



Newsletter - Monday 1st April 2019

Aycliffe Village Primary School



Dear Parents/Carers

Willow Class clearly enjoyed leading their Class Assembly last week on the topic of Mother's Day. They performed with a confidence that was very impressive for their age. Thank you to all family members who joined us for this—I hope you enjoyed sharing this assembly with us.



A reminder that school closes at the end of the day this Friday. I hope you all have a lovely Easter and we look forward to seeing you on **Tuesday 23rd April**, when school re-opens after the Easter holidays.

Best wishes
Mrs H Sutherland
Head Teacher

Easter Performances

A reminder of dates for our Easter Performances this week.

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.

Goodbye Mr Barr!

We will be very sorry to say goodbye to Mr Barr, our Sports Apprentice, at the end of this week. He is leaving as his family have relocated to Devon. We will miss Mr Barr, as I'm sure many of your children will, and thank him for everything he has done for our school.

Hello Mrs Hughes!

After Easter, we will welcome Mrs Hughes to our school as a new Lunchtime Supervisor. Mrs Hughes is an experienced Lunchtime Supervisor and has worked at our school before, as a Teaching Assistant and in our school kitchen. We look forward to welcoming her to our team!

Year 5—swimming

All Year 5 children will start swimming lessons **the first week back after the Easter holidays (on Wednesdays)** They will swim for half a term and Year 6 will go swimming after the May half term holiday.

Celebration Assembly Awards



Outstanding Learner	Ava P
Outstanding Attitude	Tyler S
Outstanding Manners	Scarlet D
Homework	Joseph A, Hannah S
Wow Writer	Kobe P, Harry P
Maths Wizard	George H, Hannah C, Matthew L
Values	Macie T, Ellie W, Lily P
Independence and Perseverance	Sam T, Edward D, Olivia H
Sports Award	Alex B
Head Teacher Award	Adam L, Ruby C, Clara McW
Golden Broom	Rowan Class!

After School Clubs for Summer Term

We have arranged a wider variety of clubs we will offer next half term, following feedback from recent parent questionnaires. Please be aware that some clubs will run for the next half term and some for the full term (details are given in the table below) ***If you wish your child to attend any of the clubs (apart from Lingotots) then a reply slip needs to be completed and returned as soon as possible. Letters will be handed out on Tuesdays to children who show an interest in attending. All clubs will run from 3.15—4.15.***

Day	Name of Club	Year Groups	Led by
Monday (running for the full term)	Lingotots (French) 15 places available	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	Joanna from Lingotots. <i>Please be aware that you need to sign up and pay for this via the Lingotot website (see attached letter at the end of this newsletter)</i>
Tuesday (running for 6 weeks—please see dates on the letter)	Singing 20 places available	Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)	Shanaya Atkinson - local professional singer who appeared on X Factor 2017.
Wednesday (running for half a term)	Athletics	Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)	Mr Hubbard, our Sports Coach
Thursday (running for the full term)	Dance	All year groups	Miss Louise
Friday (running for half a term)	Athletics	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	Mr Hubbard, our Sports Coach

Changing circumstances

Please be aware that if your financial circumstances change, you might be eligible for free school meals for your child/ren. In these circumstances, our school also receives additional funding to help provide some extra support for your child in school. If you wish to discuss this further please contact Mrs Dolan or Mrs Sutherland and we will be more than happy to discuss this with you.

Attendance for last week

Willow Class	100
Horse Chestnut Class	99.0
Sycamore Class	100
Lime Class	97.7
Silver Birch Class	97.7
Rowan Class	96.0
Hawthorn Class	97.9

Well done to all classes and who have all achieved attendance above our minimum target level. Special "Well done" to Willow and Sycamore for 100% attendance that was the best out of the whole school.

School Trip for Willow Class

We have arranged a school trip for Willow Class on ***Monday 29th April to Hardwick Park, Sedgfield***. This is linked to their topic and class text for this half term (The Hungry Caterpillar) Children in Willow Class will be bringing a letter home about the trip this week so please look out for it.

Annual General Meeting for our PTA

This will take place at school on ***Wednesday 8th May at 5.00pm***. Please join us for this if you can so we can collect your views and continue to build on the fantastic work our PTA does.

Wow word of the week



Lingotot French Sessions

We are very excited to be offering our award-winning language sessions at Aycliffe Village Primary School this term. The after school French club is for pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. It will take place every Monday during term time from 3.15 until 4.15, 29th April—8th July (NB There will be no club on the final Monday of Summer term)

Lingotot makes language learning fun through play, singing, storytelling and craft activities—all in the foreign language. The sessions are very interactive with plenty of moving around and language learning props. We will cover a different topic each week such as Let's Get Moving!, Let's Eat!, Hobbies, Pets etc. The sessions are led by a fully qualified Lingotot practitioner with enhanced DBS disclosure, First Aid and Safeguarding training.

This after school club costs £3.75 per child per week and must be booked online at www.lingotot.com/classes/1985 . Please note we only have 15 places available and these will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

For more information about Lingotot, please see our website www.lingotot.com or find Lingotot South Durham on Facebook. If you have any questions about the after school club, please email Joanna at south-durham@lingoto.com