



# Aylesford School

and Sixth Form College  
Primary Phase

## From the Director of Primary Education



*"Write in on your heart that every day is the best day in the new year."*

**-Ralph Waldo Emerson**

Friday 10th January 2020

## Attendance Figures:

Unicorn—97.7%  
Phoenix—93.4%  
Pegasus—97.2%  
Osprey—97.0%  
Giant—95.3%

Well done to Unicorn!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I do hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas and feel well rested. I would like to thank you for all the thoughtful cards and gifts sent in over the Christmas period. Whilst it is absolutely not necessary, it is very much appreciated and we are all 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.

Thank you to those of you who attended parents' consultations this week. We have already received some very positive feedback and we look forward to supporting your children during the next stage of their school journey. If you were unable to attend, please see your child's class teacher who will be happy to arrange a mutually convenient time to meet.

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. It is clear that many of them have been working very hard at home during the holidays and we thank you for your ongoing support.

Many thanks and have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Edkins

## Other News

### Nuts

Please may we remind you that we have a NO NUT policy at school. Please do not send your child into school with any nut based products for either snack or lunch. This includes nut based chocolate spreads.

### Chinese New Year and Valentines Themed Lunches

School will be holding the above lunches on 23rd January and 13th February. Please ensure that orders are placed via Parent Pay. For those parents who have already ordered for these days the system has, unfortunately, cancelled any pre existing orders meaning that orders will need to be re made.



## Achievement Assembly

### This week we congratulated:



Unicorn	Freddie	Making great progress with his drawing and writing.
Phoenix	Farah	For always showing pride in her work across all subjects. She has made a great start to the New Year.
Pegasus	Jack	For excellent effort in topic lessons to produce fantastic work about the Titanic.
Osprey	Alfie	For his exceptional effort with his hand-writing.
Giant	Sami	For his fantastic artwork for the Christmas card competition.

## Friends of Aylesford Primary



Our AGM is on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020, 8pm in the primary school hall. If you would like to hear what we've been up to this year or become involved in the PTA, please do come along. All current post-holders will be required to step down and there will be elections for the roles of Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Class Representatives. Please find attached details of the main committee roles should you wish to put yourself forward for these.

The PTA provides vital funds to help develop the school and enhance the children's time at Aylesford Primary. We have raised an unbelievable amount in 2019, just under £45,000! This has been spent on a new ICT suite, two new defibrillators, developing the eco-garden and forest school, playground markings, benches, sandpits and storytelling chairs. We have also recently purchased two giant wooden wigwams and a bespoke outdoor classroom, all of which will be built in February half term.

None of the above would have been possible without the volunteers who organise events and apply for grants on behalf of the school. Thank you to all the outgoing Committee members and thank you to all the families who have supported us by attending events.

Friends of Aylesford Primary Committee

## School Clubs

<u>Day</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Times</u>	<u>Led by</u>
Monday	Music (Yr 1 & 2)	12.30-13.00	Sarah Hoskin
Tuesday	Dance Club (KS2)	15.00-16.00	Zest Dance
Thursday	Dance Club (KS1)	15.00-16.00	Zest Dance
Friday	Drama Club (Y2 and above)	Lunch time	Zest Drama
	Multi Sports Club (Y1 -4)	15.00-14.00	Onside Coaching

## Diary Dates

Date	Event	Time
16/01/20	Phoenix to visit the Fire Station	Return by the end of school day.
20/01/20	Unicorn—NHS Vision Check	09.00am
22/01/20	PTA AGM	20.00 Main School Hall
23/01/20	Chinese New Year themed lunch	
24/01/20	Music Lesson Launch Assembly with Independent Music Solutions—Year One to Four parents are invited.	09.00am
30/01/20	Osprey Class Assembly	09.00am
06/02/20	Giant Class Assembly	09.00am
13/02/20	Pegasus Class Assembly	09.00am
Half Term 17th February—21st February		
04/03/20	Phoenix Class Assembly	09.00am
05/03/20	World Book Day	
12/03/20	Unicorn—NHS Height and Weight Measurement	09.45am Onwards
13/03/20	Valentines themed lunch	
26/03/20	Unicorn Class Assembly	
02/04/20	Term Ends	1.00pm
Easter Break 6th April-17th April		
20/04/20	Term Begins	
08/05/20	Bank Holiday	
Half Term 25th May-29th May		
02/07/20	Sports Day	Morning
07/07/20	Reserve Sports Day	Morning
17/07/20	Term Ends	1.00pm