



Aylesford School

and Sixth Form College
Primary Phase

Respect, Aspire, Wonder

Friday 21st December 2018

From the Director of Primary Education



*"Tell me and I'll forget; show me and I may remember;
involve me and I'll understand."*

Chinese proverb

Attendance Figures:

Unicorn—94.6%

Phoenix—96.6%

Pegasus—95.6%

Osprey—95.8%

Well done to Phoenix!

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support during my first term here at Aylesford Primary School. Working with your children is not only a joy but an absolute privilege and I am looking forward to continuing developments next term. I hope that you all have a peaceful Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

PTA

On behalf of all the staff and children, I would like to say a huge thank you to our fabulous PTA for their dedication and commitment to the school. They have worked incredibly hard this term to provide some wonderful and memorable experiences for your children and have raised a huge amount of money to go towards the development of a new ICT suite.

Forest Schools Update

Forest Schools will be up and running in the new year. The first session will take place on 15th January and will be accessible to half of Unicorn Class, followed by the other half the following week. A kit list is provided later in the newsletter. Each groups session will take place every other week. Group information and dates will be provided separately.

Farewell

This week we have said 'farewell' to two of our teachers. Mrs Twemlow has worked here as SENCo for just over a year and has been instrumental in initiating provision for children with Special Educational Needs. She has been invaluable and I know the children and staff will miss her. As of January, I will be taking on the role as the Primary Phase link for our SEND children. Mrs Twemlow and I have worked together for a considerable amount of time to ensure that the transition as smooth as possible.

Mrs Rees who has worked on part-time time basis covering classes during release time for teachers has also left the school today. She has provided the children with memorable learning experiences and she will be greatly missed by the children and the staff. We wish her lots of luck in her decision to dedicate her time to tutoring children in preparation for the 11+ exam.

Many thanks and enjoy the festivities,

Mrs Edkins

Other News

Healthy Lunch Box

As a school we like to promote a healthy diet. Some children prefer to bring their own packed lunches and these should follow healthy balanced guidelines containing a selection of food such as sandwiches, healthy crisp-like snacks, fruit, snack bars, yoghurts, biscuits, etc.

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.

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.

Forest Schools– Kit List

Children will be able to come to School in their Forest Schools kit. Please remember to send in their uniform to change into afterwards.

Long trousers
Long-sleeved top
2 pairs of thick socks
Wooly hat
Sun hat
Walking boots/wellies
Fleece/hoody
Waterproof jacket
Waterproof trousers

Diary Dates

Date	Event	Time
Friday 21st December	Break up for Christmas Holiday	1.30pm
Christmas Holiday		
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