



Newsletter 5th November 2018

Aycliffe Village Primary School



Dear Parents/Carers

A reminder that our Key Stage 2 children will be taking part in a community Remembrance Service on the Village Green this Friday (start time of 10.45) Parents/carers/family members of all pupils at our school are welcome to attend and we hope many of you can join us. We hope the weather will be fine but, if it isn't, we will be adopting a 'this will help you imagine what it was like to be in the trenches' approach... please therefore make sure your children are well dressed for the weather that day so they are best prepared for all that comes our way! We have been practising some of the songs we will sing as part of the service today and I am sure it will be a very moving and poignant service.

It has been lovely this week to see the learning that is taking place as part of our Remembrance topic and to see the obvious interest our pupils have in this. Thank you to parents who got in touch with feedback about the book donated to them by the Local History Society and mentioned how much they have enjoyed looking at this with their children. I will share this feedback with the History Society and I know they will be delighted to hear this.

Best wishes
Mrs H Sutherland
Head Teacher

Silver Birch Class trip to Newcastle on Thursday 8th

Our Year 4 pupils are visiting the Live Tales Theatre in Newcastle this Thursday, to take part in a writing workshop. If your child usually has a school meal, a packed lunch will be provided by Taylor Shaw. Children will leave school at 9.00 and return for home time (depending on traffic) **We are asking for a donations of £10.00 per child please to cover the cost of transport to Newcastle.** Please pay via Parent Pay.

Residential Trips for this year

Just to let you know that we are still planning on arranging residential trips this year for children in Years 4, 5 and 6. However we won't be able to have a trip abroad this year for children in Years 5 and 6. I am very sorry for any disappointment this causes as I appreciate it is something that has been happening for a number of years now. I will be in touch, in future newsletters, when I have more details about venues and dates for residential trips that will take place this year.

Celebration Assembly Awards

Outstanding Learner	Harrison D, Flinn B
Outstanding Attitude	Tessa B, Sam T
Outstanding Manners	Eden S
Handwriting	Zachary H, Kayden B, Chloe A
Wow Word	Seth B, Hannah S (Reception)
Maths Wizard	Benjamin S, Oliver W
Values	Finley W, Molly F, Charlotte B
Independence and Perseverance	Keira S
Sports Award	Samuel S
Head Teacher Award	Cameron E, Ava O'N
Golden Broom	Hawthorn Class

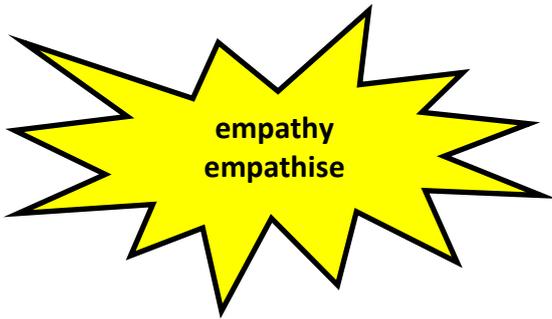


I also handed out additional homework awards to Oliver Y, Neve B and Kobe P—well done!

Syd Howarth

We were extremely sad to hear the news that Syd Howarth, founder of the Newton News, died last week. I never met Syd but exchanged emails with him when I first started as Head Teacher at our school and it was clear he had a genuine passion and care for the local community. Syd was also a governor at our school in the past and so supported our school community in this way too. We send our sincere condolences to his family and friends and hope they know how much the wonderful work he did for our local community, in many different ways, was appreciated by many. There is an annual Christmas Concert arranged by the Rotary Club and I am told Syd was a huge supporter and organiser of this. We will be taking a group of our children to perform at this on 11th December and hope this will be a fitting tribute to Syd.

Wow word of the week



It's Pantomime time again... oh no it isn't, oh yes it is!

Tickets have been booked for our Reception and Key Stage 1 children to go to see the pantomime 'Aladdin' at Darlington on Wednesday 19th December. The trip will cost £15. And payments can be made via Parent Pay. (there is an option to pay in instalments if you wish) We expect that children will be back at school by 4.15 however this is an approximate time and depends on the running time of the pantomime and traffic.



Attendance for last week

Willow Class	92.3
Horse Chestnut Class	100
Sycamore Class	93.4
Lime Class	97.1
Silver Birch Class	97.2
Rowan Class	98.3
Hawthorn Class	96.9

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

Children in Need—Friday 16th November 2018

The theme for this year's Children in Need is 'Do your thing'. We would like children to dress up as something they would like to do as a profession, when they are adults. Examples might be a scientist, doctor, vet, engineer, teacher... the possibilities are endless! Staff will also be joining in the fun and will be asked to dress as what they would have liked to have been if they hadn't chosen their current role in school as their career. Have fun guessing what staff might wear...

We will also be having a cake/biscuit sale at playtime to raise money for Children in Need. We would be very grateful for any donations of cakes and/or biscuits to be sent into school on the morning of Friday 16th November and we can sell them at playtime that morning.

We will be asking for donations of £1.00 towards Children in Need for children to wear non uniform. Children are also welcome to bring additional money into school to buy a cake/biscuit at playtime if they would like to.

