



Aycliffe Drive Primary School

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Welcome back

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back all our existing and new pupils and parents and to thank everyone for sending in their children to school looking so smart, neat and tidy. Everyday apart from Mondays, one member of the Senior Leadership Team will endeavour to be on the playground before school to answer any questions and/or chat to parents.

Miss Johnson, who has been working in the school as a Teaching Assistant, is now working in Hawthorn with Mr Green and Miss Rumph as a Trainee Teacher.

A reminder, that Miss Bushell has now changed her name to Mrs Magowan.

School Uniform

Just to remind all KS2 parents that from Year 3 onwards ties are part of the children's school uniform. Please support us by ensuring that your child conforms to this. However, we are aware that many parents of Year 3 children have tried to buy the elasticated ties and we apologise for the late delivery and are aware that it is not the child's fault. Thank you to those parents who have been so supportive ensuring that their child is not wearing one of the very large bows following my request on Tuesday. These bows, whilst looking lovely, obscure the view of the board etc for those children sitting behind them. Please could all hair ornaments conform to school colours of red, black or white or a combination of these colours.

It has been noticed that some of the pupils are wearing very short skirts which are very impractical for wearing to school. If your child's skirt is short please could they wear leggings underneath.

Contacting the school

If you need to contact the school the procedure is as follows. To report your child's absence from school, please leave a message on the answerphone otherwise you will be contacted by staff. Please do not use Facebook for contacting the school for urgent issues.

School Crossing Patrol

I am sorry to inform parents that from Monday 18 September 2017 our lollipop man, Stan Beecham, will no longer be manning the crossing on Aycliffe Drive. Stan will continue to be a volunteer in school.

Application for Free School Meals

If any parents think that they may be eligible for free school, meals please log on to www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals before the 1 October and apply.

Food Allergies

As some of our pupils have serious allergies to nuts please ensure that your child's packed lunch does not contain any nuts, for example roasted peanuts. This is to prevent any reactions by our pupils which can cause serious harm.

Use of play equipment on the infant playground before and after school

For health and safety reasons we ask that your children do not play on the equipment before or after school. If your child does and has an accident the school cannot be held responsible as there is no direct supervision before 8.45am.

Parent Teacher Association

Due to budget restrictions it would be greatly appreciated by the school if we could have an active Parent Teacher Association. Could anyone who is interested please meet with Mrs Green on Thursday 14 September at 9.00am. If you are interested and unable to make this meeting please make an alternative arrangement or communicate by telephone or letter.

Macmillan Coffee afternoon

The school is hosting a Macmillan coffee afternoon, to raise funds for cancer support, on Friday 29 September at 2.00pm. All parents are invited. Please do come along and join us.

Old Pound Coins

Please check that you do not have old pound coins as from the 15 October 2017 they will not be legal tender and should not be used to pay for dinner money, school uniform or other items. The coins should be returned directly to a bank.

Parent Forum

A parents' forum meeting has been arranged for 9.00am on Friday 22 September. If you are coming and there is something you would particularly like to discuss please let the office know beforehand to ensure that the paperwork or information is prepared.

Parking

When parking outside of school please do not block residents' driveways or park on the zig zag lines. Thank you.

Term Dates for 2017-2018

Autumn Term 2017	
Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October	Half term
Friday 24 November	Occasional day (Pupils not in school)
Tuesday 19 December	School closes at 2.00pm for the Christmas holidays
Spring Term 2018	
Wednesday 3 January	Pupils return to school
Monday 12 February to Friday 16 February	Half term
Thursday 29 March	School closes at 2.00pm for the Easter holidays
Summer Term 2018	
Monday 16 April	Staff training day (Pupils not in school)
Tuesday 17 April	Pupils return to school
Monday 7 May	May Bank Holiday
Monday 28 May to Friday 1 June	Half term
Friday 20 July	School closes at 2.00pm for the summer holidays
Monday 23 July	Staff training day (Pupils not in school)
Tuesday 24 July	Staff training day (Pupils not in school)
Wednesday 25 July	Staff training day (Pupils not in school)

