



Newsletter 11th March 2019

Aycliffe Village Primary School



Dear Parents/Carers

We had another wonderful Class Assembly last week, this time led by our Year 3 children in Lime Class. The theme of their assembly was the book 'The Iron Man' and I was so impressed with some of their writing linked to this book. It was also a great link to World Book Day which took place on the same day. Thank you for your support with all costumes for World Book Day. We had such a lovely day in school and the children were so excited to tell me all about their costumes and the books they came from. My favourite costumes were Benjamin's (Saucepan Man from the 'The Magic Faraway Tree' - one of my favourite childhood books) and Susie's wardrobe costume from 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'. Such creative costumes that made me smile every time I saw them around school!

Heats for our 'Aycliffe's Got Talent' show have been in full force today! Whilst I haven't seen them all, I have heard and seen glimpses as I've walked through the hall. We certainly have some very talented children in our school! Children have voted for the act from their year group that they would like to go through to the Grand Final on Friday and staff will be choosing some 'Wild Cards' to join them in the final. We will announce which children are through during our assembly tomorrow morning but thank all children who joined in the fun, rehearsed hard and entertained their classes today!

Best wishes
Mrs H Sutherland
Head Teacher

Scaffolding at the front of our school

This is to complete some necessary repairs to our school roof. We usually try to have work like this completed during school holidays but this wasn't possible without a very long wait. Our main school entrance and the entrance to the House of Eden Nursery are still accessible. On Thursday cabins will be put near this area in the car park for workmen to use while they complete the work to the roof. ***This means we will lose some car parking spaces and some staff will need to park outside school.*** I know this will not help an already congested area so wanted to warn you, in advance. It is anticipated that the work will take three weeks.

Comic Relief—Friday 15th March

Children are invited to wear non-uniform on Friday, for a donation to the charity of an amount of your choice, to raise money for Comic Relief. We are looking forward to raising money for this very worthwhile cause.

Celebration Assembly Awards



Outstanding Learner	Rudi L, Chloe A
Outstanding Attitude	Jacob J
Outstanding Manners	Lucy B
Homework	Bailey C, Finnley McA, Clara McW
Wow Writer	Phoebe G, Oliver W, Joseph D
Maths Wizard	Harvey W,
Values	Ella W-K
Sports Award	Annabel D, Myles F
Head Teacher Award	Adam C, Hannah W
Golden Broom	Horse Chestnut and Sycamore Classes!

Internet Safety—training for children and parents/carers

Please see information about training courses for parents/carers—they have been highly recommended.

Durham Constabulary will be hosting 4 workshops for children and parents/carers throughout the Easter Holidays. Learn everything you need to know about cyber safety: password, gaming, social media and so much more.

Tuesday 9th April - 13.00—14.00 and 14.00—15.00

Wednesday 17th April—10.00—11.00 and 11.00—12.00

For further information and booking please contact PCP on 01325 321234 or email enquiries@pcp.uk.net (Pioneering Care Partnership, Carers Way, Newton Aycliffe DL5 4SF)

Curriculum Newsletter

In our recent parental Curriculum questionnaires, a couple of people mentioned it would be helpful to know which topics are being covered at school. Just a reminder that this information is already available and shared at the start of every term in newsletters written by class teachers. It was something new introduced last January. This information is on our school website and we let you know at the start of each term, when this has been added. **On the home page of our website, please go to the 'Our Classes' section and choose your child's class from the list.**

New lunch menus (Summer menus)

A reminder that new lunch menus were handed out last Friday—thank you for those that have already been returned. **Please return these to school by Friday 15th March. Any not returned by this date will be automatically be put on red choice everyday.** Please contact Mrs Dolan if you have any questions about this.

Updates about residential trips

We will be holding meetings for parents/carers on the following dates:

Wednesday 27th March, 5.00pm—Ford Castle Trip (Year 4)

Wednesday 3rd April, 5.00pm—Kingswood Trip (Years 5 and 6)

This will be an opportunity for you to find out more about the trips and ask any questions you might have.

Sickness bugs

A reminder that, if children have had an upset stomach/tummy bug, they shouldn't return to school for 48 hours after their last bout of sickness or diarrhoea. I know this might be frustrating if your child seems well again but we follow medical advice on this to try to stop these bugs from spreading. Thank you for your support with this.

Attendance for last week

Willow Class	92.4
Horse Chestnut Class	96.0
Sycamore Class	97.4
Lime Class	100
Silver Birch Class	99.1
Rowan Class	96.0
Hawthorn Class	93.6

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

Easter Egg Decoration Competition

Children are invited to decorate a hard boiled egg for a competition organised by our PTA. They should decorate this at home and bring it into school on **Monday 1st April**. Although we know parents/carers will be helping children with their creations, please be aware judges will be looking for work by children. Adults, step away from the glue and paint!!



Wow word of the week

