



Newsletter - Monday 29th April 2019

# Aycliffe Village Primary School



Dear Parents/Carers

We have another busy week ahead in school with a school trip for our Reception Class and Year 4's residential trip to Ford Castle. It is lovely to see the obvious excitement from children who will be taking part in these trips! For some of our Year 4 children, it will be their first time away from home (without a family member) and we hope it will be a wonderful opportunity for them to gain shared experiences and to make memories with their friends and teachers. I look forward to hearing all about it when they return!

As promised last week, please see the last two pages of this newsletter for confirmation of Summer Term Diary Dates.

Best wishes  
Mrs H Sutherland  
Head Teacher

## Arrangements whilst some children and staff are away at Ford Castle next week

Miss Richmond and Miss Peel will be taking Year 4 children to Ford Castle from Wednesday to Friday this week. Arrangements for cover in school are as follows:

- Mrs Wellstood—will be teaching **Year 6 from Wednesday to Friday**. She will be continuing the SATs preparation work and will also lead after School SATs Club this week. Although employed as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant at our school, Mrs Wellstood is a qualified teacher and has met with Miss Peel so she has all the detail of everything that needs to be covered.
- **All Year 5 children will be taught by Mrs Brown from Wednesday to Friday this week.** They will be involved in a road safety project run by local police (linked to English work) and will cover some key Year 5 Maths objectives. Swimming will go ahead, as usual.
- **Year 4 children who are not going to Ford Castle** will be taught by Mr Underwood on Wednesday and Thursday mornings and will join Mrs Brown and Year 5s for the rest of that week.

## Children going to Ford Castle on Wednesday

Please can children/parents bring bags/suitcases to the **Main Entrance on Wednesday morning** and we will store them safely in the inner corridor until it is time for the children to leave on the bus.

A reminder that if a child needs/might need medication whilst they are away, then **a medical form must be returned to school ASAP** and by Wednesday morning, at the latest. Please contact school if you are unsure about this.

## Celebration Assembly Awards



<b>Outstanding Learner</b>	Ashton H
<b>Outstanding Attitude</b>	Adam C, Emily O, Ellie W
<b>Outstanding Manners</b>	Sam M
<b>Homework</b>	Hannah S (Reception)
<b>Wow Writer</b>	Evie D, Aidan H
<b>Maths Wizard</b>	Archer D, Alex C, Jack M
<b>Values</b>	James D, Kayla S, Evie W
<b>Independence and Perseverance</b>	Flinn B
<b>Sports Award</b>	Morgan A
<b>Head Teacher Award</b>	Freya C, Daisy G
<b>Golden Broom</b>	Horse Chestnut Class!

### Dates for statutory assessments this term

Please be aware of the dates for various assessments that take place during the Summer Term. These are statutory so it is very important your children are in school for these dates unless there are exceptional circumstances. Please contact school if this is the case.

Date	Year Group	Type of Assessment
Week beginning 13th May	6	Key Stage 2/Year 6 SATs Tests (set timetable for this)
Week beginning 20th May	2	Key Stage 1/Year 2 SATs Tests
Week beginning 10th June	1	Phonics Screening Check

### All Stars Cricket

James Bell from Durham Cricket Club was in school last week to promote a cricket club for children aged 4 to 9 years old. It's called All Stars Cricket and will take place at Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club on Thursdays from 6.00—7.00 (starting on 23rd May) The cost is £40 and includes a personalised kit of a bag, cricket bat, cap, rucksack, etc. Children in Year 1, 2 and 3 should have brought a leaflet home about this last week. For more details please visit the following :

[allstarscricket.co.uk](http://allstarscricket.co.uk)



### Lingotots

A reminder that we are now running a Lingotots After School Club on Mondays this term. This is open to children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. We have only had a very small number of children sign up for this. Please follow the link below and contact Joanna if you would like your child to take part—it would be wonderful if more children could join in with this.

[www.lingotot.com/classes/1985](http://www.lingotot.com/classes/1985).



