

Newsletter

Friday 25th January 2019

Our School Values

Dear Parents/Carers

I have really enjoyed my first few weeks at Aylesham Primary School and it has been great getting to know more of the children and speaking to some of you. I have been impressed with how enthusiastic, polite, happy and eager to learn all your children are. I have really enjoyed spending time the classrooms and seeing the learning opportunities which the staff are providing for the children.

Mr Matthew Harper
Headteacher



Resilience –
Emperor penguin



Teamwork – Honey bee



Creativity – Octopus



Flying High – Skylark



We are pleased that we have been granted a Kick Start Grant from British Science Week (11th-15th March). This will enable us to raise the profile of Science throughout the school and to inspire enthusiasm for the subject in our pupils.

We would like to encourage the children to consider themselves to be Scientists and for them to develop their scientific thinking skills.

Our Science Week will be entitled We are Scientists. Why does the world need Scientists? It will explore the variety of ways that Science is applied in the real world, to encourage the children to see the science in their everyday lives and (hopefully) challenge any stereotypes about what a scientist may look like. Classes will approach this question in a variety of age-appropriate ways throughout the school.

The children will share their learning at the end of the week with a showcase, at which each class will present what they have learned. Parents will be invited to attend and you will receive more details about this nearer the time.

If you can think of any ways in which you would be able to support us to offer an excellent week, we would be very grateful.

More details about the week can be found from the website below:

<https://www.britishscienceweek.org/>



House and Sport Captains

We recently held an assembly to elect Year 6 pupils into the roles of House and Sport Captains.

The children who wanted to be considered for these roles had to prepare a speech and present it to the whole school in assembly. The Whole school then voted for these children:



Chislet

House Captain: Poppy

Sports Captain: Joe G

Betteshanger

House Captain: Isha

Sports Captain: Faith

Tilmanstone

House Captain: Paige

Sports Captain: Patrick

Snowdown

House Captain: Joe P

Sports Captain: Sasha

Congratulations to these children and to all who took part.

Weekly Class Attendance

Bumblebees	90.5%
Ladybirds	87.9%
Badgers	91.7%
Hedgehogs	95.7%
Squirrels	93.3%
Kestrels	92.2%
Hawks	91.1%
Ospreys	97.9%
Harriers	88.8%
Falcons	94.7%
Whole School	92.6%

Attendance

We would like every child to achieve 100% attendance throughout the year.

Below is a guide to how missing school effects your child's education.

Attendance during the school year	Equates to days absence	Which is approximately	Which means the number of lessons missed
94%	10 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons

Please work with us to give your child the very best chance to achieve by attending well.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 5th February

Online Safety Workshops. We will be holding two online safety workshops next month, one for parents /carers and one for pupils.

Child sessions will be happening during the day on Tuesday 5th February. A Parent Session will be running at 3:00 pm on the same day. We hope to see you there.

Half Price Book Fair

28th – 31st January



Cooking Sessions with Mrs Thompson

All parents are welcome to come along to our Family Thrive cooking sessions on how to cook delicious family meals on a budget. Please let us know in advance if you would like to come along, these session will be held on Tuesdays. You will only need to bring a Tupperware container and an apron. We hope to see lots of you there.