



## AYCLIFFE DRIVE PRIMARY SCHOOL AUTUMN 2021 NEWSLETTER / INFORMATION SHEET NUMBER 2



Another busy week at school, I cannot believe that September has passed and we are into the month of October already. The weather is changing and we would remind parents that children are ready to play outdoors by ensuring that children have appropriate clothing.



### YouTube

#### UPDATE - ON-LINE SAFETY

YouTube is intended for users over the age of 13, however the App store rates YouTube as 17+ due to the content that can be found on there.

#### How can I make YouTube safer?

- ❖ **Turn on Restricted mode** as this restricts the availability of mature content. You will need to set up a Google account to do this.
- ❖ **Explore YouTube together** and see what they like to watch. Make sure your child understands that they can talk to you if they see anything that makes them feel uncomfortable online.
- ❖ Ensure your child knows how to **report inappropriate content**.



YouTube  
**KIDS**

#### YouTube Kids

YouTube recommends that YouTube Kids is used for children under the age of 13 as it provides a safer environment and offers greater controls (you can select the shows that you would prefer them to watch). Find out how to set up the parental controls here:

<https://support.google.com/youtubekids/answer/6172308?hl=en-GB>

**Supervised experience (Beta version)** Managed by you by creating a supervised Google Account. It allows you to choose from three content settings:

- ❖ **Explore:** generally suitable for ages 9+.
- ❖ **Explore More:** generally suitable for viewers ages 13 and over
- ❖ **Most of YouTube:** contains almost all YouTube content (except age-restricted content) so it will include sensitive topics that may only be appropriate for older teens.

<https://www.youtube.com/myfamily/>

**Posting videos** You must be over 13 years of age to post videos. Talk to your child about posting videos, do they understand what information they should keep private and what to do if they receive negative comments? YouTube have produced these tips: <https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/2802244?hl=en-GB>



### Should I let my child set up a YouTube account?

This article features the benefits and risks of using YouTube and their top tips: <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/news/should-ilet-my-child-set-up-a-youtube-account>

### Special Awards & Achievements



Congratulations to Arya in Elm she has been awarded three medals for Street Dance. Well done Arya!!!

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 Matters! Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow



**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.



**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.



Congratulations to **Hawthorn**, last week's winner of the Attendance Cup with 98.6%. Second place goes to **Maple** with 96.9%. Third place goes to **Redwood** with 95.9%. Well done everyone!

## Overall Attendance for this year

Class	Attendance		Class	Attendance	
Ash	93.3%	☺	Hawthorn	97.5%	☺
Elm	89.7%	☹	Willow	95.9%	☹
Birch	90.9%	☹	Maple	97.9%	☺
Sycamore	90.2%	☹	Redwood	95.4 %	☹
Chestnut	93.5%	☹	Oak	89.7%	☺
Laurel	91.7%	☹	Overall total	93.4%	☹

Attendance over 96% - a smiley face ☺

Attendance below 96% - a sad face ☹

## School Uniform

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
Swim hats	£1.20



Once old stock of Elastics ties and swim hats have been sold; there will be a slight increase to £3.95 for an elastic tie and £1.35 for a swim hat.

If you require school uniform, please send money in an envelope to the school office. Please ensure the envelope is clearly marked with your child's name, class, and the items that you require. If you need a tie, please state which one (long, short or elastic) and if you need a badge please state the colour. Thank you.

**NB Please ensure your child(ren) are in the correct school uniform**

## Term Dates

Autumn Term 2021	
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)

## Coming up this term

11 <sup>th</sup> October	Maple and Willow Cross Country at Astley Cooper
13 <sup>th</sup> October	Ash Parents Consultations
14 <sup>th</sup> October	Elm Parents Consultations
18 <sup>th</sup> October	Last day for Photo orders
18 <sup>th</sup> October	Last Day for Christmas Card orders
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Wear it pink for Cancer research
1 <sup>st</sup> November	Reception Applications Open online
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Reception open visits (more details to follow)
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Redwood, Fire services visit
3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Reception open visits (more details to follow)
3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Flu Spray
4 <sup>th</sup> November	Oak visit to Duxford
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Nursery Parent Consultations
23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Chestnut Parent Consultations
24 <sup>th</sup> November	Laurel Parent Consultations
24 <sup>th</sup> November	Oak Parent Consultations
24 <sup>th</sup> November	Sycamore Parent Consultations
25 <sup>th</sup> November	Nursery Parent Consultations
26 <sup>th</sup> November	Occasional Day
29 <sup>th</sup> November	Maple Parent Consultations
30 <sup>th</sup> November	Redwood Parent Consultations
30 <sup>th</sup> November	Nursery Christmas Play (more details to follow)
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Hawthorn Parent Consultations
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Birch Parent Consultations
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Willow Parent Consultations
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Flu Spray
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Christmas Play (more details to follow)