

# Newsletter

## Friday 11th January 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year! It is with great pleasure that I am writing the first newsletter of the New Year, and my first as Headteacher here at Aylesham Primary School. It is a tremendous privilege for me to take on this role and taking over the helm from Mr Rowden. I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for all the work he has done over the last 3 years.

I was certain from my first impressions that Aylesham Primary School was the right choice for me and since starting my post last week I have been impressed by the whole school, especially the children. Every time I have welcomed them at the gate, or been in class, I am greeted with polite children with happy faces who are wanting to learn.

I look forward to working with staff, governors, parents and carers and most importantly, the children, in moving the school forward. I have the very highest expectations for the school and it is my intention to build even stronger links with you and the community to make our school the best it can possibly be.

I will be at the school gate most mornings, so please come and say hello or ask any questions that you may have; I would like to get to know as many of you as possible as well as getting to know your children.

Mr Matthew Harper  
**Headteacher**



### Magic Breakfast and 'Move and Groove'

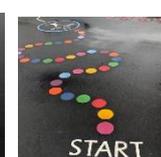
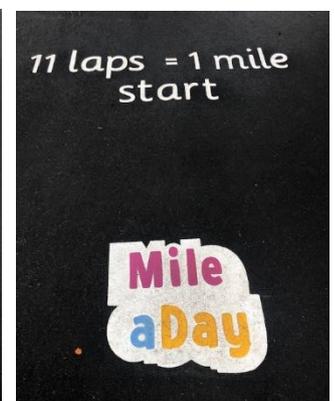
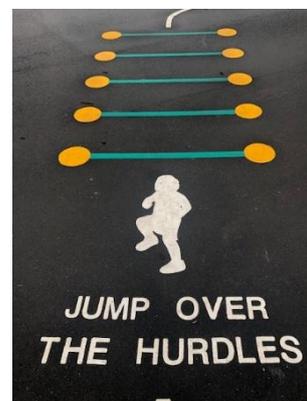
We are very excited and proud to announce that we are now part of the National School Breakfast Programme.

This means that we are happy to offer every single pupil a healthy bagel grab and go breakfast, free of charge and daily at 8:40am, starting **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019**.

The playground will be open from 8:30am every day with an organised 'Move and Groove' routine for children to take part in, in their house teams.

Please bring your children to school for 8:30am, to take part in our new programme and give them the best start to each new day.

**New Playground markings. We hope you like them as much as the children do!**



Hello,

My name is Lyndsey Holtby-Smith and I would like to introduce myself as the new SENCo at Aylesham Primary School. My role in school is to co-ordinate additional support for pupils with SEN and liaise with their parents and carers, teachers and other professionals who are involved with them.

If you have concerns about your children, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached via the school office, and I will often be on the school gate at the beginning or end of the day (I will try to remember to bring a notepaper and a pen!). I look forward to getting to know you all.

Mrs Holtby-Smith

**SENCo**



This term we are welcoming some new members of staff to our team. They have a wealth of knowledge and experience to bring to the school.

Mrs L Bullen is our new Ladybirds teacher, and will be here on Thursdays and Fridays.

Mrs E Godden is our year 6 Intervention Teacher, and will be here every morning.

Mr K – is our new Site Manger and will be here every day.

### Weekly Class Attendance

Bumblebees	95.1%
Ladybirds	97.4%
Badgers	99.2%
Hedgehogs	94.2%
Squirrels	98.3%
Kestrels	94.0%
Hawks	96.4%
Ospreys	93.8%
Harriers	95.2%
Falcons	91.4%
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>95.5%</b>

Hello to All!

A warm welcome back to all parents and carers and Happy 2019!

I would just like to remind you all of the support I can offer to you. If you feel you need support with your child with regards to behaviour, friendship groups, and bereavement or in any other capacity please do come and see me. Alternatively you may have a worry in your own life such as health or job issues. I can offer confidential and non-judgemental guidance and have access to other supportive agencies. This time of year can particularly difficult financially and if this is affecting you I can provide food bank vouchers to ease the situation.

You can catch me outside school in the mornings and most afternoons; I am here from 8.30am to 4pm every day. Come along and have a coffee and a chat anytime!

Carole Bourne

**Family Liaison Officer**

### Our School Values



**Resilience** –  
*Emperor penguin*



**Teamwork** – *Honey bee*



**Creativity** – *Octopus*



**Flying High** – *Skylark*

### Dates for your diary

**Movie Night Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January - Please ensure ALL children are collected at 5pm from the main reception doors. (For those children who have had confirmation of a place)**

**Applications for September 2019 starters need to be submitted by 15<sup>th</sup> January via [kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](http://kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions)**