



# Holley Park Academy

Ayton Road, Oxclose, Washington, NE38 0LR



Dementia Friends



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Dear Parents and Carers

You may be aware that we have been supported by Rowena Carr from the Alzheimer's Society over the last two years to enable our Year 5 and 6 pupils to become Dementia Friends.

A Dementia Friend learns a little bit more about what it's like to live with dementia and then turns that understanding into action - anyone of any age can be a Dementia Friend. Dementia Friends is about learning more about dementia and the small ways you can help. From telling friends about Dementia Friends, to visiting someone you know living with dementia - every action counts.

We have had some very positive feedback from our staff, pupils, parents and carers about how this understanding has helped the children and enabled them to make a difference.

As a result of this, we are planning this term, to enable all children from Reception upwards to become a Dementia Friend. Rowena will be visiting each class between June and July to deliver a short session through a story, appropriate to each age group.

Rowena will also host a stall at our **Summer Fair (Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July @2pm)**, where you can find out more about the Alzheimer's Society and Dementia Friends.

In the meanwhile, we would like to support Alzheimer's Society by holding a **non uniform day on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May**. Children may come into school dressed in non uniform in return for a voluntary donation for this very worthy cause.

We will also be holding an **Alzheimer's Society Cupcake Day on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June**. There will be more details to follow closer to the time as to how the children will be taking part in this. However, we want to let you know that as part of this day, we will be holding a **coffee morning in school at 10.30am** with the choir performing. Everyone is most welcome to join us.

For more information please refer to the following websites.

[www.alzheimers.org.uk](http://www.alzheimers.org.uk)

[www.dementiafriends.org.uk](http://www.dementiafriends.org.uk)

[www.cupcakeday.alzheimers.org.uk](http://www.cupcakeday.alzheimers.org.uk)

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