



# Aylesford School

and Sixth Form College  
Primary Phase

## From the Director of Primary Education



*"The purpose of education is to teach one to think intensively and creatively. Intelligence plus character-that is the goal of true education."*

**-Martin Luther King Jr.**

Friday 17th January 2020

## Attendance Figures:

Unicorn—97.3%  
Phoenix—93.5%  
Pegasus—97.1%  
Osprey—97.1%  
Giant—95.4%

Well done again to Unicorn!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your generous book donations. We have received a number of high quality books to add to our library and we are very grateful for your on-going support. If you are still planning on a post-Christmas sort out and have any books that you think might be suitable please send them into school where they will be enjoyed by the children and staff alike.

### Year 4 Personal Best Challenge

On Tuesday, the children in Year 4 took part in a Personal Best Challenge. This was organised by Central Warwickshire School Sports Partnership and enabled children from across four local Primary Schools to join together here at Aylesford to complete a series of sporting challenges. The aim of this was to introduce them to a range of new activities that they will be able to improve upon over time; leading to increased stamina, fitness and skill. Thanks go to Miss Sewell, Mrs Perrier and Mr Grinham (Head of Secondary PE) for their hard work in coordinating the event. May, I take this opportunity to remind you that children must have a named PE kit in school with them **at all times** in order that they can access events like these, as well as their weekly PE lessons. It was unfortunate that a few children were unable to participate due to not having a kit.

### Independent Music Solutions

On Friday 24th January at 9am, James Suckling from Independent Music Solutions will be holding an assembly to introduce a range of music tuition opportunities. Parents of children in Year 1-4 are invited to attend the assembly to find out more about what will be available to the children in the near future. Don't worry if you are unable to make the assembly as relevant information will also be sent home.

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.

### Circus Themed Lunch

This week we held a hugely successful Circus themed lunch. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Our catering team went above and beyond and decorated the hall wonderfully. We really are so lucky to have such a dedicated team on board.



## Achievement Assembly

### This week we congratulated:



Unicorn	Teddy	For making fantastic progress in phonics.
Phoenix	Noah	For showing an exemplary attitude to learning.
Pegasus	Oscar H	For his fantastic literacy work.
Osprey	Millie	For her fantastic work in literacy.
Giant	Maisie H	For her outstanding effort in learning our myth about King Midas and his Golden Touch.

## 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) Music (Reception)	15.00-16.00 12.30-13.00	Zest Dance Sarah Hoskin
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
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
13/02/20	Valentines Themed Lunch	
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
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