



Newsletter

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Message from Mrs Toplis, Head of School

We are already over half way through this first half of the Summer Term and time is racing by.

The children are all working really hard with their learning. Key Stage 1 have launched their new pirates topic, which hopefully all the children will enjoy as well as learning a lot. Reception have been under the sea recently and have enjoyed learning all about the creatures that live there. Nursery have been huffing and puffing and blowing the house down, learning about the Three Little Pigs.

Thank you for your understanding about the Jubilee Centre access. You can still park your car in the car park, but will need to walk along to the other gate to access the school field. Alternatively, you could park in the Bure Valley railway car park and stride over. Once the new nursery is all finished the access will be opened again, but for the safety of our children it has been necessary to block it off until the work is completed. Here's hoping the sun carries on shining as we continue our Summer Term.



CE Toplis

John Bear's Nursery

As I am sure you have all seen by now, the new nursery has finally started being built at the top of the field. Over the next few weeks it will be exciting to see the building taking shape. We have decided to give the new nursery its very own name and it will therefore be known as 'John Bear's Nursery'. On Monday 21st May at 6pm, we are holding a nursery launch evening in the school hall, where we will be able to show everyone what the nursery will look like and also answer questions about how the nursery will run from September. If you are a parent who already has a child in nursery and they are continuing in September, then this evening will be very useful for you to attend. It would be great if you could also spread the word in the community about the event for those parents who have children of nursery age within the next year. We look forward to seeing you there.

Dates for your Diary

21.5.18 - Nursery Launch Evening
25.5.18 - Muffi Day

25.5.18 - School closes for half term at 3.10pm

4.6.18 - School reopens for everyone

5.6.18 - Family Learning Day
8.6.18 - FoJoG Disco
9.6.18 - Cluster Family Day at AHS
18.6.18 - Year 1 and 2 trip to Sheringham Park
25.6.18 - Archaeological Dig morning
26.6.18 - Sports Day
29.6.18 - Reception Trip to The Dinosaur Park
4.7.18 - 9.30 - 11.30 Year 2 visit BVS
5.7.18 - 9.30 - 1.10 Year 2 visit BVS
6.7.18 - Year 2 whole day at BVS
11.7.18 - Nursery Trip to The Dinosaur Park
13.7.18 - Annual Reports Home
17.7.18 - Open Evening
18.7.18 - Nursery Sports Day
20.7.18 - Year 2 Leavers Assembly
24.7.18 - School Closes for the summer at 3.10

Smoking

Please could I remind everyone that John of Gaunt is a non smoking site and that this also includes e cigarettes. Thank you for your co-operation.

The Big Sing

What a wonderful time we all had at The Big Sing. Despite the change of venue the children had a brilliant time and we were all really surprised when Alexandra Burke popped up on stage! The weather was amazing and I certainly caught the sun.

It was a wonderful opportunity for our children to experience live music together with so many other children. We hope if you came you enjoyed the atmosphere too.

Just a couple of pictures to share.



Royal Wedding Celebrations

I am sure that it hasn't escaped your notice that we have a Royal Wedding on May 19th. At John of Gaunt we always like to celebrate these important National events so we would like the children to come dressed up in patriotic Red, White and Blue on Friday 18th May. The children will then do some activities in their classrooms on that day to mark the occasion and then we will finish the day with a flag waving, cake eating and anthem singing time!

Any combination of Red, White and Blue would be great or of course go all out and come dressed in all three!



Facebook

We would like to let all parents know that we now have two new Facebook pages for John of Gaunt. The FoJoG page is still active and FoJoG will use that to let you know about specific things that they are involved in.

The new Facebook pages are John of Gaunt Infant & Nursery School - Information For Parents and John Bear's Nursery - Information For Parents. Please find and like either both pages, or whichever page best suits your family. These will now be the official pages for our school and we will only post information on those pages. The purposes of our Facebook pages are to give you as parents information about things at school and for you to comment about those things. The pages are not designed for you to share your personal issues and we would ask, as always, that if you have a concern you come in to school to discuss it with us rather than use social media as a tool.



Family Learning Day

Our next Family Learning Day for the main school is on Tuesday June 5th. We are very lucky to be having Premier sports come in to us on that day to run a 'Health and Well-Being Day'. We can learn all about how to keep our bodies healthy with food and exercise and how to keep our minds healthy too.

We are organising this one by classes, in order to ensure that everyone has time to share everything with their children.

9.00am - 9.55am Busy Bees
10.00am - 10.55am Clever Crocodiles
11.00am - 11.55am Fantastic Foxes
1.00pm - 1.45pm Top Tigers
1.45pm - 2.30pm Super Snakes



We would love to see you all there, the children really love sharing their learning with you.

Extreme Reading



Thank you so much everyone who has sent in their extreme reading photos so far. The teachers have created two boards in the hall to showcase all the photos. However, there are still a few spaces to fill. If you have your photos, but haven't sent them in please could you do so and then we can add them to the board. If you haven't had a chance to do some extreme reading yet, or you would like another opportunity then the more photos on the board the better!

Here's another extreme read from Mrs Toplis!



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 Clever Crocodiles

'Our trip to the Big Sing'



'I liked the singing and dancing. The packed lunch was good too!' Logan

'Everyone came and sang altogether, it was fun' Lacey

'My favourite song was All the boys and the girls' Oliver

'I liked all the songs because they were my favourites. I was so happy that I could do it' Ella

'I liked Emily and Scott singing because Emily's voice was so beautiful' Jesse'

'It was wonderful. I liked the boy and girl because the boy had a guitar and I liked their singing' Zeus

Attendance Watch

Our target school attendance figure is 96.0%.
Our current figure for the half term is...
94.8%

The best Class this week was
Fantastic Foxes on 100%