



Newsletter 29th June 2020

# Aycliffe Village Primary School



Dear Parents/Carers

Yet again it has been wonderful to have more children back in school today and to see their happy, smiling faces as they catch up with friends and staff! We have all been so proud of the way they have coped with their first day back and the new systems that are in place.

Unfortunately, this will be the last time we widen our offer of places to children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. All of these bubbles are full. Only the children of Key Workers can ask for a place in school from today and this is on the understanding that they may be placed in a bubble that is not necessarily of their child's own year group.

I am hopeful that the guidance will ease and that we will be able to have everyone back together from September.

Thank you for your continued support.

Take care

Mrs A Brown

Deputy Head Teacher

## Update about Mr James Walsh, Chair of Governors

A couple of weeks ago, Mr Walsh was updating you about what was happening in school but now it is my turn to update you about him. As he said himself, there is never a good time to resign but he felt that the time had come to leave the Governing Body with immediate effect.

Mr Walsh has been a governor at the school for almost 10 years—many of them as Chair of Governors—and has been with the school through some very unusual and changing times. Throughout these times he led the school with a quiet, calm approach always there to support and advise as necessary. He has been a tremendous support, giving tirelessly of his time and energy.

On behalf of you and all the staff—past and present— I would like to thank him for his years of wisdom, generosity of time, expertise and unfailing dedication. Without him the school would not be the success it is today.

I know that he has plans for the future and wish him lots of luck with his new ventures.

I am confident that the Governing Body will continue to grow from the strong foundations that Mr Walsh has put in place. Mrs Wendy Falla-Holmes has been shadowing Mr Walsh in preparation for taking over since September and on Friday evening at a governor's meeting she was elected Chair. The school is looking forward to working with her.

## News from the PTA

I don't think the PTA ever stop working for the school and last week I was asked to organise the draw for the 100 Club. This was for March, April, May, June and July. The table on the next page shows who the lucky winner are. All winnings can be collected from school in September. Any winners from Year 6 will be given their prizes before the end of term.

Leah Kelly, Chair of the PTA, has the following message:

The PTA would like to thanks parents for their support this academic year. We hope everyone is safe and well and we look forward to holding activities and seeing you all again when it is safe to do so.

I would like to thank the PTA for all of their hard work in raising much needed funds for the school. Hopefully the activities they had planned will take place next year.



Newsletter 15th June 2020

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## Winners of the 100 Club

Month	Number		Name
March	1st	18	Harrison Dunn Y1
	2nd	63	Jack Porter Y6
	3rd	12	James Dean Y4
April	1st	37	Zachary Hopwood Y2
	2nd	94	Hannah Sexton Y1
	3rd	9	Joseph Dowson Y4
May	1st	40	Macie Tweddle Y2
	2nd	46	Iyla Falconer Y3
	3rd	26	Hannah Sexton Y1
June	1st	16	Issac Bradbury R
	2nd	89	Hannah Clark Y3
	3rd	47	Joseph Ashmore Y1
July	1st	31	Dylan Robson Y5
	2nd	15	Hannah Sexton Y1
	3rd	78	Alana Robson R

### A Virtual Sports Day

We should have been having our School Sports Day this week but that is just another event that we will have to look forward to next year.

However if you want to stay fit and active, the Sedgfield Schools Partnership are organising a virtual sports day for you to compete in at home. Some of our children will be taking part in some of the activities later this week.

All of the details can be found at:

<https://durhamcls-ssp.co.uk/vsg20/>

All entrants who register their results will earn points for our school.

Good Luck!

We have already achieved a School Games Virtual Award from the School Sports Partnership for entering events during the last few months.

