



Aylesford School

and Sixth Form College
Primary Phase

Respect, Aspire, Wonder

Friday 12th October 2018

From the Director of Primary Education



“When educating the minds of our youth, we must not forget to educate their hearts.”

Dalai Lama

Attendance Figures:

Unicorn—96.9%

Phoenix—96.6%

Pegasus—96.1

Osprey—97.9%

Well done again to Osprey!

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we held our first parents' evenings of the school year. Thank you to all who attended, your on-going support and contribution towards your child's educational journey is recognised and highly valued.

Unicorn Class have been working collaboratively to develop their outdoor classroom this week. They have shared their ideas and interests and worked together to put their plans into action. I look forward to seeing how this continues to develop over time.

Phoenix Class have been on a trip to Kenilworth Castle this week. They were very well-behaved and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Pegasus Class invited Mrs Scopes (Director of Studies— Secondary Phase) into one of their Literacy lessons this week. I am very proud to say that she was most impressed by how hard the children worked and the progress that they made within the lesson. She also commented on level of independence demonstrated by the children.

Osprey Class impressed Mr Hall (Head of Aylesford School) this week when he visited a Literacy lesson. He was pleased to see how engaged the children were and the enormous pride they took in their work. They have also been thrilled to receive a wide range of new chapter books this week; including those written by Roald Dahl, Adam Blade and Jeff Kinney. The children worked together to choose the books at the beginning of term and I'm certain that this will encourage them to read widely, often and for pleasure.

Have a lovely weekend!



Achievement Assembly

This week we congratulated:



Charlie
(Unicorn)

For his developing fine motor skills and impressive artistic talent.

Abdul
(Unicorn)

For his super artwork and creativity.

Harrison
(Phoenix)

For his excellent work on partitioning in Maths.

Joori
(Phoenix)

For writing a detailed recount of Jack and the Beanstalk.

Amelia
(Pegasus)

For her superb story writing.

Jessica
(Pegasus)

For a detailed recount of a recent school trip.

Iola
(Osprey)

For amazing scientific knowledge and understanding.

Hooria
(Osprey)

For amazing scientific knowledge and understanding.

Caleb
(Osprey)

For fantastic progress in Maths.

Governors

I would like to introduce myself as the Primary School Parent Governor and I would firstly like to welcome all new school children who have joined Reception class this year. As a parent with my son in Year 2, I wish all parents well as their sons and daughters embark on the start of their Primary education journey here at Aylesford.

Having started my role just before Summer this year during the Ofsted inspection, I have been amazed by the dedication of staff, the facilities, the breadth of the curriculum as well as the positive destinations of many of our Secondary and Sixth formers. I will be working along with the School and the Governors to ensure that all children continue to benefit from the huge potential offered by the through school structure and I'm sure that as the Primary Phase continues to grow, offering more opportunities and experiences to our young students, this is creating a solid platform for them to build and progress in the future.

Andrew Tonner

Other News

Shelley Avenue Access: In the interests of site security and the safeguarding of children, there will be no access for visitors, parents or staff to and from the pedestrian gate on Shelley Avenue as from Monday 15th October.

PTA Christmas Fair: Any donations for the Christmas Fair Tombola will be greatly appreciated. Please bring them into school by Friday 30th November.

Hair Styles: We kindly ask parents and carers to ensure that their children do not come to school with unusual hairstyles (e.g. close cropped, particularly shaved hair is not acceptable) neither is hair of contrasting length or colour. Please note that a barber's 'number 2' (6mm) shaved cut is the shortest allowed. All long hair should be tied back. Parents are requested to seek advice from school if in doubt before allowing a particular style or fashion.

Staying Safe: Please ensure that bus stops are not obstructed when dropping off and collecting children. If you are within walking distance please can we request, where possible, that you drop off and collect on foot.

Payment for School Trips: We would like to remind you that of the importance of school trips and the enrichment opportunities that they provide for your children. Your contributions are vital in order that such experiences can take place. We therefore ask that should you experience difficulties in making payments you contact the school directly and we will discuss ways in which we can support you. Without your contributions these trips will not be able to go ahead.

School Lunches: Please ensure that all School lunch order forms are completed and returned to school each Friday for the week ahead.

Charity Week: Please remember to bring your completed forms and donations for charity week. We have a disco on the 25th, Non Uniform Day on the 26th and there will be a tombola on the 23rd and 24th of October. All donations go to Meningitis Trust and Cancer Research.

Staying Safe: In the interests of site security and the safeguarding of children, there will be no access for visitors and parents to and from the Shelley Avenue pedestrian gate between 8.50am and 3.15pm as from Monday 15th October 2018. Thank you.

Enriching the Curriculum– Phoenix Class Visit Kenilworth Castle

