



# Aylesford School

and Sixth Form College  
Primary Phase

Friday 7th February 2020

## From the Director of Primary Education



*"Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today."*

– Malcolm X

## Attendance Figures:

Unicorn – 97.0%  
Phoenix – 93.6%  
Pegasus – 96.9%  
Osprey – 97.1%  
Giant — 95.5%

Well done again to Osprey !

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Giant Class Assembly

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend 'Giant Class' assembly this week. It is clear that the children are very much enjoying their topic, 'Gods and Mortals' and it was wonderful to see them present their learning to an audience.

### Year One Team Challenge

On Tuesday, ten children from Year One represented our school at a Team Challenge event, organized by Central Warwickshire School Sports Partnership. They had a wonderful time taking part in a variety of sporting activities and were very keen to share their experiences on their return. We were all very thrilled to learn that the children achieved recognition for their 'passion' .....

### Talent Show

On Tuesday 11th February, those who attend Zest Dance Club will be competing in a talent show at Royal Spa Centre, Leamington Spa. This is a fantastic opportunity for those involved and we wish them lots of luck. Enjoy it dancers and remember, "Dance from your heart and let your passion shine through."

### Save the Date

On **Friday 6th March**, you are invited in to see the Zest Drama Group perform in an assembly where they will showcase some of the work that they have done to date. The children who competed in the talent show will also perform their dance during this assembly, providing you the opportunity to see all of their hard work.

In celebration of Mother's Day, the children will be inviting ladies special to them into school on **Wednesday 18th** (Years 3 and 4) and **Thursday 19th March** (Reception—Year 2). You will be invited in for refreshments followed by an assembly led by the children across the school. If you have children across key stages, please feel free to select a morning to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!

Have a lovely weekend.

Many thanks,

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.



## Achievement Assembly

### This week we congratulated:



<b>Unicorn</b>	<b>Millie</b>	<b>For her amazing writing.</b>
<b>Phoenix</b>	<b>Leo</b>	<b>For his fantastic effort in Year One.</b>
<b>Osprey</b>	<b>Harry</b>	<b>For his amazing science and computing work.</b>
<b>Giant</b>	<b>Onur</b>	<b>For his outstanding effort with his homework.</b>

## Absence

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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.

## 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
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 Themed Lunch—Orders to be made via Parent Pay	
06/03/20	Zest Dance and Drama Show	09.00am
12/03/20	Unicorn—NHS Height and Weight Measurement	09.45am Onwards
18/03/20	KS2 Mothers Day Assembly (If you have children across both KS1 and KS2 you may attend either assembly)	08.30-09.30am
19/03/20	KS1 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