



Newsletter 12th November 2018

Aycliffe Village Primary School



Dear Parents/Carers

I was a very proud Head Teacher on Friday morning when our Key Stage 2 children played a key role in the community Remembrance Service. It really was a fitting tribute to all involved in and affected by war. Thank you to those of you who were able to attend—the turn out was fantastic! We have had many verbal compliments about our children’s role in the service and I thought you would like to read an email I received from a member of Aycliffe Village’s Local History Society.

On behalf of Aycliffe Village Local History Society many thanks to you, your staff, Rob Gales from Woodham Academy and the school caterers for your part in creating a memorable service, but most importantly a big thank you to all the children who individually and collectively played their part with both dignity and enthusiasm in commemorating the centenary of the end of the First World War. The children were a credit to both themselves and the school. Many Thanks and Kind Regards, David Lewis Aycliffe Village Local History Society.

Best wishes
Mrs H Sutherland
Head Teacher

Anti-Bullying Week

This week is Anti-Bullying week and we will be focusing on this important topic during assemblies this week. The theme of Anti-Bullying week this year is ‘Choose Respect’ which ties in perfectly with one of our school values. I hope the messages we share and the discussions we have will be beneficial to all children.



Parent View

A reminder please that we would be very grateful for you to share your views about our school on Parent View.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

This is the online system used and checked by Ofsted inspectors when they carry out inspections. We only have 5 responses so far and would love some more! We will use information from this to continue to improve our school. If you wish to share more detailed feedback please also access the parent questionnaire form on the ‘All about us’ section of our school website.

Celebration Assembly Awards



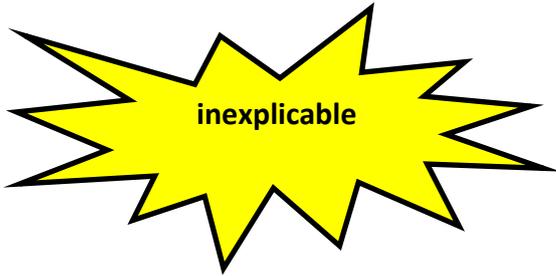
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| Outstanding Learner | Harry P, Isabella D |
| Outstanding Attitude | Finnley McA |
| Outstanding Manners | Amelia T-L |
| Handwriting | Emily O-N, Dylan R |
| Wow Word | Bailey C, Layken H |
| Maths Wizard | Harvey B |
| Values | Bradley G |
| Independence and Perseverance | Ava P, Joseph A |
| Sports Award | Lucy B |
| Head Teacher Award | Harvey W |
| Golden Broom | Horse Chestnut Class |

PTA Update

Christmas Fayre—a reminder that this takes place on **Thursday 29th November, 6.00—8.00pm**. Please spread the word to family and friends. We would be grateful for donations of Tombola prizes e.g Toys, Toiletries, Alcohol, sweets.

PTA Film Club will now only run for three weeks before Christmas - **Friday 30th November, Friday 7th December, Friday 14th December**. Letters have been handed out today to children who have expressed an interest in this. Replies need to be in by **this Friday** and places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis so please check with your child that they have brought this letter home.

Wow word of the week



Thank you to Hannah S for finding this 'wow' word for me, whilst reading at home!

Medical appointments during school time

A reminder that we need to see proof to authorise medical appointments during school time, eg appointment letters or cards. Whilst we appreciate that some appointments cannot always take place during holiday time or after school hours, eg some hospital appointments or emergency medical appointments, there are many routine appointments that should be taken during school holidays, eg routine dentist and optician check ups.



Attendance for last week

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| Willow Class | 92.9 |
| Horse Chestnut Class | 99.0 |
| Sycamore Class | 100 |
| Lime Class | 95.0 |
| Silver Birch Class | 95.5 |
| Rowan Class | 97.3 |
| Hawthorn Class | 100 |

Well done to Horse Chestnut and Rowan classes who achieved attendance above our minimum target level. Special "Well done" to Sycamore and Hawthorn for 100% attendance!

Hawthorn Class—Athletics Event on 13.11.18

A reminder that Hawthorn Class go to an Athletics Event tomorrow. They will have lunch slightly earlier than usual then get changed into their PE kits. They should be back at school by home time.

Children in Need

A reminder that this Friday is Children in Need. As explained on last week's newsletter, children are asked to dress up as a profession they would like to be when they are older (linked to the theme of this year's Children in Need—'Do your thing'!) We are also asking for donations of cakes and biscuits for a sale at play-time that day. All money raised will go to this fantastic charity.!



Changes to school meals

We have had a number of requests for changes to menu choices over the last couple of weeks. We have a procedure for this—please download the menu change request from our school website (Go to 'Parents' Tab 'then **School Information**') and complete and return to school. As explained on previous newsletters, we need three weeks notice for changes as these changes as food is ordered in advance.