



Newsletter

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Message from Mrs Toplis, Head of School

We have had a great start back to the last half of the summer term. The children continue to always try their best at everything they do and that makes us all so proud.

We are very pleased with our new fences and gates and know that these keep our children a lot safer. Please be patient with Mrs Lord in terms of opening the gates. She does her very best to open them on time in the afternoons, but sometimes time just flies! Can I also remind everyone, that the equipment on the playground is NOT to be used before or after school and is only for use during school time. Thank you for your continued support.

We are looking forward to lots of things this half term; including our school trips, sports days, move up mornings and of course the summer fair. Please see or speak to one of the FoJoG committee if you are able to help out on the day.



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Dates for your Diary

- 18.6.18 - Year 1 and 2 trip to Sheringham Park
- 25.6.18 - Archaeological Dig morning
- 26.6.18 - Sports Day 1.15pm
- 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
- 5.7.18 - 10.00 - 11.45 Move Up morning
- 6.7.18 - Year 2 whole day at BVS
- 6.7.18 - 9.30 - 11.45 Move up morning
- 7.7.18 - FoJoG Summer Fair
- 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

Sports Day

We would like to invite you all to our annual sports day, which this year is on Tuesday 26th June at 1.15pm. Please come along and support all the children as they take part in their races. Sports day will take place in the usual spot towards the top of the field and on the BVS side. Bring your blankets or chairs to sit on and please could we ask that you sit on the Norwich Road side of the track, so that the children can put their chairs on the other side.

All the children will take part in two races this year and will be trying hard to earn points for their colour team.

After sports day has finished we will announce the winners and then children will need to head back to their classrooms to get changed. The children will be able to leave as soon as they are ready.

If the weather is unkind to us on this day we will postpone it until the following week (July 3rd) although we hope we won't have to do this!



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

Move Up Mornings



Year 2 will have three opportunities to go over to BVS to enable them to settle and feel happy about their move to junior school. On Wednesday 4th July they will come to John of Gaunt as normal and the Year 2 teachers will take them across to BVS for 9.30 am and they will be collected at 11.30 am.

On Thursday 5th July they will come to school as normal and the Year 2 teachers will take them across for 9.30 am and collect them again at 1.10 pm. They will take a packed lunch with them from school that day. On Friday 6th July they don't come to John of Gaunt at all and they will need to be taken to their new classes at BVS and then also collected from BVS too. On this day they will be provided with lunch from BVS.

At John of Gaunt we are having 2 'Move up mornings' on Thursday 5th and Friday 6th. On these two mornings the children will visit their new classrooms, meet their new teachers and the other children in their class. This will give them the opportunity to find out about their new class and begin to feel settled and ready for their move.

Classes for September

The children will find out on 'Move up morning' which class they are in next year and who their new teacher will be. As we continue to grow bigger in size we need a new class for September to accommodate all our children. The school council, with all the children in the school came up with some possibilities for the new class name. The whole school then used their democratic vote to decide the new name. With a very large margin the winner was Lovely Leopards. So our class structure for September is this:

Fantastic Foxes - Year 2 with Miss Buller and Mrs Sayers



Lovely Leopards - Year 2 with Mrs Gillett and Mrs Bedford



Clever Crocodiles - Year 1 with Mrs Simpson and Mrs Warne



Busy Bees - Year 1 with Mr Scrivens and Mrs Webb



Super Snakes - Reception with Mrs Sweeney and Mrs Shaw and Mrs Humphrey and Mrs Mackie

Top Tigers - Reception with Miss Bullock and Mrs Dyson



John Bear's Nursery - with Mrs Atthill and Mrs Godbold and Mrs Howes



The children are all looking forward to the next stage of their journey at John of Gaunt.

Retirement

It is with much sadness that I have to inform you that our lovely Mrs Southgate is to retire at the end of this year. Mrs Southgate has been at John of Gaunt for years and has done so much for our school. She will be very sadly missed. We will be having a collection to say goodbye and if you wish to contribute to this collection, please send it to the school office in a clearly marked envelope.