### Attendance for last week

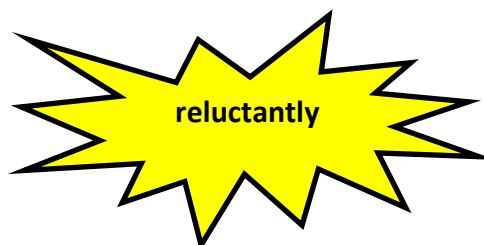
<b>Willow Class</b>	<b>97.2</b>
<b>Horse Chestnut Class</b>	97.0
<b>Sycamore Class</b>	97.2
<b>Lime Class</b>	96.5
<b>Silver Birch Class</b>	97.7
<b>Rowan Class</b>	96.4
<b>Hawthorn Class</b>	97.7

Well done to all classes and who have all achieved attendance above our minimum target level. Special "Well done" to Silver Birch and Hawthorn for 97.7% attendance that was the best out of the entire school.

### Year 5—Making Changes Together Project

On Tuesday afternoon this week, Year 5 will be taking part in a Litter Pick in the local area. They will also be finding out more about dog fouling and work being carried out to try to improve this. This is part of the Making Changes Together project they are involved in as part of our Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship curriculum. It is wonderful to see them identifying some issues that are concerning them and seeing them work together to try to improve these.

### Wow word of the week



## Diary Dates for Summer Term 2019

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Date	Event
Wednesday 1st to Friday 3rd May	Silver Birch Class, Year 4, to go to Ford Castle.
Monday 6th May	School closed for Bank Holiday Monday.
Wednesday 8th May, 5.00pm	Annual General Meeting for the PTA (Parent Teacher Association) Please join us for this if you can.
Thursday 9th May, 9.00am	Silver Birch Class Assembly (Year 4) parents, carers, family members invited to attend.
Monday 13th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Tuesday 14th May	Bags to school being collected (PTA fundraiser)
Tuesday 14th May, 3.15—4.15	Group of Year 5 children to visit UTC to take part in Science Sparks.
Monday 20th May	Year 2 SATs Week
Thursday 23rd May, 9.00am.	Horse Chestnut Class Assembly (Year 1) parents, carers, family members invited to attend.
Friday 24th May	School closes at the end of the day for the May half term holiday.
Monday 3rd June	School reopens after the May half term holiday.
Tuesday 4th June	Puberty talks with School Nurse for Year 5 and Year 6 children (letters to follow)
Monday 10th June	Year 1 Phonics Check to take place this week.
Tuesday 11th June	Year 5 children to spend a day at Woodham Academy (more details will be shared on future newsletters)
Thursday 13th/Friday 14th June	Art Gallery in school (times to be confirmed)
Tuesday 18th June, 9.00am	Children who have music lessons from Musicworks (keyboard and guitar) to lead a music concert. Parents/carers/family members invited to attend.
Wednesday 19th to Friday 21st June	Rowan and Hawthorn Classes (Years 5 and 6) residential trip to Dukeswood House
Thursday 20th June, 3.00pm	Our school uniform suppliers will be in school if anyone would like to place an order with them.
Thursday 20th June, 5.00pm	Meeting for parents/carers of new Reception starters.
Wednesday 26th June	Year 5 children to attend a 'Make a Difference' Celebration Event.
Thursday 27th June	9.30—Sports Day for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 1.30—Sports Day for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 3.30—5.30—PTA Summer Fayre  <i>We have recently been made aware there is a clash with some Year 6 secondary transition days and our Sports Day. We will look into this to try to find a solution—we set the date for our Sports Day back in September so were unaware of the clash of dates.</i>

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Friday 28th June	Move Up Morning 1! Children to visit their classes for next year and new Reception starters to visit with their parents/carers.
Monday 1st July	A group of Year 5 children to attend a Maths Challenge event at Woodham Academy.
Thursday 4th July	Year 5 and 6 children to attend an Outdoor Adventurous Activity Day at Stanley Crook Forest.
Friday 5th July	Move Up Morning 2! Children to visit their classes for next year and new Reception starters to visit (and stay in school without their parents/carers)
Thursday 11th July	End of Year Reports to be handed out.
Tuesday 16th July	Optional Parents Evening to discuss end of year reports.
Wednesday 17th July, 3.15—4.45	Reception and Key Stage 1 Disco! Parents/carers don't need to attend although the PTA would welcome volunteers to help with food, drinks, etc.
Thursday 18th July	12.45—Leavers meal for Year 6 children and their parents/carers. 2.00—Year 6 Leavers Service. Parents, carers, family members invited to attend. 3.15—4.45 PTA Key Stage 2 and Year 6 Leavers Disco!
Friday 19th July	School breaks up for the Summer holidays!

