



Aylesford School

and Sixth Form College
Primary Phase

From the Director of Primary Education



*“The goal of education is the advancement of knowledge
and the dissemination of truth. “*

– John Fitzgerald Kennedy

Friday 31st January 2020

Attendance Figures:

Unicorn—96.9%
Phoenix—93.6%
Pegasus—97.0%
Osprey—97.3%
Giant—95.6%

Well done again to Osprey!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Osprey Class Assembly

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend Osprey's Class assembly this week. It was wonderful to see them so keen to share their learning. They have all worked incredibly hard over the last three weeks and it is very impressive to see the progress that they have made in such a short space of time. Well done Osprey!

Music Tuition

We have already had an impressive response to the offer of music lessons here at Aylesford. If your child is interested in learning a musical instrument, please return your reply slips by next Wednesday, 5th February as the providers will be collecting all paperwork towards the end of next week.

Mental Health First Aid

Recently, Mrs Gould attended a Mental Health First Aid Course. Whilst our on-going drive to teach children about leading a healthy lifestyle continues, this now explicitly involves mental health as there is a national drive to remove the stigma surrounding mental health issues. As a school we play a vital role in helping children who may be experiencing mental ill health. Picking up on issues as early as possible and guiding a young person towards support quickly can also mean that a mental health issue has a less profound impact on their social, emotional and academic development. We believe that building resilience is incredibly important here and we will continue to develop our curriculum to support this.

Absence

We have high expectations regarding attendance and punctuality. We want the best education for our children and expect all children to be at school on time, ready to learn, and have attendance above 95%. Attendance which is lower than 95% can significantly impact upon your child's learning.

All children at some point are ill, which means that they cannot attend school. If your child has sickness and diarrhoea or a high temperature then they cannot attend school. However, if your child has a minor complaint such as a runny nose, mild cough or mild sore throat, then they could attend school. We will always make contact with you if we feel that your child is too unwell to be in school.

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.

Valentines Themed Lunch

School will be holding the above on 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	Jodhveer	For making fantastic progress in Phonics.
Phoenix	Max	Fabulous attitude to learning and persevering with his Literacy work.
Pegasus	Jude	For his excellent writing in literacy.
Osprey	Charlie	For his super effort in literacy.
Giant	Jesse	For his fantastic effort and attitude to learning in literacy.

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 (KS2)	15.00-16.00	Zest Dance
Thursday	Dance (KS1)	15.00-16.00	Zest Dance
	Music (Reception)	12.30-13.00	Sarah Hoskin
Friday	Drama (Y2 and above)	12.30-13.00	Zest Drama
	Multi Sports (Y1-4)	15.00-16.15	Onside Coaching

Reading Reminder

Reading with your children for at least 10 minutes a day is really important for their development. Please ensure you are recording comments in your child's reading record at least 3 times a week so that they can receive their gold star sticker.

Some helpful comments for reading diaries:

- Read familiar words independently
- Able to predict what happens next in the text
- Showed good understanding of the text
- Worked out new words by sounding out
- Discussed the story and characters well
- Enjoyed reading this book a lot
- Self-corrected own errors independently
- Used the picture cues and the first sound of the word to work out words
- Read with fluency and expression
- Able to read the book, but with lots of prompting
- Needed support to read certain words
- Discussed certain vocabulary

Also, if you are a parent with some spare time and would like to express an interest in hearing readers during an afternoon in school, please get in touch with Miss Sewell.

We thank you for your continued support with reading.

Diary Dates

Date	Event	Time
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
18/03/20	KS1 Mothers Day Assembly (If you have children across both KS1 and KS2 you may attend either assembly)	08.30-09.30am
19/03/20	KS2 Mothers Day Assembly (If you have children across both KS1 and KS2 you may attend either assembly)	08.30-09.30am
26/03/20	Unicorn Class Assembly	09.00-09.30am
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