



Aylesford School

and Sixth Form College
Primary Phase

Respect, Aspire, Wonder

Friday 18th January 2019

**From the Director of Primary
Education**



"Children must be taught how to think, not what to think."

Margaret Mead

Attendance Figures:

Unicorn— 94.3%

Phoenix—96.6%

Pegasus—95.8%

Osprey—95.7%

Well done to Phoenix!

Dear Parents/Carers,

We've had another busy and happy week here at Aylesford Primary. Oak group from Unicorn Class enjoyed their first Forest School session where they were able to explore the grounds and create troll dens. I'm sure Ash group will have just as much fun next week.

Thank you to everyone who attended the reading/SATs meetings this week. They were very well-received and we have had some extremely positive feedback from a number of parents. Your support is very much appreciated.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the forthcoming Parents' Consultation Meetings, held on Tuesday, 29th January at 3.20– 6.30pm and Thursday, 31st January at 3.20-5.20pm. You will be able to sign up with class teachers from Monday 21st. This will be a fantastic opportunity to discuss your child's progress and targets.

Thank you to Mrs Fawbert for dedicating her time to leading our new Recorder Club. The first session was very successful. It was lovely to hear the children play and a delight to see how proud they were of owning their very own recorders.

I do hope you have a lovely, restful weekend.

Mrs Edkins



Achievement Assembly

This week we congratulated:



Edward
(Unicorn)

For his excellent reading.

Elliott
(Unicorn)

For his fantastic phonics.

Leo
(Unicorn)

For his amazing model design.

Bethan
(Phoenix)

For her fantastic progress in Maths.

Oscar H
(Phoenix)

For his amazing letter to the alien, Bee-gu.

Kara
(Pegasus)

For excellent effort in literacy to use ambitious adjectives to describe dragons.

Maisie H
(Osprey)

For a fantastic poem using collective nouns.

Zac T
(Osprey)

For a fantastic poem using collective nouns.

Other News

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March 2018. Children are invited to come to school dressed as characters from their favourite books.

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.

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.

Diary Dates

Date	Event	Time
Tuesday 5th February	Chinese New Year—Themed Lunch	
Thursday 7th February	Osprey Class Assembly	9am
Thursday 14th February	Pegasus Class Assembly	9am
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day	
Thursday 14th March	Phoenix Class Assembly	9am
Thursday 4th April	Unicorn Class Assembly	9am

PTA News

Friends of Aylesford PTA

The PTA AGM was held last night with enough parents present to vote in a new committee. Your new representatives are:

Chair - Rachel Looms
Vice-chair - Rebecca Cochrane
Secretary - Erin Evans
Treasurer - Stuart Gould
School representative - Rachel Perrier

Class representatives:

Unicorn - Rachel Choudry & Charlotte Fawbert Phoenix - Charlotte Goonesinghe & Amy Harratt Pegasus - Alison Seddon-Wright & Jess Humphreys Osprey - Danielle Liberty-Damp & tbc

May I take this opportunity to thank the outgoing committee for all their hard work and success with events this past year. I look forward to meeting and working with you all this coming year. Our first meeting will be held at the Unicorn pub on Thursday 24th January at 730pm, everyone is welcome to come and see what we have planned and input any ideas. Our first event will be a Valentines disco on Friday 15th February, more details to follow shortly.

Rachel Looms, Chair PTA