



Newsletter 19th November 2018

# Aycliffe Village Primary School



Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for your support with our Children in Need Day last Friday. The costumes were fabulous and there were such a wide ranges of professions including teachers, scientists, singers, a vicar, a palaeontologist, an engineer, police officers, graphic designers... Such wonderful creative ideas and it was great to speak to your children about some of the roles they are considering for their future professions. Mrs Brown stole the show (from a staff point of view) as an American Footballer (please ask your children about her shoulder pads!) and I think was one that children would never have guessed! We managed to raise £242.50 which is a wonderful amount for a small school. During our assembly on Friday we watched a video of an example of one place where the money raised for Children in Need goes. It is great to think our support will help many families who are having a very difficult time.

Best wishes  
Mrs H Sutherland  
Head Teacher



## Year 1 Phonics Meeting

I am sorry but I will need to rearrange the date of the Year 1 Phonics meeting. This was **supposed to take place on Monday 26th November**. I have rearranged it for **5.00pm on Wednesday 9th January** and hope you are able to attend then instead.

## Art Gallery—Friday 23rd November

We hope you can join us for our Art Gallery on the theme of Remembrance this Friday. **Please note viewing times for this are now only between 2.00 and 4.30pm (no morning session now as on detailed on a previous newsletter)** All children in school have contributed to the art work that will be displayed so we really hope you can come to have a look at this. We will also be displaying some of our children's writing on the topic of Remembrance as we have been so impressed with this. Some parents have asked if the art work will be on sale. It won't on this occasion be as we would like to keep this in school for a while. Also some of the art work has been completed by groups of children, rather than individuals.



## Celebration Assembly Awards

Outstanding Learner	Ava L, Courtney S
Outstanding Attitude	Phoebe G, Lilly D
Outstanding Manners	Aiden A, Eloise H
Handwriting	Archer D, Freya C
Wow Word	Hannah S (Year 6)
Maths Wizard	Jenson P, Kobe P, Jamie L
Values	Harrison J
Independence and Perseverance	Adam C
Sports Award	Sam T, Lucas C
Head Teacher Award	Charlie P, Ethan N, Daisy G
Golden Broom	Lime Class



## PTA Update

**Thursday 29th November will be 'Mufti Day'.** Instead of Mufti Jars, this year the PTA are asking for you to send in Mufti Crackers. Please use a cardboard tube (something like a kitchen roll is perfect) and pop inside wrapped sweets or a pocket money toy. Around the value of 50p - £1 is perfect. Then wrap the tube in wrapping paper or decorated paper in the style of a Christmas cracker. **Please send these into school on the day of the fair (Thursday 29th November) and on this day your child can come into school in non-uniform.** The crackers will be sold at the fair to raise money for the PTA.

Thanks to everyone who has sent in tombola donations for the Christmas Fair. Please keep them coming in for both the adult and children's tombola. Also, if you have any items of good quality school uniform, please donate these to be sold at the fair. Donations can be left at the school office.

Scholastic books are bringing us lots of great offers this Christmas season. There will be a stall at our Christmas fair. You can shop from a wider range of books than will be available at the fair online. <https://book-parties.scholastic.co.uk/party/aycliffe>

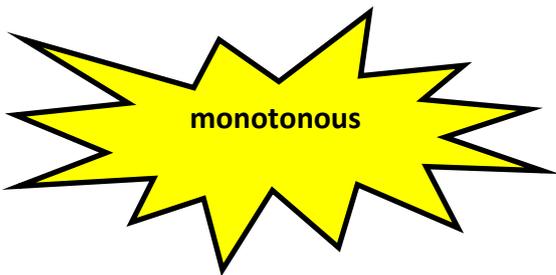
A unique weblink has been created for our school Christmas fair. Each online order earns FREE books for our school. Not to mention, Scholastic has fantastic deals and savings on great books. Submit your order online by Sunday 25th November.

Please state your child's name and class on your order. Your child's books will be delivered to the school fair on 29th November.

**Bags2School collection bags** will be sent home this week with your child. Bags will be collected from the school driveway on the morning of **Monday 26th November**. They accept good quality clothing, paired shoes, bags, jewellery, underwear, socks, soft toys, towels, bedding and curtains. It would be amazing to beat our last target so ask friends and family if they have any items to donate.

**Did you know the PTA have a facebook group where you can receive lots of information about events and activities taking place? Find us by searching 'Aycliffe Village Primary School P.T.A.'**

### Wow word of the week



Thank you to Clara for this week's wow word. She found it when reading in school.

### Friendship Bench

At a recent School Council meeting, our children decided they would like a Friendship Bench in school. This is a place where children can go if they would like some support from a friend, for example if they are feeling lonely, sad or upset about something. There will be a Friendship Bench on our playground and our school field. We are currently using existing benches and our School Council have made signs for these. They have plans to raise money in the future so new benches can be purchased for this. I am sure you will agree this is a lovely idea and I am very proud of our School Council for coming up with such a fantastic suggestion.

### Staffing Updates

I informed Year 2 parents at the SATs meeting on Monday 12th but just to confirm to everyone that Miss Craven will be staying until the end of this school year to continue teaching Year 2. You might recall that Miss Craven was employed to cover Miss Beuster's maternity leave. Miss Beuster will be returning to work in January and I will share more details on future newsletters about the role she will have when she returns.

### Attendance for last week

Willow Class	97.1
Horse Chestnut Class	98.0
Sycamore Class	98.9
Lime Class	94.6
Silver Birch Class	97.3
Rowan Class	96.7
Hawthorn Class	96.4

Well done to Willow, Horse Chestnut, Sycamore, Silver Birch, Rowan and Hawthorn classes who all achieved attendance above our minimum target level. Special "Well done" to Sycamore class for 98.9% attendance that was the best out of the entire school.

### Sporting Success

Well done to Hawthorn Class who came third in an Athletics Festival last Tuesday! Sam T and Lucas C also broke some records... Sam recorded the longest jump and Lucas had the longest chest throw! Miss Peel also said that behaviour and attitude of all children in Hawthorn Class was excellent and she was very proud of them.

Well done also to Mr Barr who, last week, was chosen as Sports Apprentice of the Week (during the weekly training day he attends)