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Information and Achievement Newsletter

Welcome back and Happy 2024! I hope you had a lovely and well rested break. I am looking forward to seeing what the New Year brings and for the busy term ahead.

Could I please remind all parents/visitors/etc, to not let anybody through the gates when entering or leaving the premises. Please close the gate behind you and if there is anybody waiting, they will need to use the intercom to contact the office. This is especially important at break and lunch times. A staff member from Nursery will always come to the gate to let Nursery parents through, please do not enter the school before the staff member arrives. Thank you for your understanding.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Green, Headteacher



Attendance

Over the next couple of weeks, parents whose children are persistently absent or late, will receive invites to meeting with myself to discuss how we can, together, improve your child's attendance.

Children must in class, ready to work by 8.30am. If your child arrives at school after this, the gates will be locked and they will need to be signed in at the school office. Children who arrive late interrupt the class that has already started and miss out on their education so it is vital that children are in school, on time, every day.

Please email admin@aycliffedrive.herts.sch.uk on each day of your child's absence, explaining the reason for the absence. Please note, once your child's attendance is below a certain percent, absences will no longer be authorised. A reminder that meals, even for Reception, KS1 and FSM children, must be cancelled on SchoolGrid when your child is absent as this is a huge waste of food.

Monies Raised

In November, on behalf of the Poppy Appeal Charity, we were selling poppies and other accessories that raised to a total amount of £314.57!

The PTA have counted and have informed us that the total amount raised at the Christmas Fair is £1119.03. Thank you to the PTA for making this event happen.

Jewellery

A reminder that only stud earrings are allowed to be worn in school. Other items such as necklaces and bracelets must not be worn and these will be asked to be removed if brought into school.

Attendance Cup

11/12 – Chestnut and Birch 94.7%
08/01 – Sycamore 96.3%



Reading Cup

W/C 18/12 – Sycamore
and Hawthorn!



Meal Price Change – from 15 April 24

After the Easter holidays, HCL are increasing their meal price to £3.30 per day. This will be updated on schoolgrid.

SATs/Phonics and Multiplication Check

Year 6 SATs

Parents are invited into Redwood class on Tuesday 23 January for a SATs information meeting. Please ensure **no** holidays or time off is taken during the week Monday 13 – Thursday 16 May as this is when the SATs take place.

Year 1 Phonics Screening

The year 1 Phonics Screening will take place in the week commencing 10th June. Any year 2 who did not pass the screening in the previous year will retake the test this week. Please ensure your child is at school each day and on time during this week.

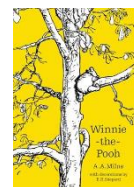
Year 4 Multiplication Check

The Multiplication check will happen between Monday 3 June and Friday 14 June 2024.



January's book of the month is: Winnie the Pooh by A. A. Milne

The 18th January is Winnie the Pooh day! Celebrated on author A. A. Milne's birthday, Winnie the Pooh Day celebrates the beloved honey-obsessed bear with readings and teddy bear's picnics. In our library next week we will have the original and timeless version of the Pooh story. Pooh and his friends Piglet, Eeyore and Christopher Robin are never far from adventure! In this story Pooh gets into a tight place, nearly catches a Woozle and heads off on an 'expedition' to the North Pole. Please come and borrow the book next week, remember Library club is every Thursday!



Upcoming events

15/01 – Nursery applications for September 2024 open
18/01 – Burger day (see SchoolGrid)
23/01 – Year 6 SATs information meeting at 3pm for parents
23/01 – Laurel's PE trip to JFK
25/01 – Reception Screening with the School Nurses
05/02 – Children's Mental Health Week
08/02 + 15/02 – Nursery Visits
19/02 – 23/02 February Half term



26/02 – Children return to school
29/02 – Birch at the Sports Centre
05/03 – Year 5 parent's residential trip meeting at 3pm
08/03 – Reception's Mother's Day Breakfast
12/03 – Sycamore PE trip at JFK
20/03 – Book Fair (more information to follow)
25/03 – Nursery applications close
28/03 – School closes at 1.30pm

