Classes' tab at the top of the home page on our website) We hope they provide a useful summary of things your children will be learning at school so you can help support them with this at home. Please contact class teachers if you would like any further detail or have any questions.

Celebration Assembly Awards



Outstanding Learner	Benjamin S
Outstanding Attitude	Effie S, Leo N
Outstanding Manners	Kobe P
Handwriting	Neve B
Wow Word	Imogen C, Ashton H
Maths Wizard	Samuel S, Theo J
Values	Morgan A
Independence and Perseverance	Layken H, Olivia C
Sports Award	Ruby C, Tyler S
Head Teacher Award	Hannah W
Golden Broom	Silver Birch Class

Meeting for parents of children in Willow Class (Reception children)

A reminder that we are holding a meeting *for parents/carers of children in our Reception Class next Monday (24th September) at 5.00pm*. We really hope you can attend as we will speak about some early reading and phonics skills your children will be learning and how you can support with this.

Wow word of the week



I heard this word when I was watching a performance of the musical 'Wicked' at the weekend.

Our School Council for 2018—2019

Year 1	Heath D and Effie S
Year 2	Sam M and Jasmine D
Year 3	Emma N and Esme K
Year 4	Jamie L and Rudi L
Year 5	Ava P and Clara Mc
Year 6	Jacob, Evie W and Sam T

Well done to all children who were elected as our councillors for this school year!

Thank you

Thank you to Mr Collett who very kindly helped transport some furniture from Vane Road Primary to our school. It is much appreciated.

Attendance for last week

Willow Class	99.5
Horse Chestnut Class	92.5
Sycamore Class	97.9
Lime Class	94.6
Silver Birch Class	98.2
Rowan Class	92.0
Hawthorn Class	100

Well done to Willow, Sycamore, Silver Birch and Hawthorn who have all achieved attendance above our minimum target level. Special "Well done" to Hawthorn class for achieving 100% attendance that was the best out of the entire school.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

When I suggested a Macmillan coffee morning on Friday 28th September at our school, I didn't realise there was already one planned to take place at the Village Hall that morning. Therefore, instead of having two events, it makes sense to work together, as a community. ***If anyone is able to send cakes into our school we will sell them to our children at playtime.*** We will also take a group of our children to the coffee morning in the Village Hall. ***Parents/carers/family members from our school are invited to call into the Macmillan Coffee morning at the Village Hall from 9.00am—you could maybe call in for a cuppa after dropping the children off at school?!***

