



Newsletter 14th January 2019

# Aycliffe Village Primary School



Dear Parents/Carers

We've had a lovely first week back at school! Your children all seem very happy to be back and are showing their usual enthusiasm for learning. A school nurse visiting our school to lead an assembly this morning, commented on our children's positive attitude to learning and the quality of the answers they gave.

In our assemblies last week we read and discussed a lovely book that Reverend Ann gave to our school 'The oak inside the acorn.' It is a perfect link to the message behind our school motto 'Great oaks from tiny acorns grow'. When we have finished this book during assemblies this week, we will display a copy in our main school entrance (next to the board that displays our school motto, vision and values) Please feel free to have a look at it next time you are visiting.

Best wishes  
Mrs H Sutherland  
Head Teacher

## Curriculum Newsletters

Teachers have prepared Curriculum Newsletters with a summary of topics/learning that will be covered this term. You can find copies of these on your child's class page on our school website. **To find these, please go to the home page on our website then select your child's class from the 'Our Classes' tab at the top of the page.**

We hope you find the Curriculum Newsletters informative. Please speak to your child's teacher if you have any questions about any aspect of them.

## Parents Evening Letters

Children will be bringing these home tomorrow. (Tuesday) Please complete and return forms as soon as possible so teachers can confirm your appointment time.



## Celebration Assembly Awards

<b>Outstanding Learner</b>	Effie S, Ellie M, Ava O'N
<b>Outstanding Attitude</b>	Harrison J, Cameron E, Harrison T
<b>Outstanding Manners</b>	Molly F
<b>Homework</b>	New award that will start next week!
<b>Wow Writer</b>	Benjamin S, Oliver D, Ashton H
<b>Maths Wizard</b>	Emily O, Ava P
<b>Values</b>	Evie D
<b>Independence and Perseverance</b>	Flinn B, Lucas C
<b>Sports Award</b>	Ido S
<b>Head Teacher Award</b>	Aidan H, Eloise H
<b>Golden Broom</b>	Silver Birch Class



### Wow word of the week



A word from the book we have been reading in assemblies this week.

### Reminder about School Meal payments on Parent Pay

A reminder please to check Parent Pay accounts regularly. Despite reminders on recent newsletters and reminders by text messages, we still have a number of families who are often well behind with these payments. We will send final reminders by letter over the next couple of weeks. Please contact us at school if there are ever any issues with payments so we can help resolve things quickly. Thank you for your support with this.

### Attendance for last week

Willow Class	99.0
Horse Chestnut Class	89.0
Sycamore Class	90.5
Lime Class	96.9
Silver Birch Class	90.0
Rowan Class	98.0
Hawthorn Class	92.5

Well done to Willow, Lime and Rowan who all achieved attendance above our minimum target level. Special "Well done" to Willow class for 99% attendance that was the best out of the entire school.

### Additional Flu Catch Up Clinics

We have been asked to share details of Flu Catch Up Clinics with you (in case your child didn't have this at school and you would still like them to have this)

19.01.19—9.00—12.00—The Dolphin Centre, Darlington

19.01.19—13.30—16.00—Spennymoor Leisure Centre

### Christmas Community Disco

Thank you to parents who organised the Christmas Community Disco at the Village Hall in December. They gave a donation of £100 to our school/PTA and we are extremely grateful for this contribution. As with all money raised donated to school and/or raised by the PTA, this will be used to support educational opportunities we provide for your children.

### Comments on public social media pages

A reminder that it is not appropriate for comments about our school and/or individual staff members, pupils, etc to be posted on public social media pages. Whilst everyone has the right to express their view, when comments of this nature are shared publicly, they can be defamatory and can cause upset to individuals involved. I am sure you will agree it would never be acceptable for staff employed by school to comment on school matters on social media (we have a Staff Code of Conduct to ensure this doesn't happen) and we would hope the same respect can be shown towards our staff and school by parents, carers, family members and the wider community.

If you have a concern, complaint or issue, please contact us rather than turning to social media; we will always discuss your concerns with you and will do all we can to resolve matters. Whilst we might not always be able to agree on all school matters or with every decision taken, we can hopefully show a level of respect for each other by expressing concerns in an appropriate way and by following appropriate channels.

To ensure the well being of staff who work in school we also have a **Code of Conduct for parents, carers and visitors to our school**. This also covers the use of social media and clearly outlines how this would be addressed if the matter became serious. This was agreed by Governors during a meeting in June 2018. Please follow a link to this on our school website if you wish to read it in more detail:

<http://www.aycliffvillage.durham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/45/2014/07/Code-of-Conduct-for-parents-and-carers-June-2018.pdf>

Thank you in anticipation of your support with this.

### Dates for School Holidays for the rest of this academic year and next academic year

*Please see the information below for dates of school holidays for the rest of this academic year and next academic year. These have been requested by some parents and we hope you find the advance notice helpful.*

#### Academic Year 2018—2019

<b>Holiday</b>	<b>Date school closes at the end of the day on...</b>	<b>Date school reopens</b>
February half term 2019	Friday 15th February	Monday 25th February
Easter 2019	Friday 5th April	Tuesday 23rd April
May half term 2019	Friday 24th May	Monday 3rd June
Summer holidays 2019	Friday 19th July	Tuesday 3rd September

#### Academic Year 2019—2020

<b>Holiday</b>	<b>Date school closes at the end of the day on...</b>	<b>Date school reopens</b>
October half term 2019	Friday 25th October	Monday 4th November
Christmas holidays 2019	Friday 20th December	Tuesday 7th January
February half term 2020	Friday 14th February	Monday 24th February
Easter holidays 2020	Friday 3rd April	Tuesday 21st April
May half term 2020	Thursday 21st May	Monday 1st June
Summer holidays 2020	Friday 17th July	To be confirmed

***Please be aware the dates above include all Professional Development/Teacher Training Days. We have joined these onto other school holidays to help minimise disruption for families as much as possible.***