



Newsletter 28th January 2019

Aycliffe Village Primary School



Dear Parents/Carers

Children in Sycamore Class (Year 2) led a wonderful class assembly about the Great Fire of London last Thursday. I was so proud to see all children taking part and sharing their knowledge of this topic with us. Thank you to all family members who came to join us for this—it was lovely to see so many of you in school.

Best wishes
Mrs H Sutherland
Head Teacher

Update about our school Friendship Bench

On a newsletter a while ago, I mentioned our School Council had come up with the idea of having a Friendship Bench on our school grounds. A member of the Church community has offered to make this for us and we are all really excited about it! The School Council decided to have a competition where children would come up with a design for the bench. They considered nearly 60 entries. I am delighted to announce that the overall winning design was Lucy's! (Year 5) A copy of this is on the back page of the newsletter. The School Council also decided they would like to incorporate elements of the designs by Charlotte A (Year 5) and Esme (Year 3) Congratulations to Lucy, Charlotte and Esme and thank you to our School Council for organising this.



Celebration Assembly Awards

Outstanding Learner	Jack P
Outstanding Attitude	India H
Outstanding Manners	Susie M
Homework	Summer P, James D, Hannah W
Wow Writer	Lily P, Seth B
Maths Wizard	Kobe P, Layken H
Values	Eden S, Bailey C
Independence and Perseverance	Maya C, Myles F
Sports Award	Tyler S
Head Teacher Award	Aria T, Jamie L
Golden Broom	Sycamore Class!



Wow word of the week



Update from the PTA

The PTA questionnaire will be coming home tonight. Please look out for this—we will be very grateful for any responses that come back into school.

Letters will also be coming home today about 'Friday Club (previously known as 'Film Club') so please look out for these.

A Valentine's Disco will take place on **Thursday 14th February from 5.00—6.30pm**. More details will be shared on next week's newsletter but we wanted you to know the date in ad-

Attendance for last week

Willow Class	95.2
Horse Chestnut Class	93.0
Sycamore Class	98.9
Lime Class	100
Silver Birch Class	97.3
Rowan Class	98.7
Hawthorn Class	100

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

Horse Chestnut Class (Year 1) visit to St Andrew's Church

Horse Chestnut Class will visit St Andrew's Class this Wednesday afternoon as part of their RE topic. Please make sure they have a warm coat and hats, gloves, etc as the forecast is cold for this week.

Concern about a You Tube video

Please be aware of a concerning You Tube video we are told some primary children are watching. It contains a character called 'Jeffy'. At a first glance, it looks innocent, as the character is a puppet. However, it contains inappropriate adult content. We would urge you to be aware of this when your children are online.

Reminder about Parents Evenings—5th and 6th February (3.30—5.30)

A reminder to please get in touch with school if you haven't made an appointment for this. We really hope you can join us for this valuable opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and to look at their books.

Year 5 children—'Make a Difference' Project

All Year 5 children will be taking part in a 'Make a Difference' project. Mrs Brown will lead this with them and they will come together, as a group, on some Friday afternoons to focus on this. This is a child-led social action project and is designed to encourage children to make a positive difference to their communities. As a group they will choose a topic for their project and will work on this over the coming weeks and months. They will then lead a presentation on this during a Celebration Event in June. I am sure this will be a very worthwhile project for our Year 5 children and I look forward to seeing what ideas they come up with!

Judo Taster Sessions

Children in years 1 to 6 will have the opportunity to take part in a Judo Taster Session this Wednesday morning. This will be led by a Sports Coach and is part of the School Sports Partnership contract our school is part of. We hope the children enjoy this opportunity.

Winning design for our School Friendship Bench

Congratulations to Lucy in Year 5! I am sure you will agree it looks fantastic!

