



Aycliffe Drive Primary School

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Application for Secondary School

Applications for a place at Secondary School for your child to start in September 2019 are now open and will close on Wednesday 31 October 2018. It is recommended that applications should be made by Friday 26 October 2018. Applications are made on line and if you have any problems, please call into the school office for help and advice.

Macmillan Coffee afternoon

The school hosted a Macmillan coffee afternoon, to raise funds for cancer support, on Friday 29 September. £116.50 was raised on the day and this money has now been banked in the Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning Collection Account. A thank you to all parents who supported our fund raising for good causes.

Sporting Activities

On Thursday 11 October our pupils in Redwood, Oak and Maple took part in a Cross County Competition at the Astley Cooper School. The children performed well and were very well behaved and a delight to take out.

Egyptian Workshop

As part of the history topic this term about the Ancient Egyptians a workshop was held in school organised by an outside company. During the day the children participated in many activities including preparing food that the Egyptians ate at that time. The children looked amazing in their costumes. Thank you to all parents for supporting this workshop by paying a voluntary contribution and providing the costumes.

Outside Visits

As part of their topic on the local area pupils in years 3 and 4 walked down to the Old Town to look for signs of how the place would have looked earlier. The weather was good, the children seemed to enjoy the walk and learnt a great deal about Hemel Hempstead's past.

Friends of Aycliffe Drive

Various fund raising activities have already been planned for this term. The first activity is a cake sale to be held in the school hall on Wednesday 24 October at 3.15pm. On the 9 November children will be able to come to school in non-uniform, but will need to bring in a donation for the colour tombola which will be held at the Christmas Fair.

Other fund raising activities include a pyjama non-uniform day on Friday 16 November and this will be followed by a Pyjama movie night for the pupils in years 1 to 6. A final non-uniform day will be held on Friday 23 November.

In conjunction with our new ECO Council the Friends of Aycliffe Drive will be collecting clothing for recycling and this will take place on Monday 19 November. Further details to follow.

New ECO Council

As a school we are very aware of the need to recycle items that could be used instead of just putting them in the bin. Some of our pupils have formed an ECO Council and will be collecting waste ink/toner cartridges to

be recycled. If you have any cartridges that you need to dispose of please send them into school so that we can recycle them.

Reception Open morning

Three Reception open mornings have been arranged for parents to visit the school and receive information about the reception class. The dates are the 6, 14 and 22 November at 10.00am. If you are looking for a Reception place for your child for September 2019 and would like to attend, please book a place by contacting the school office or send an e-mail to admin@aycliffedrive.herts.sch.uk.

Reading at Home Workshops

To support parents when reading at home with their children a meeting has been arranged for each Key Stage. A letter giving the dates and times has been sent out. If you would like to attend please return the slip as soon as possible

Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2)	Tuesday 16 October 2018 at 9.00am
Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4)	Thursday 18 October 2018 at 9.00am
Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 and 6)	Monday 22 October 2018 at 9.00am

Attendance from the start of the Autumn Term Friday 14 September 2018

Again this year we are closely monitoring the attendance of all our pupils and our target for 2018-19 is for all children to have attended school for 97.0% or above. At the present time the class with the highest attendance is Chestnut with Willow in second place. Congratulations to both classes.

Class	Attendance		Class	Attendance	
Ash	97.8	☺	Hawthorn	97.0	☺
Elm	97.2	☺	Willow	98.0	☺
Birch	97.3	☺	Maple	97.3	☺
Sycamore	96.6	☺	Redwood	97.3	☺
Chestnut	98.6	☺	Oak	96.5	☺
Laurel	97.4	☺	Overall total	97.4	☺

Attendance over 96% - a smiley face ☺

Attendance below 96% - a sad face ☹

Term Dates for 2018-2019

Autumn Term 2018	
Wednesday 31 October	Closing date for applications for secondary school
Monday 29 October to Friday 2 November	Half term
Friday 30 November	Occasional day (Pupils not in school)
Friday 21 December	School closes at 2.00pm for the Christmas holidays
Spring Term 2019	
Monday 7 January	Staff training day (Pupils not in school)
Tuesday 8 January	Pupils return to school
Monday 18 February to Friday 22 February	Half term
Friday 5 April	School closes at 2.00pm for the Easter holidays
Summer Term 2019	
Tuesday 23 April	Pupils return to school
Monday 6 May	May Bank Holiday
Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May	Half term
Friday 19 July	School closes at 2.00pm for the summer holidays
Monday 22 July	Staff training day (Pupils not in school)
Tuesday 23 July	Staff training day (Pupils not in school)
Wednesday 24 July	Staff training day (Pupils not in school)

