



Aylesford School

and Sixth Form College
Primary Phase

Respect, Aspire, Wonder

Friday 7th December 2018

From the Director of Primary Education



"Around here, we don't look backwards for very long... We keep moving forward, opening up new doors and doing new things because we're curious... and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths."

Walt Disney

Attendance Figures:

Unicorn— 95.2%

Phoenix—96.6%

Pegasus—96.1%

Osprey—95.5%

Well done to Phoenix!

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's fair to say that we are all feeling very festive here at Aylesford Primary. Nativity rehearsals, Christmas songs, crafts and cooking have provided fun and Christmas cheer. The children can't wait to welcome you to watch them perform in the Nativity next week and they have continued to work really hard in rehearsals. Please keep practising with your children over the weekend and be prepared for a 'show-stopper!'

Art Club

In January, Mrs Esteban-Stephenson and her daughter Lucia will be holding a weekly after-school Art Club. The club will be held every Wednesday from 3pm-4pm and will provide many opportunities for the children to develop their creative skills. In the first instance, 15 children from across Unicorn Class and Phoenix Class will be invited to attend. The club will run for 5 weeks, from January 9th- February 6th (inclusive). 15 children from Pegasus Class and Osprey Class will be invited to attend between February 13th and March 20th (inclusive).

Places will be offered on a first come, first served basis and will be charged at £5 for the 5 sessions. Letters have been sent home with the children this week.

Forest Schools

Next Tuesday, the remaining waste will be removed from the site. We will then be in a position to hold another 'working party.' I will inform you of dates in due course.

Many thanks and have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Edkins



Nativity 2018



We are looking forward to performing our Nativity "Baubles" next week and hope that you are able to join us to see your children perform.

A reminder of the details:

Monday 10th December	2.00pm	Dress rehearsal Grandparents and Siblings are Welcome.
Tuesday 11th December	9.30am	Parents and Carers for Unicorn and Phoenix.
Wednesday 12th December	9.30am	Parents and Carers for Pegasus and Osprey.

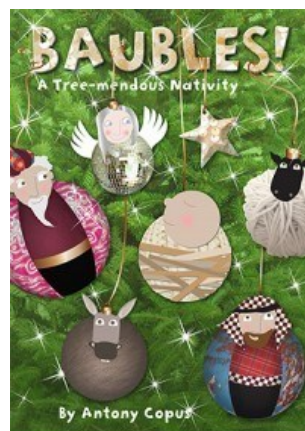
Mr Fawbert has been in school today to photograph the children in their nativity costumes. These will be individual studio lit portraits. There will also be action shots of the children taken throughout their dress rehearsal.

These photographs will be put onto a high resolution CD and sold at the end of each performance at a cost of £5.00 per CD. All proceeds will go to the PTA.

Please may we request that these photographs are not uploaded and shared on social media.

Dave Fawbert produces professional and high quality photography should you wish to look at his work please visit his website www.davidfawbertphotography.co.uk

For safeguarding purposes we kindly request that under no circumstances are photographs to be taken during any of the performances. This can also be a distraction for the children who have all worked so hard on their performance. There will be an opportunity at the end of each performance to take a photograph with your child. Your co-operation is much appreciated.



Other News

School Lunches

As you know we will be holding our Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 19th of December. Please may we ask that you complete and return the lunch forms for the last two weeks of term and the first week back in January by no later than Monday 10th December. Should you need more forms please ask your class teacher. As you know we will be holding our Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 19th of December. Please indicate red for the turkey option or green for the vegetarian option.

Christmas Jumper Day

Don't forget that Wednesday the 19th is also Christmas Jumper day where we are inviting the children to come into school wearing something festive for a donation of £1.00 for the PTA.

Christmas Hampers

Please may we remind you that any donations for the Christmas Hampers are due in on Monday 10th December. At the moment we barely have enough to produce one hamper let alone the four we were hoping for. All of your generous donations are greatly appreciated. Once complete the hampers from the Primary will be donated to Leicester House.

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.

Illness

As we approach the time of year when diarrhoea and vomiting illness is prevalent, we have consulted Compass Warwickshire School Health and Wellbeing Service to check on the latest health advice. They have informed us that Public Health England recommends that children are kept away from school for a period of 48 hours from the last episode of diarrhoea and vomiting. We would therefore ask parents to follow this advice and keep children away from school for the recommended period of time.

Pegasus and Osprey Theatre Trip

Please ensure that all slips and payment are returned to School no later than Monday 10th December. Unfortunately any children that have not had signed slips returned will be unable to attend.

Friends of Aylesford Primary AGM

The Friends of Aylesford Primary AGM will be held on January 17th at 7pm. This will take place in School and all are welcome to attend. This is an opportunity for all positions to be re-elected.

School Clothing

Please could you ensure that if your child has been sent home with any items of school clothing/property please could you ensure that this is, once washed, returned to school so that we can keep our items of spare clothing stocked up and ready for use.

Diary Dates

Date	Event	Time
Saturday 8th December	Christmas Fair	11.00am-1.00pm
Monday 10th December	Nativity—Dress Rehearsal (open to Grand parents and siblings)	2.00pm
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	5.00pm-6.30pm
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	9.00am (Unicorn and Phoenix) 3.00pm (Unicorn and Phoenix)
	Reading/SATs Expectations	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