



# Aylesford School

and Sixth Form College  
Primary Phase

**Respect, Aspire, Wonder**

Friday 23rd November 2018

## From the Director of Primary Education



**“Aim for success, not perfection. Never give up your right to be wrong, because then you will lose the ability to learn new things and move forward with your life.”**

*Dr. David M. Burns*

## Attendance Figures:

**Unicorn—95.7%**

**Phoenix—96.1%**

**Pegasus—95.9%**

**Osprey—95.7%**

**Well done to Phoenix!**

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had yet another happy and productive week here at school. On Tuesday the children worked together in their house groups to produce some fabulous work on our school values, ‘*Respect, Aspire and Wonder.*’ They have developed a really good understanding of what these words mean and how these values can be applied in everyday life.

### Future Developments

#### ICT

I would like to thank the PTA for their support in our ambition to develop an ICT suite within the Primary Phase. The project is in its early stages but a lot of work is going on behind the scenes to make this happen. In the interim, children in Years 1-3 are able to use the ICT facilities in the Secondary building where they can access weekly Computing lessons. Children in Reception (Unicorn Class) have access to a range of ICT equipment, e.g. programmable toys, ipads, interactive whiteboard etc. which meet the requirements of the Early Years Curriculum.

#### Swimming

All schools must provide swimming instruction in order that by the end of Year 6 pupils can swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres, use a range of strokes effectively (for example, front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke) and perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations. We are therefore, in the first instance, introducing swimming lessons to the children of Osprey Class. The lessons will take place at St Nicolas Park Leisure Centre and letters have been issued to parents providing further information.

#### Forest Schools

Phase 1 of the developments begin this weekend. A ‘working party’ will be held on-site on Saturday and Sunday between 11am and 3 pm. Your support would be very much appreciated so if you are able to volunteer at any point, please just turn up between these times. If you are able to bring any gardening tools, we would be very grateful. The forecast looks bleak so don’t forget your woollies, wellies and waterproofs! Please note that whilst we are keen for the children to be involved, they will be unable to until we can be certain that the site is safe for them to access. The ‘working party’ is therefore for adults only at this point.

Many thanks and have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Edkins



## Achievement Assembly

### This week we congratulated:



Max  
(Unicorn)

For his fantastic Maths investigation.

Priya  
(Unicorn)

For her fantastic Maths investigation.

Mason  
(Unicorn)

For writing his own name and colouring so carefully.

Amber  
(Unicorn)

For her super story sequencing.

James  
(Phoenix)

For his rapid progress in Reading.

Evie M  
(Phoenix)

For her detailed writing, retelling The Three Little Pigs.

Minnie  
(Pegasus)

For excellent effort in Literacy using conjunctions within her work to join sentences.

Charlie L

For his fantastic poetry and effective use of onomatopoeia.

Millie  
(Pegasus)

For excellent effort in Literacy using conjunctions within her work to join sentences.

Reegan  
(Osprey)

For carrying out a fantastic Science investigation.

I would also like to congratulate Oscar B from Phoenix Class on winning our recent History competition. Well done!  
The History department was so impressed by all of the entries and would like to thank everybody who entered for the enormous amount of effort demonstrated. Well done children!

## **Other News**

### **Griffins**

As you know School is ending at 1.30pm on Friday 21st December. Griffins will be open until 3pm for those already registered on a Friday. Please let Mrs Chapman know if your child will be in attendance.

### **Christmas Hampers**

Every year Aylesford School hold a House Christmas hamper competition. This year the Primary Phase will be also entering the competition. We would be very grateful if you are able to kindly donate some "nice treats" to be included such as biscuits, chocolates, mince pies, Jam and Nuts. We do ask that no fresh food or drink is donated. Once complete the hampers from the Primary will be donated to Leicester House. The deadline for donations is Monday 10th December.

### **Food and Service Survey**

We would be very grateful if you could please spare a moment of your time to complete the following survey for our School caterers, AIP. You will need to copy and paste the link into your browser for access . Thank you in advance,

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/JFTQP66>

### **Social Media**

From time to time it is brought to our attention that concerns are voiced with regard to the school using an open forum. Please do talk to us should you have any concerns. We would much rather you come and talk to the Class Teacher in the first instance of any concern being raised than views being aired on social media and in some cases raising unnecessary alarm.

### **Arriving at School on Time**

Please ensure that your child arrives in time to start school at 08.45. Children have "Early Morning Activities" to start as soon as they enter the classroom. Those who arrive late get off to a bad start, immediately needing to catch up and can disturb others who are already settled. We never blame the children for being late as it is the parents' responsibility to ensure children are in school on time. All late arrivals are logged and attendance is monitored carefully.

### **Lost Property**

Please may was ask that you all check your children's uniform, in particular coats, as we have been advised that, despite being named there has been a coat missing for two weeks now. The coat was labelled on the tag on the inside pocket and is sized 7-8. Your co-operation in this matter is very much appreciated.

### **A Note from the PTA**

Please ensure that all Christmas card orders are returned to school no later than Wednesday 28th November. We kindly ask that the correct payment is made in the envelope. Many thanks.

## Diary Dates

Date	Event	Time
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
Tuesday 15th January	Reading Meeting for Parents  Reading/SATs Expectations	9.00am (Unicorn and Phoenix) 3.00pm (Unicorn and Phoenix)  6.00pm (Pegasus and Osprey)
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