



## Aycliffe Drive Primary School

### Summer Term 2019 Newsletter / Information sheet number 13



Well there we are – another school year has passed us in what seems like the blink of an eye and it is all too easy to forget just how much has been achieved this year. As ever, the children have done us proud in so many ways: academic achievements, sporting triumphs and wonderful performances just to name a few. We look forward to seeing all of these aspects continue next year.

We would like to say an enormous thank you and good luck to all that are moving on from Aycliffe Drive this term. We wish all of you and your families every success for the future.

### Safeguarding Headlines

Pupils' safety and well-being are very high on our list of priorities and various courses are being looked into and booked. Please could you think of the safety of ALL our children and refrain from parking across resident's driveways, on yellow zigzag lines and in front of the school gates.



### 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. We would be delighted to hear from anyone who:-

- ❖ Is interested in children's education and the performance of the school
- ❖ Is community spirited and would like to represent the community
- ❖ Has spare time and the energy for the role
- ❖ Is able to work well as part of a team
- ❖ Has an enquiring mind and the confidence to ask questions and debate issues that affect the school
- ❖ Can consider matters objectively and make informed judgements These volunteer positions are open to parents/guardians or other people from our community. Co-opted governors are not elected by a parent election but are instead appointed directly by the governing body.

If you are interested, please contact the school office for an application form.

There are still a lot of events happening around the school in the last weeks of term, here is a list of our upcoming events.

Summer Term Events	
10th July	KS2 School Games Day
11 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Year School Disco
12th July	Summer Picnic
16th July	Nursery Teddy Bear's Picnic

17th July	Year 6 Production to parents 1.30pm and 6.30pm Leavers assembly to school
18th July	Year 6 Graduation Ball
19th July	Year 6 Leavers assembly to parents



If your child has lost any item of clothing such as shoes, coats or any other items such as water bottles, packed lunch boxes please check the lost property box located by the school office. All items will be recycled at the end of term.

### **Dinner Money**

Please can all outstanding Dinner Money debts be paid by Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July at the latest so that all monies can be banked before the summer holidays. Dinner money can be paid for via School Gateway, or if you prefer, by cash at the office. If you would like an up to date balance of your child's account then please speak to the office.

Please note that if you have a child in year 2 as from September your child will not be entitled to Universal Free School Meals, Nursery School dinners are £2.30 per day and all other school dinners are £2.55, payable in advance. We would like to encourage parents to pay for a week, month or half term in advance.



### **School Comms**

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 Office**

From September the school office will close on Friday's at 3pm and will not be available for purchases during Friday afternoons however they will be able to answer any queries you may have.

### **Special Awards & Achievements**



Well done to Dylan M who gained his role bar at St John Ambulance and made his promise to them, he has worked so incredibly hard to get there, he has had lots of fun on the way, met some amazing people, and gained so much knowledge, his cadet leader is so incredibly proud of him and his team, and so are we.

Soon he will be out on events gaining more knowledge and experience until he is 13 when he will start treating people. It is a very exciting time for Dylan.

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.

## Attendance from the start of the Autumn Term until 09/07/19



Congratulations to Redwood, last week's winner of the Attendance Cup with 99.3%, with Elm in Second place with 98.6% followed by Oak in third place with 97.4%.

Not one but two winners of our weekly attendance cup this week. Birch and Laurel both had 100% attendance this week, Congratulations to Birch and Laurel. Second place was Sycamore with an impressive 98% closely followed by Chestnut with 97.3%

As a parent/carer you want the best for your children. Having a good education is an important factor in opening up more opportunities in adult life. Did you know that:

- ❖ A child who is absent one day a week misses an equivalent of two years of their school life
- ❖ 90% of young people with absence rates below 85% fail to achieve five or more good grades of GCSE and around one third achieve no GCSE's at all
- ❖ Poor examination results limit young people's options and poor attendance suggests to colleges and employers that these students are unreliable
- ❖ Poor school attendance is also closely associated with crime, a quarter of school age offenders have truanted repeatedly
- ❖ At least 1 million children are missed each year through unauthorised absence

## **School Matters!**



### Overall Attendance

Class	Attendance		Class	Attendance	
Ash	93.4	☹	Hawthorn	<b>96.7</b>	☺
Elm	93.6	☹	Willow	<b>96.5</b>	☺
<b>Birch</b>	<b>96.7</b>	☺	Maple	94.7	☹
Sycamore	95.4	☹	Redwood	96.1	☹
<b>Chestnut</b>	<b>97.0</b>	☺	Oak	<b>96.8</b>	☺
<b>Laurel</b>	<b>96.1</b>	☺	Overall total	95.8	☹

Attendance over 96% - a smiley face ☺

Attendance below 96% - a sad face ☹

Please remember to provide a confirmation letter for sickness and evidence of medical appointment, without this information the absence will not be authorised!!

## **Term Dates for 2019-2020**

<b>Summer Term 2019</b>	
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)

<b>Autumn Term 2019</b>	
Monday 2 September	Staff training day (pupils not in school)
Tuesday 3 September	Pupils return to school
Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November	Half term
Friday 29 November	Occasional day (pupils not in school)
Friday 20 December	School closes at 2.00pm for the Christmas holidays
<b>Spring Term 2020</b>	
Monday 6 January	Staff training day (pupils not in school)
Tuesday 7 January	Pupils return to school
Monday 17 to Friday 21 February	Half term
Friday 3 April	School closes at 2.00pm for the Easter holidays

<b>Summer Term 2020</b>	
Monday 20 April	Staff training day (pupils not in school)
Tuesday 21 April	Pupils return to school
Friday 8 May	May bank holiday – 75 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE day
Monday 25 – Friday 29 May	Half term
Friday 17 July	School closes at 2.00pm for the summer holidays
Monday 20 July	Staff training day (Pupils not in school)
Tuesday 21 July	Staff training day (Pupils not in school)

# SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER