



Aylesford School

and Sixth Form College
Primary Phase

Respect, Aspire, Wonder

Friday 16th November 2018

From the Director of Primary Education



“The important thing is not to stop questioning.”

Albert Einstein

Attendance Figures:

Unicorn—96.4%

Phoenix—95.8%

Pegasus—96.1%

Osprey—96.0%

Well done again to Unicorn!

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have come to the end of another very busy week! As a staff we recognise the importance of instilling a sense of responsibility in our children, therefore this week we have held a British Values morning, focusing on democracy. The children have learnt about the importance of voting. They have written and presented pledges and nine children have been elected as House Captains. I am honoured to congratulate the following children on being elected:

Charlecote will be represented by- Sophie (Phoenix), Ruby (Pegasus), Ollie (Osprey).

Stoneleigh will be represented by- Paisley (Phoenix), Harry (Pegasus), Logan (Osprey).

Ragley will be represented by- Evie (Phoenix), Emmie (Pegasus), Jesse (Osprey).

Huge congratulations- I am very proud of you all!

Forest Schools Update

I would like to thank you for your feedback in relation to the development of Forest Schools here at Aylesford School. Whilst I appreciate that there is an element of disappointment that we can no longer sustain Forest Schools at Ferncumbe, I see the imminent developments at Aylesford as a fantastic opportunity. Less travel time means more active Forest School time, the children can take ownership of the area and will see the changes over time. We can also tap into the skills and expertise of you as parents and carers to make this possible. Not only that but outdoor learning will be available to the whole school.

The first phase of development will take place on Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th November between 11 am and 3pm. This will be an opportunity to clear the space in preparation for use. Mr Clarke (a Unicorn parent who is experienced within the landscaping and building trade) will be leading this and welcomes you to join him as a working party. If you are interested please let myself or Mrs Cull know, or alternatively just turn up in wellies. You do not need to commit to the whole day as any help will be appreciated. There will be further opportunities to contribute should you wish.

Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely weekend!

Best Regards

Angelique Edkins, Director of Primary Education

Other News

A Note From the PTA

The Friends of Aylesford Primary School will be holding the Christmas Fair will be taking place on Saturday 8th December 11.00am to 1.00pm. There will be a number of stalls, refreshments, tombolas, a Christmas raffle, Face painting and so much more so do come along. These events wouldn't be able to take place without the help of our wonderful Parents and Carers generously giving their time to volunteer. If you are able to help please do let us know, your assistance will be very much appreciated. Any donations for the tombola will be hugely welcomed. Please bring them to school before Friday 30th November.

The Christmas disco will be taking place on Friday 14th November at 5.00pm—6.30pm. Please keep an eye out for the forms in your children's book bags . Again, please do let us know if you are able to help out on the night.

Eco Club

Thank you to everyone who applied to Eco Club! The support we have received so far has been incredible and we're excited to announce the students who have been selected to take part this term:

Phoenix

Thomas
Harrison
Alex

Pegasus

Jessica
Charlie
Martin
Raya

Osprey

Isobelle
Penelope
Gabriella
Ellie
Hooria
Zac

Congratulations to everyone who was chosen, we received some fantastic applications! A new team will be selected each term so there is still be an opportunity to get involved. Our first session will take place on Thursday the 22nd of November, and in the coming weeks we aim to create an environmental charter with the new members, plant a vegetable garden and install bird boxes and hedgehog houses to encourage local wildlife into Aylesford. Please bring wellies and waterproofs. We can't wait to see you there!

Children in Need

Today we wore something spotty in support of Children in Need. We raised £84.00!

Nasal Flu Vaccination

The school immunisation team will be visiting school on Monday 3rd December to administer the flu vaccination. Letters have been sent out please return them to school no later than Friday 23rd November.

Lunchboxes

In order to promote a healthy, well-balanced diet, we ask that you support us by providing healthy packed lunches. We do not encourage crisps, chocolate or fizzy drinks.

Diary Dates

Date	Event	Time
Wednesday 22nd November	Unicorn & Phoenix Class Christmas Theatre Trip	
Saturday 24th November Sunday 25th November	Forest Schools Working Party	11.00am-3.00pm
Saturday 8th December	Christmas Fair	
Monday 10th December	Nativity—Dress Rehearsal (open to Grand parents and siblings)	2.30pm
Tuesday 11th December	Nativity—Open to Unicorn and Phoenix Parents and Carer	9.30am
Wednesday 12th December	Nativity—Open to Pegasus and Osprey Parents and carers	9.30am
Friday 14th December	Christmas Disco	
Wednesday 19th December	Christmas Lunch	12.00pm
Thursday 20th December	Pegasus and Osprey to Wizard of Oz	
Friday 21st December	Break up for Christmas Holiday	1.30pm
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Tuesday 8th January	School Open for children	8.30am
Thursday 7th February	Osprey Class Assembly	9am
Thursday 14th February	Pegasus Class Assembly	9am
Thursday 14th March	Phoenix Class Assembly	9am
Thursday 4th April	Unicorn Class Assembly	9am