



# Newsletter

## Issue 4 Autumn 2017

### Message from Mrs Toplis, Head of School

As I write this I cannot believe that we are already at the end of the first Term. It has been a long term and the children are all ready for a really good rest. They have worked so hard at their learning and I can see the progress that they are making every day.



I was so proud of them for their wonderful Christmas performances and I think that they were a credit to our school and also to you as parents. Their confidence to perform at such a young age is commendable. Thank you for all your kind donations to Quiddenham Children's Hospice, we raised an amazing £210.

A big thank you to FoJoG for organising such a great advent fayre. The children enjoyed meeting the man himself and playing lots of different games. We raised £330. The children also enjoyed the parents panto 'Dick Whittington' this week so a big well done to the Parents, especially those from JoG. My starring role was brief, but I sparkled and waltzed enthusiastically!

I thank you for all your support for us this term and I wish you a very Merry Christmas and look forward to continuing our journey together in 2018.

*CE Toplis*

### Dates for your Diary

- 4.1.18 - Main school returns
- 4.1.18 and 5.1.18 - Nursery Home Visits
- 8.1.18 - Nursery Returns
- 8.1.18 - Year 1 and 2 Local Visit
- 5.2.18 - Consultation Evening for Federation at JoG 7pm
- 6.2.18 and 7.2.18 - Parents Evenings
- 9.2.18 School closes at 3.10pm for HALF TERM and reopens 19.2.18
- 23.2.18 - RSPB Outdoor Learning Day
- 1.3.18 - RSPB Outdoor Learning Day
- 13.3.18 - Family Learning Day
- 15.3.18 - RSPB Outdoor Learning Day
- 21.3.17 - Spring Assembly
- 28.3.18 School closes at 3.10pm for Easter and reopens 16.4.18

### Arriving Late

Please can we remind you all that if you arrive late for school in the mornings or at any time of the day you MUST report to Mrs Lord in the school office so that the registers can be updated. If you are a Fantastic Foxes parent please DO NOT take your child directly to the classroom because registers are kept in the main school building. We need to have a record of who is on the school premises at all times for fire regulations. Thank you for your cooperation.



### Attendance

By now you should have had a chance to read through our new 'Traffic Light' attendance leaflet. As you can see from our attendance for the half term on the next page, we have some work to do to meet our attendance target. Let's start 2018 really well by arriving at school on time and doing your best to attend school every day.

## Text Messaging - Exciting News

Starting in January we are having a trial of Teachers2Parents, which is a texting service. We very much hope, that after the trial, we will be able to implement the service as a way of communicating all sorts of information with you. You need do nothing other than ensure that Mrs Lord has your up to date mobile phone number and then you will receive texts that are relevant to you. However, Teachers2Parents also has an app that you can download for free from iTunes or the play store. The app will store all your texts from school and also show you the school calendar and notifications. The icon is a yellow circle with 3 yellow dots inside. Once you have downloaded the app, you have to enter your mobile phone number, you are then sent an activation code, which you type into the app and then you are ready to go. Teachers2Parents allow us to have 1 parent per child on the contact list, however in the case of separated parents we can add additional parents to the list if both parents would need to be aware of text messages. Please note, text messages can be received but NOT replied to. We hope that this will prove an effective and efficient way of communicating with you and help you to remember the things that as busy parents sometimes get forgotten! We'll even be able to text you if the school needs to close because of snow!

## Merry Christmas

From all the staff at John of Gaunt a big thank you to you all for our lovely cards and presents. It has been a very busy, but enjoyable term and we wish you a Happy, Healthy, Restful and Merry Christmas. We look forward to seeing the main school back on Thursday 4th January and Nursery on Monday 8th January.



## Attendance Watch

Our target school attendance figure is 96.0%.  
Our current figure for the half term is...

93.4%

The best Class this week was

Busy Bees

## Children's Corner

This is the section of the newsletter for the children's voice. It may be about something that they have been doing in school or a special event.

This newsletter it is the turn of:

The Super Snakes



All about our Christmas Play:

'I really enjoyed singing the songs' **Evie**

'I liked standing up and singing We wish you a Merry Christmas' **Florence**

'I liked singing the Bumpity, bumpity, bump song' **Reuben**

'I liked being a king' **Tyler**

'I liked being Joseph' **Jesse**

'I liked singing the bells will ring, ding, dong, ding' **Lily-Mae**

'I had to say the letter, it was 'b'. I liked all the songs' **Oscar**

'I liked the it's a donkey song' **Lily**