



Newsletter - Monday 25th March 2019

Aycliffe Village Primary School



Dear Parents/Carers

Mrs Brown and I had a lovely time on Saturday morning when we took some of our children to sing at St Clare's Church. We had been invited to provide some entertainment at a Mother's Union Coffee morning and were delighted to take part in this community event. Thank you to all children and their families who supported this—we have received many compliments about the children's singing and the way they represented our school!



On another topic, I would like to draw your attention to the section overleaf about Social media. I would be very grateful if you could all read it carefully please.

Best wishes
Mrs H Sutherland
Head Teacher

Easter Performances

A reminder of dates for our Easter Performances. These will take place at school.

Tuesday 2nd April, 2.30pm—parents/carers/family members of children in Reception and Key Stage 1 invited to attend.

Wednesday 3rd April, 9.00am—parents/carers/family members of children in Key Stage 2 invited to attend.



Willow Class Assembly

A reminder that children in Willow Class (Reception) will lead their Class Assembly on **Thursday 28th March at 9.00am**. Parents/carers/family members are invited to join us. We hope to see you there.

Meetings about Residential Trips

A reminder that meetings about residential trips will take place on the dates below:

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

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

Celebration Assembly Awards



Outstanding Learner	Freya C, Leo N
Outstanding Attitude	Jack S, Ashton H
Outstanding Manners	Jamie L
Homework	Eden S, Emma N
Wow Writer	Jenson P, Amelia T-L,
Maths Wizard	Oliver Y, Harry T
Values	Amy L
Independence and Perseverance	Jasmine D
Sports Award	Samuel S, Olivia C
Head Teacher Award	Harrison D, Keira S
Golden Broom	Silver Birch and Hawthorn Classes!

Social Media

Unfortunately, due to a recent incident, I need to remind everyone that it is not appropriate for unpleasant or derogatory comments about the school, staff or school incidents to be placed on social media pages. These can be defamatory and, as such, may lead to legal advice being sought and action being taken. Despite any potential legal implications, I also view this as a lack of respect and common courtesy. Whilst we might not always agree, there is a correct way to express any concerns and public social media posts or posts that are seen by large numbers of people, are not the way to do this. This is a message we constantly reinforce with our children when speaking about internet use and I am concerned that some adults connected with our school have chosen to act in this way. Please contact the school instead and we will discuss any concerns you have.

As well as having a duty of care to your children, our school also has a duty of care to our staff. It is not acceptable for them to be exposed to comments that causes them upset and could be viewed as malicious. This can turn into bullying or harassment when other people respond to comments made. My experience is that posts of this nature only represent one perspective or viewpoint and rarely represent the whole story or all information to hand. Staff have no right of reply within the public forum and this means it is a very unfair situation.

I am hopeful that this message is only needed for a small part of our school community. However I felt it was necessary to share this information with everyone as a reminder of our practice, policies and expectations. This is summarised in our ***Code of Conduct for Parents/Carers and other adults visiting our school*** if you wish to read about it in more detail. You can find a copy in the Policies section of our school website.

Thank you in anticipation of your support with this.

Attendance for last week

Willow Class	99.5
Horse Chestnut Class	97.0
Sycamore Class	97.4
Lime Class	96.2
Silver Birch Class	95.5
Rowan Class	100
Hawthorn Class	98.9

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

Easter Egg Competition

A reminder that 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** please. Although we know parents/carers will be helping children with their creations, please be aware judges will be looking for as much work as possible to be completed by children.



Wow word of the week

triumphantly