



Aylesford School

and Sixth Form College
Primary Phase

Respect, Aspire, Wonder

Friday 11th January 2019

From the Director of Primary Education



"The beautiful thing about learning is that nobody can take it away from you."

B. B. King

Attendance Figures:

Unicorn—94.2%

Phoenix—96.7%

Pegasus—95.7%

Osprey—95.5%

Well done to Phoenix!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I do hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. I would like to thank you for all the thoughtful cards and gifts that I received over the Christmas period. Whilst it is absolutely not necessary, it is very much appreciated and I am touched by your kindness and generosity. As you can imagine, the children have lots of exciting stories to share about their holiday and it is wonderful to hear about their experiences.

We are all very much looking forward to this term. The children have had a fabulous first week back and have been inspired by a range of exciting learning opportunities provided to them.

Over the course of the term, Unicorn Class will be learning about 'People Who Help Us.' They have already been surprised to discover a cat stuck in a tree in their out door classroom. They have thought of some fabulous ways to help it and are now caring for it in their role-play Vets.

Phoenix Class will be travelling to outer space during their topic. They have been visited by the alien, Beegu. He had lots of questions about planet earth.

Pegasus Class will be discovering 'Where My Wings Take Me.' This week they found a large and unusual egg in the corner of the classroom. They believe it belongs to a dragon and have worked hard to become reporters, sharing the news of this exciting event. They have produced 'Missing' posters to alert the public.

Osprey Class will be learning about 'What Makes the Earth Angry.' They have created fabulous volcano artwork and have been learning about collective nouns to write funny poems. They have also enjoyed their first swimming lesson this week. They came back very excited, if not a little tired and hungry.

Forest School will begin on Tuesday 15th January. If your child is in Oak group, please send them to school in their Forest School kit along with their school uniform so they are able to change afterwards. Please ensure that all items are clearly named.

Have a restful weekend,

Mrs Edkins

Other News

Achievement Assemblies

Please all be aware that Achievement assemblies will now take place on a Friday morning at 9.00am with the first one taking place on 18th January 2019.

Dinosaur Day

On Thursday 17th January we will be holding a Dinosaur themed lunch. We strongly encourage all children to join in the fun and use this as an opportunity to perhaps try a school lunch on this day if they usually bring their own lunches to school.

Space Workshop

On Wednesday 6th February we will have Sam Whittaker visiting school to hold a very special assembly about space and astronauts for the whole school. Following on from the assembly Sam will be holding a space workshop for Phoenix class. They will be carrying out space themed experiments and also undertaking training to become an astronaut.

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.

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
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