



Newsletter 15th October 2018

Aycliffe Village Primary School



Dear Parents/Carers

It was lovely to see so many of you at Parents Evening last week. I hope you found it a useful update and an opportunity to speak to your child's teacher. The new system of having books for you to look at before your appointment seemed to work well and we have had lots of positive feedback about it.

We will be taking the whole school to St Andrew's Church for a Harvest Festival Service this Thursday (18th October) for a 9.30 start. The service will be led by Reverend Ann Anderson. You are very welcome to join us there if you would like to come. Please be aware the children won't be leading the service or 'performing' (as we had those services at school the other week) but you are still welcome to come and take part. We would appreciate some additional adults to help walk our children to Church and back. Please let Mrs Dolan know if you are able to help with this.

School breaks up for the October half term on Friday 19th October. Staff have a training day on Monday 29th October so children return on Tuesday 30th October. I look forward to welcoming everyone back then!

Best wishes
Mrs H Sutherland
Head Teacher

SATs Meeting for parents/carers of Year 6 children

A reminder that there will be a meeting for parents/carers of Year 6 children on **Thursday 18th October at 5.00pm**. We hope as many parents/carers as possible can attend as it will be a useful way of you finding out more about SATs and how you can best support your children with these. Miss Peel and I look forward to seeing you then!

Applications for places at Secondary Schools

A reminder that applications for secondary places have to be completed by parents by **31st October**. This is not a process we are involved in, as a school, but we have been asked by the Local Authority to remind parents/carers of this important deadline.



Celebration Assembly Awards



Outstanding Learner	Lucy B
Outstanding Attitude	Oscar C
Outstanding Manners	George H, Maizey N-B
Handwriting	Savannah D
Wow Word	Archer D, Oliver C
Maths Wizard	Sam M, Molly H, Seth B
Values	Esme K
Independence and Perseverance	Joseph W
Sports Award	Oliver Y
Head Teacher Award	Annabel D, Lilly D
Golden Broom	Willow Class!

After School Clubs for next half term

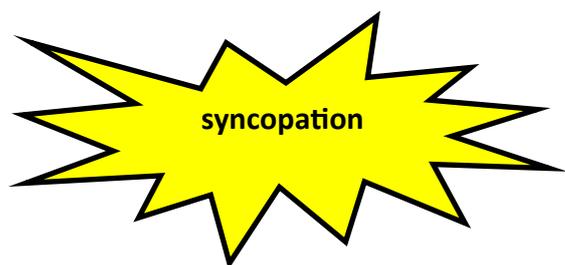
We will be running the following after school clubs next half term. Letters will be sent home about these **on Wednesday** for children who are interested in attending. Clubs will start the first week after half term. More details will be on the letters that will come home.

Wednesday—Football Club for Year 1 and Year 2 children (led by Mr Hubbard and Mr Barr)

Thursday—Dance Club (led by Miss Louise) - open to all year groups across school.

Friday—Netball and Basketball Club for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 (led by Mr Hubbard and Mr Barr)

Wow word of the week



This is a word we came across during assembly this morning when learning a new song!

Gymnastics Festival

Sycamore Class (Year 2) had a wonderful time at the Gymnastics Festival last week and I was thrilled to hear from Miss Craven how well they represented our school. Well done Year 2!



Attendance for last week

Willow Class	97.9
Horse Chestnut Class	96.9
Sycamore Class	98.0
Lime Class	96.2
Silver Birch Class	97.4
Rowan Class	94.8
Hawthorn Class	97.2

Well done to classes Willow, Horse Chestnut, Sycamore, Lime, Silver Birch and Hawthorn who have all achieved attendance above our minimum target level. Special "Well done" to Sycamore class for 98% attendance that was the best out of the entire school.

School App

For the benefit of parents new to our school and, as a reminder to all parents/carers, we have a free and easily accessible school app. This is an excellent way of keeping you up to date with school information, eg diary dates (including an alert to your phone of upcoming events) You can also access the weekly school newsletter here from a couple of easy clicks on your phone!

Please spread the word with this to family members, eg grandparents, so they can also stay up to date with school events. We had many grandparents asking about dates and times for Harvest Festival. We are unable to share this information with all family members. However, if you could point them to the direction of this app or our school website, it would help them be up to date too.

Please follow the instructions below to download the app.

Search for 'OurSchoolsApp'. Once downloaded, use the search bar within the app and enter the postcode or name of the school. Hit the search button. Once you see the school name displayed confirm by pressing 'OK'

