



Newsletter - Monday 3rd June 2019

Aycliffe Village Primary School



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the last half term of this school year! I hope you managed to have some family time over the bank holiday weekend. Please check the last page of this newsletter for a reminder of key dates for this half term.

We have received a letter from Spennymoor Stage and Song about auditions for a production of 'Annie'. Please see the home page of our website for details of this. I know we have many talented children in our school who might be interested in this opportunity.

Best wishes
Mrs H Sutherland
Head Teacher

Year 6 Swimming

A reminder that Year 6 children will go swimming on Wednesdays this half term. Year 5 children from Hawthorn Class will join the rest of Year 5 in Rowan Class for Wednesday afternoons.



New Office Manager

We will welcome Mrs Dawn Swainston as our new Office Manager in September. She currently works at a primary school in Darlington and impressed staff, governors and members of our School Council, during the interview day. We look forward to giving Mrs Swainston a very warm welcome when she joins us in September!



Celebration Assembly Awards

Congratulations to all children who were chosen for awards the Friday we broke up for the May half term holiday!



Outstanding Learner	Jasmine D, Oliver D
Outstanding Attitude	Jenson C, Tyler S
Outstanding Manners	Isabella D
Homework	Marnie S, Freya C
Wow Writer	Harrison D, Savannah D
Maths Wizard	Joshua T
Values	Harrison T, Layken H
Independence and Perseverance	Emma N, Lucas C
Sports Award	Finnley Mc, Hannah S (Year 6)
Head Teacher Award	Olivia C, Lexie N-B
Golden Broom	Lime Class!



PTA Update



We are trialling the sale of fruit for Key Stage 2 children (children in Reception and Key Stage 1 already receive fruit free every day as part of a government scheme) This will be sold every Friday, starting this week, at morning playtime, for 20p per piece of fruit.

Ice-cream Friday also starts on Friday 7th June! These will be sold on the playground at home time. Prices are 50p for an ice-lolly and £1.00 for an ice-cream.

Thank you to everyone who supported Bags 2 Schools. This raised £70 for PTA funds.

Our Summer Fayre will take place on Thursday 27th June from 3.30—5.30pm. This year we will be holding the first Great Aycliffe Village Primary School Bake Off with prizes for infants, juniors and adult entries! More information to follow next week. We are also requesting donations for the adult and children's tombola and would like good quality second hand uniform and children's toys. Please send these items into school. We are also holding a Summer Raffle and are looking for prizes from local businesses. If you, or a friend or family member are able to donate a prize please either send this into the school office or contact Leah Kelly by emailing aycliffevillpta@gmail.com to arrange collection.

If you are able to volunteer to help at the fayre please email aycliffevillpta@gmail.com. Thank you for your support.

Attendance for last week

Willow Class	96.7
Horse Chestnut Class	85.2
Sycamore Class	99.5
Lime Class	92.7
Silver Birch Class	83.6
Rowan Class	98.8
Hawthorn Class	93.7

Well done to classes Willow, Sycamore, Rowan and Hawthorn who have all achieved attendance above our minimum target level. Special "Well done" to Sycamore class for 99.5% attendance that was the best out of the whole school!

Wow word of the week



Golf lessons

Blackwell Grange Junior Golf Academy are offering some free golf lessons to girls. These will be held on Tuesday 11th June, 25th June, 9th July and 25th July. (6.00—6.45) All classes are led by PGA professional Aaron Cox. If you are interested in these for your child please use the following contact details. Phone number: 01325 461002 or email blackwellgrangegolfacademy@gmail.com



After School Clubs for this half term

Details for Lingtots, Dance Class and Singing with Shanaya are, as shared last half term.

After School Sports Clubs (led by our Sports Coach, Mr Hubbard) will start next week (week beginning 10th June) and the last week will be 8th July 2019.

Wednesdays—Cricket Club for children in Receptions, Year 1 and Year 2

Fridays—Cricket Club for children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Letters will be given tomorrow to children who express an interest in the Cricket Clubs. Please contact our school office if your child doesn't bring a letter home and you would like them to take part.

Diary Dates for Summer Term (2nd half term) 2019

Please note that these dates are correct at the time of printing. There might be unavoidable reasons why some dates need to be changed in the future. If this happens we will inform parents/carers on future newsletters and via text message.

Date	Event
Monday 10th June	Year 1 Phonics Check to take place this week. PM—Rowan Class to meet an astronaut at The Xcel Centre
Tuesday 11th June	AM—Year 5s from Hawthorn Class to meet an astronaut at The Xcel Centre PM—Year 6 children from Hawthorn Class to meet an astronaut at The Xcel Centre 10.30—2.30—Year 5 children to visit Woodham Academy
Friday 14th June	Art Exhibition in school - children's art work will be available to view and buy from 2.15 that afternoon. It will be on the theme of 'Celebrating Differences'.
Tuesday 18th June	9.00—Music Concert. Parents/carers/family members of children who have keyboard and guitar lessons with Music Works (and singers joining them to perform!) are welcome to attend.
Wednesday 19th to Friday 21st June	Residential trip to Kingswood for children in Years 5 and 6.
Thursday 20th June	3.00—School uniform on sale in our school hall 5.00—Meeting for Parents/Carers of new Reception starters for September 2019
Wednesday 26th June	Year 6 children to go on a trip to Beamish. Group of Year 5 children to lead their presentation in the Make a Difference Challenge and Celebration Event.
Thursday 27th June	9.30—Sports Day for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 1.30—Sports Day for Years 3, 4 and 5 (as most of Year 6 are on transition visits that day) 3.30—5.30—PTA Summer Fayre
Friday 28th June	Move Up Morning 1! Children to visit their classes for next year and new Reception starters to visit.
Monday 1st July	A group of Year 5 pupils to take part in a Maths Challenge at Woodham Academy.
Friday 5th July	Move Up Morning 2! Children to visit their classes for next year and new Reception starters to visit.
Thursday 11th July	End of Year Reports to be handed out.
Monday 15th July, 2.30	Sports Afternoon for Year 6 pupils—parents/carers/family members are invited to watch.
Tuesday 16th July, 3.30—5.30pm.	Optional Parents Evening to discuss end of year reports.
Wednesday 17th July, 3.15—4.45	Reception and Key Stage 1 Summer Disco. Parents/carers don't need to attend but the PTA would welcome some volunteers to support with this.
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—Summer Disco for Key Stage 2 children.
Friday 19th July	School breaks up for the Summer holidays!