



Newsletter

Spring Term 2017

The Arrival of Spring

We are now into the second half of the term, and so the children in the Main School will be welcoming the Spring with a special assembly for all Parents/Carers on Wednesday 15th March 9.30-10.00am. The children will be performing songs and poems to celebrate the arrival of Spring, please come and join us.

Reports and Parent/Teacher Consultations for Main School and Nursery

Again this year, we will be sending out the annual reports for the children in Year 1 and Year 2 during the Spring term. You will receive the reports shortly before Parent/Teacher Consultations, which will be held on Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th March.

Letters to request an appointment will be sent home next week. Please ensure you return the reply slip in your child's book bag or hand into the school office in good time to allow an appointment to be arranged for you. Children in the Nursery and Reception classes will receive their reports at the end of the Summer term.

World Book Day

On Thursday 2nd March it is 'World Book Day'. We would be delighted if the children could come to school dressed as their favourite book characters for the day. The children will be bringing home a 'World Book Day Book Token' which can be used to swap for a free book or used as a £1 off voucher on any book worth £2.99 or more at supporting bookshops.

We will also be having a Roald Dahl themed menu for lunch:

'Gangsta Granny's Wrap' served with 'Horrid Henry's Crazy Ketchup', 'Where's Wally's Wedges' and 'Famous Five Salad'. To follow there is 'The Gobbling Glutton's Dessert'.

Please see the kitchen window or the notice boards for the full descriptive menu!

Claire Sharland from Aylsham Library will be visiting the classes on Friday 3rd March to share with the children some of her favourite books.

Also to help celebrate this event, FoJoG have organised a Book Sale on Friday 3rd March from 2.30 - 3.30 pm. Books will be for sale in the main hall at 50p a book or 3 for £1. Refreshments will also be available. Please hand in your good condition donations to the school office between 27th February and 2nd March. While you are hunting the house for unwanted books, school is in need of any good condition jigsaws or board games that you no longer use or want. We will put any kind donations to very good use.

Family Learning

Our next Family Learning Day is on Tuesday 21st March and our theme is based around 'Being Healthy'. Invitations, including session times, have been sent out in your child's book bag. For details please see the posters displayed around school.

Looking Ahead

Our annual Cluster Family Learning Day will be held on Saturday 10th June and is already looking like a very exciting day with lots of free events for all the family. Look out for further information nearer the time.



Red Nose Day 2017

We will be supporting the Comic Relief Appeal on Friday 24th March 2017 and if your child would like to take part, they may dress up in red. A donation of £1.00 is suggested for this good cause.

'Great Easter Bake Off' and Easter Hat Parade

On Tuesday 28th March, we will be holding a fun filled day of Easter celebrations. There will be an Easter Cake Competition arranged by the Friends. You and your child are invited to create an Easter themed cake! Entry is £1 for adults and 50p per child.

On Friday 31st March, during the day, we will be holding our Easter Hat Parades, with a prize for the best hat in each class. This year the hats will be judged by the Easter Rabbit. At 2.30pm you can come in and have a chance to watch the children's Easter Hat Parade.

Easter Lunch Menu

On Wednesday 23rd March, we will be celebrating Easter with a special lunch.

The menu will be:

- * Local Pork Sausages, Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy
- or
- * Quorn Sausage with Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy
- * Roast Potatoes, Spring Cabbage and Carrots
- * Easter Nest with Mini Marshmallows

We are currently updating our School Brochure and website. Mr de Ville Shaw, School Governor will be coming in to take new photographs for both. If you DO NOT WISH for your child to feature, please contact the school office asap.

If your child has borrowed clothes this term, please could you ensure they are returned to class. Also, if you have any spare clothes that your child no longer needs, then any donations will be gratefully received.

SPA Day at Woodgate Nursery & Tearooms Aylsham Saturday 22nd April 2016 2.00 - 4.00pm

Woodgate Nursery & Tea Rooms and The Aylsham Cluster Trust Schools, Friends and PTA Groups will be offering families the opportunity of enjoying a large range of free activities to enjoy. No booking required - just turn up on the day and enjoy this FREE event. Come along for half an hour or stay the whole two hours. Car parking will be limited, so why not walk or stride from the town along Marriot's Way.

Zookeeper Zoe Vision and Eye Health Initiative

The **Zookeeper Zoe** book is a resource, which has been created as a country wide initiative, in partnership between Boots Opticians and the National Literacy Trust. It has been created to highlight the link between eye health and literacy and raise awareness that children's vision and eye health change as they grow and should be checked regularly.

All children aged 5 - 16 years old should have a free vision and health check at least every two years at an opticians. Routine vision testing is offered to all Reception children at school. If any problems are picked up at that point, children are referred to a hospital based paediatric eye clinic, but children's eyes change as they grow and some problems aren't obvious, which is why regular check-ups are important, just as you take your children to the dentist regularly.

Look out for the **Zookeeper Zoe** picture books with integrated eye tests for all children, in your local library or mobile library, to help get your child used to the idea of regular eye checks. Our school library also has a copy and some Boots Opticians may still have free copies left too. The **Zookeeper Zoe** book is also available in digital form for free at www.zookeeperzoe.co.uk; an IOS and Android app is also available to support putting the child at ease during their eye examination experiences.

SEND Coffee Morning

Ruth Abramson, our SENCO (Special Education Needs Coordinator) has organised a coffee morning and presentation from Wayne Doman, of Norfolk County Council, about the Local Offer for SEND pupils and their families. **The event will take place in John Bear's Room on Wednesday 22nd March. Coffee will be available from 8.50am and Wayne will start his presentation at 9.15am.** This will give you the opportunity to discuss and ask questions you may have regarding Norfolk County Council's Local Offer (for special education needs and disabilities), which has two main purposes.

- To provide clear, comprehensive, accessible and up-to-date information about the available provision and how to access it.
- To enable children and young people, their parents carers and professionals who work with them to influence the development and review of provision so it is responsive to local needs and aspirations.

Invitation letters have been sent to specific parents, however if you feel you would benefit from the information on offer, please see Mrs Lord in the school office.

Other Dates for your Diary

- * Tuesday 28th March - Year 2 will be walking to St. Michaels Church for an Easter Experience
 - * 31st March - Mufti Day and End of Term
- * 18th April - Main School Re-opens for Summer Term, Nursery Closed for Home Visits
 - 20th April - Nursery Re-opens