



# Newsletter

## Issue 8 Summer 2018

### Message from Mrs Toplis, Head of School

Well another half term has flown by at John of Gaunt and all the children suddenly seem taller! Perhaps it has something to do with the lovely sunshine we have been experiencing?

The Year twos have all been working hard with their 'secret agent work' and we are very proud of their positive use of the 6 R's and how well they helped the government out.

All the children in Key Stage 1 are enjoying their daily run and we think it is improving their health and fitness already. The Top Tigers, Super Snakes and Beautiful Butterflies have been making the most of the lovely weather and using their outside areas to the full. The Top Tigers and Super Snakes have also opened a reading garden for parents to come in and read with their children in the mornings.

Don't forget our Family Learning Day is on the second day back after the holidays.

I wish you all a very happy half term holiday.



*CE Toplis*

### Dates for your Diary

#### **4.6.18 - School reopens for everyone**

- 5.6.18 - Family Learning Day
- 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**

### Attendance Watch

Our target school attendance figure is 96.0%.

Our current figure for the half term is 94.7 %

The best Class this week was

**Busy Bees with 97%**

### Data Protection

As you are probably all aware there are new data protection regulations which are applicable from today.

I therefore need to inform you that there are changes to the way that we hold your data and all organisations need to comply with the new general data protection regulations that come in to force on 25th May 2018. As a school, we now need to tell you how and why we hold your data and ask for your consent for information held that doesn't fall within our privacy notice. This notice has been updated and is available to view on our website. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the school office.

## New Fence

Hopefully, during the half term holiday, we will be having a new fence put up to continue the fence line from the edge of the Bure Valley playground. There will be two gates, one across the path on the slope leading to the Bure Valley side and one across the space between the kitchen and the brick building. This fence is necessary in order to ensure the safety of our children and to prevent access to the back part of our site during the school day. As we now have the mobiles and our children are crossing the playground during the day, it is really important that we maintain our security.

The gates will be opened at 8.30 am each day and then locked by 9.15am and access will then be through the main school office. The gates will remain locked during the school day and will be opened again at 3 pm ready for pick up.

If for any reason the work is not able to be carried out during the holiday, it will be shortly afterwards.

We hope that you understand why this is necessary.

## Royal Wedding Celebrations

We all had a fabulous time dressing up in our patriotic red, white and blue last Friday. The children had fun in the morning making Union Jack flags and crowns and learning a little about the Royal Family. After lunch we headed out into the beautiful sunshine waving our flags and after joining in with the National Anthem, we all enjoyed some fabulous cakes made for us by our wonderful FoJoG. Special thanks go to FoJoG for our special cakes, which the children thoroughly enjoyed.



## John Bear's Nursery

It was lovely to see so many parents at our Nursery launch evening and we hope that you all found it useful. If you were unable to come, but wanted some information about John Bear's Nursery, or know someone who would, please pop and see Mrs Lord in the office who has some information for you to take away.

## Upcoming Events



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### Help Your Child

Thursday 21st, 28th June and 5th July 2018

9.15 am - 11.45 am

John of Gaunt Infant & Nursery School



This FREE three week course is for parents who are interested in what their children are learning at school, how they are learning and how you can learn together.

During the three weeks you will be looking at the different ways your child learns to read and write at school and how you can support them at home.

*This course will be delivered by Heather Taylor from Clarion Housing Group.*

Places are limited and must be booked with our Family Learning Co-ordinator Monica Harding by e-mail to [mharding@aylshamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:mharding@aylshamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk) or telephone/text 07780 887348



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## FAMILY LEARNING DAY

Please join us at Aylsham High School on

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

**10 am - 2 pm**

**DROP IN FOR AN HOUR OR STAY FOR THE DAY!**

**Admission and all activities FREE**

Our schools and local community groups will be offering a range of FREE activities during the day alongside the opportunity to enjoy workshops for the whole family including African drumming, crazy golf, family cookery and a Hogwarts experience.



**Children must be accompanied by an adult.**

Reasonably priced lunches available or bring a picnic.

Disabled access and toilet facilities.

(kindly sponsored by Aylsham Rotary Club)