

## Aycliffe Drive Primary School

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#### **Information and Achievement Newsletter**

We are now well into the autumn term and it has been a very busy few weeks. Redwood and Oak had a fantastic trip to the Duxford Museum and will now be completing work from their visit. Maple will be visiting the museum later this month. The NSPCC were in providing workshops to the whole school. All children listened and were a credit to the school during the workshops. KS1 have a history workshop coming up, and there will be a Harry Potter themed book fair before we break up for half term. I hope all children are enjoying their classes and have settled in well.

Yours sincerely, Mrs Green

### Attendance Cup - Well Done!

Week commencing-18/09 – Elm 100%! 25/09 – Redwood – 99.3%



#### **Outside of School Achievements**

Huge congratulations to Areeya in Sycamore who completed her stage 2 in swimming and is now working on her stage 3. Well done!

#### School Grid - IMPORTANT - Please read

Next week all parents will receive an email asking parents to make an account for the new dinner system, School Grid. All parents must make an account if you wish for your child to have school dinners. Parents will then be able to choose their child's dinner menu for the next week, month or term. Christmas Dinner will be available to book for Wednesday 13

December (there will be no letters sent home to book a Christmas Dinner). It is the parent's responsibility to ensure meals have been ordered, the class teacher/office will be unable to do this. If an order is not placed for a child, parents will be called to bring up a home packed lunch. It will also be down to the parent to cancel meals if child is absent.

<u>Please ensure all debts are cleared on Arbor by Friday 20 October.</u> SchoolGrid will only accept dinner orders if there is money on the account. <u>Debts are not allowed</u>. If you have any problems, please contact the school office.

#### **Safeguarding**

Recently there has been a few incidents outside of school, which have been reflected in school, relating to the misuse of Whatsapp. I would like to remind parents and children that the minimum age of using Whatsapp is 16 and over. Please can parents keep an eye on their child's phones/online activities and remove the app/chat groups involving other children as this may cause issues inside and/or outside of school.

#### Reading Cup

The Reading Cup for the week starting 18/09 and 25/09 goes to Chestnut! Well done children and adults.



#### Van Cols Sibling and Individual Photographs

Photographs are now available to order. For free delivery to the school, please ensure orders are made by Monday 16 October.

# KS1 Book of the Month - 'What happened to you?' by James Catchpole.

This beautiful book explores the experiences of a child with a visible disability and help children to understand how to interact with others. There a great game of pirates along the way too! We have a copy of the book in our school library or it is available on Amazon.

#### PTA - AGM

The PTA are holding an AGM meeting on Friday 13 October at 6pm in the school hall. If you would like to attend, please email pta@aycliffedrive.herts.sch.uk.

#### Attendance

A reminder that it is the parental responsibility to ensure their child is in school every day and on time. If your child is marked as late, this will affect their overall attendance. Please ensure children arrive by 8.20am to start work at 8.30am.

#### **Bikes and Scooters**

The bike shed is only to be used by year 6 pupils who ride to and from school by themselves. If your child rides a scooter or a bike to school and you accompany them, you must take the bike or scooter home with you. Any items that are left in the shed over half term will be disposed of. Items left on school premises are at your own risk.

#### **Important Dates**

11 Oct – Christmas Cards Deadline

17 Oct – KS1 History Workshop

18 Oct – Maple Duxford Trip

23-27 Oct – Half term

30 Oct – Pupils return to school – New dinner system starts

17 Nov – Children in Need

24 Nov – Occasional Day (school closed)

01 Dec – PJ Day (chocolate tombola)

09 Dec - Christmas Fair

