



## AYCLIFFE DRIVE PRIMARY SCHOOL SPRING 2021 NEWSLETTER / INFORMATION SHEET NUMBER 7



Welcome back, we hope you had a lovely Easter Break with your children. Let us hope the weather warms up soon.

We have an action packed Summer Term planned with Reception exploring the wonderful and exciting world of Fairy tales.

Years 1 and 2 will be delving into habitats, plants and seasonal changes. Look out for their sun flowers growing around the school and their new topic will be space and the Earth.

Years 3 and 4 will be starting their new topic of the Mayans around 900AD and comparing them to the Britain around the same time. They will also be comparing our Forest School to the rain forest in that area. We have the Mayans to thank for chocolate and look forward to seeing the children's designs of chocolate bars.

Year 5 and 6 will be exploring the concept of Fair Trade and studying all living things and their habitats. We have many wonderful habitats around the school for the children to compare and investigate.

### Reception Starters September 2021

Do not forget to check your emails after 5pm on Friday 16th April to find out which Primary School your child has been offered.

We are so looking forward to seeing any of our families staying with us.



### Safeguarding Headlines

We are still required to keep the school building well ventilated to mitigate the risk of Covid-19 transmission. We are keeping the classroom windows open to improve ventilation. Although the weather is getting warmer, it can still be very cold. We are happy for your child to bring a fleece in to wear in class, we would prefer red but grey or black would also be suitable.

## Special Awards & Achievements



Congratulations to Ethan from Elm who recently took part in Sapphire Gymnastics Cyber Competition. Ethan came third in his category and received a bronze medal. Well done Ethan.

If your child has received any special achievements or awards outside of school, let us know. Please send details to [admin@aycliffedrive.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@aycliffedrive.herts.sch.uk), we would love to hear what the children are doing outside of school.

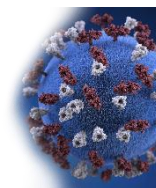
## School Attendance Matters! Every Student, Every School, Every Day



**WEEKLY PUNCTUALITY** This week there were 8 children late for school. It is important that your child attends school on time and ready to learn

**REPORTING ABSENCE** Please report all absences by ringing the school office and leaving a message on 01442 404008 before 8.30 on the day of absence. It is important you give us the reason for the absence so that we can monitor any potential outbreak of illness. You must also provide a confirmation letter or email for sickness and evidence of any medical appointments. Without this information, the absence will not be authorised and may result in a **fixed penalty notice** from the local authority.

**COVID-19 please remember, if you or a member of your household are displaying symptoms of Covid-19 and require a test, please keep your child/children off school. We also ask that you keep us updated.**



**DON'T FORGET** the school does not authorise holidays in school time and the local authority will issue **fixed penalty notices** for taking children out of school unless there are unavoidable, extreme circumstances when the school may authorise this.



**We have three classes with 100% attendance this week, well done to Sycamore, Hawthorn and Will, this week's winners of the attendance cup, closely followed by Redwood with 99.5% with Maple in third with 98.4%.**

### Overall Attendance for this year

Class	Attendance		Class	Attendance	
Ash	90.3%	☹	Hawthorn	97.2%	☺
Elm	92.1%	☹	Willow	96.5%	☺
Birch	94.8%	☹	Maple	94.3%	☹
Sycamore	95.6%	☹	Redwood	95.2%	☹
Chestnut	96.4%	☺	Oak	96.3%	☺
Laurel	96.5%	☺	Overall total	95.3%	☹

Attendance over 96% - a smiley face ☺

Attendance below 96% - a sad face ☹

## Forgotten stuff

A reminder that parents are unable to drop off any forgotten lunches, water bottles or other items once their child goes into class. Children who forget their lunch will be provided with a school packed lunch (KS2 children will be charged if not entitled to FSM).

If water bottles have been forgotten, children are able to have water in class. If your child arrives late to school and the gates are shut, please ring the buzzer and the office will open the gate for the child. The child will then need to go to their classroom and knock on their fire doors. Parents must not enter the site.



## Payments

Please remember the school is unable to accept cheques. All payments must be cash or made via the School Gateway.



As a school, we are committed to helping the environment and we would like to reduce the amount of paper that we use. All school related communication, newsletters, and payments go through School Gateway - it is the central hub of information for our parents - so to stay up to date with what's going on at school make sure you download the app for free. Just search *School Gateway* in your App store and download.

Apple iPhone users, download the app here: [schoolgateway.co.uk/iosdownload](https://schoolgateway.co.uk/iosdownload)

Android phone users, download the app here: [schoolgateway.co.uk/androiddownload](https://schoolgateway.co.uk/androiddownload)

## School Uniform

If you require any items of school uniform please send in a clearly marked envelope, with your child's name, class, which items you need and how much money is in the envelope, this will then be passed to the school office. Any purchased items of uniform will be sent home to you via your child.

Elastic ties	£3.35
Short ties	£3.90
Long ties	£4.35
Red book bags	£3.15
Red shoe bags	£2.20
School badges	£0.75



## Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club opens from 7.30am, the cost per session is £3.50 and £3.00 for siblings. Sessions can be booked and paid for, in advance using the Schoolgateway.

If you would like your child to attend, please email the school office.



## Term Dates

Summer Term 2021	
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May - Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Half Term
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	School Closes at 2pm for Summer holidays
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Staff training (pupils not in school)
Autumn Term 2021	
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	Staff training day (pupils not in school)
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Pupils return to school
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	Half term
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Occasional day (pupils not in school)
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	School closes at 2pm for Christmas holidays
Spring Term 2022	
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Staff training day (pupils not in school)
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Pupils return to school
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	Half term
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	School closes at 2pm for Easter holidays
Summer Term 2022	
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Staff training day (pupils not in school)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Pupils return to school
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	May Bank holiday
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May - Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Half term
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	School closes at 2pm for Summer holidays
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Staff training day (pupils not in school)
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Staff training day (pupils not in school)

## Important Dates

23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Nursery Parent Consultations
27 <sup>th</sup> April	Birch Parent Consultations Chestnut Parent Consultations
28 <sup>th</sup> April	Redwood Parent Consultations
29 <sup>th</sup> April	Laurel Parent Consultations
30 <sup>th</sup> April	Nursery Parent Consultations Sycamore Parent Consultations
4 <sup>th</sup> May	Elm and Oak Parent Consultations
5 <sup>th</sup> May	Willow Parent Consultations Nursery Allocation Day
6 <sup>th</sup> May	Ash Parent Consultations Maple Parent Consultations
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Class Photos (Provisional Date)

## School Governors

We are currently looking for new co-opted and parent governors to join our friendly governing body. Our governors come from a range of different backgrounds, skills and experience but all share a common interest of wanting the best possible education for the children in our school. If you are interested, please contact the school office for an application form.