



# Newsletter

## Issue 2 Autumn 2018

### Welcome from Mrs Toplis, Head of School

Well, who would believe it the first half term is almost over. We have had a lovely settled and calm start to term and all the children are enjoying getting stuck in to their learning. Our new Top Tigers and Super Snakes have settled in so well and are making the most of the beautiful weather to extend their learning to their outside area. They are also enjoying the old nursery 'cast offs' and are loving improving their physical skills on the climbing frame. Our Clever Crocodiles and Busy Bees have had a fabulous start to Year 1 and I can already see how much progress they have made with their reading, writing, phonics and maths. Our Fantastic Foxes and Lovely Leopards have really stepped up to their responsibilities as year 2's and many are enjoying their new student leadership roles. All of Key Stage 1 have enjoyed their minibeast topic, which culminated in a wonderful bug hat parade. The children have really enjoyed being in their new houses and lots and lots of house points have been earned. I have many golden tickets in my golden post box too and next week the first children will enjoy their afternoon tea with Mrs T! I wish you a very restful half term holiday and look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 29th October.



CE Toplis

### Dates for your Diary

**School finishes for Half Term at 3.10pm Wednesday 17th October and reopens Monday 29th October**

- 8.11.18 - Clever Crocodiles Class Assembly at 9am
- 8.11.18 - Open Event for prospective parents and new reception for 2019
- 9.11.18 - Individual school photos and siblings after school
- 15.11.18 - Busy Bees Class Assembly at 9am
- 28.11.2018 - School Nursing Team in for immunisation Year R, 1 & 2
- 5.12.18 - Family Learning Morning for main school
- 11.12.18 - Christmas dinner
- 12.12.18 - Reception parties
- 13.12.18 - John Bear's Nursery Family Learning Morning
- 13.12.18 - Year 1 and 2 Parties
- 14.12.18 - Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children
- 14.12.18 - Parents Panto

### Christmas Plays

#### Tuesday 4th December

Reception Performance at 9.30 am  
Year 1 Performance at 1.30 pm

#### Thursday 6th December

Year 2 Performance at 9.30 am  
Reception Performance at 1.30 pm

#### Friday 7th December

Year 1 Performance at 9.30 am  
Year 2 Performance at 1.30 pm



### Governor

We are sadly without a parent representative on the Governing Board at the moment and would like to fill this gap as soon as possible. If you feel that this is something that you would be interested in then please come in and talk to us and we will talk you through the role.

## Open Event

We are delighted to be running an open event for prospective parents on Thursday 8th November. If you know of anyone who has a reception aged child for September 2019 or a nursery aged child then please spread the word for us. Details are on the poster.



**John of Gaunt**  
**Infant & Nursery School**  
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# Open Event

**Thursday 8th November**  
**Informal tour of school**  
come see the school in action  
**9.45am - 10.15am**  
**Formal Open Evening**  
Curriculum Taster Activities  
for prospective  
pupils and parents  
**5.30pm - 6.30pm**  
(with talk from  
Head of School  
at 6.00pm)



## Shoe Box Appeal

As Corinne explained to everyone at our Harvest Assembly, this year we are supporting the charity Blythwood Care for our annual shoe box appeal. Our aim at John of Gaunt is to donate as many boxes as possible to this worthwhile cause. FoJoG have sent home some bags and lists of items they would like instead of a donation of money for Muffi Day on Wednesday 17th October.

We are asked to ensure that all items are new and not damaged and that no war related items are included. If you are able to provide any of the items on the list we would be extremely grateful and you can send your donation into school on Wednesday 17th. Our lovely band of FoJoG volunteers will then spend a lovely morning compiling the shoe boxes from the donated items ready to be sent out. If you would like to help make up the shoeboxes then please let us know and we can point you in the right direction.



## School Photos

Individual school photos will be taken on Friday 9th November by Tempest and any siblings who are in our school will also have their photos taken together. As in previous years, the company are happy to stay after school, for you to pop along to have photos taken of your children and their siblings from other schools or younger siblings too. Please could you see Mrs Lord in the office to put your name on the list. There will be no formal booking system and on the evening it will be a queue and wait system to have photos taken. This has always been really popular in the past and I know that they make fantastic Christmas presents! All photos will be taken in John Bear's room.

On the day you should receive a proof of your child's photo in their book bag ready for ordering.



## Panto Time

A message from Lisa Turner



Panto time? Oh yes it is!

The panto put on by the parents, carers and helpers of the schools will take place on Friday 14th December. If anybody would like to be in this amazingly fun production or help behind-the-scenes you would be very, very welcome. No experience necessary and non-speaking roles are also available! Rehearsals will take place on Mondays at 7:30pm starting near half term, dress rehearsal Sunday 9th December in the afternoon.

Do pass your name to the school office and they will let me know you'd like to be involved, thanks.

## Attendance Watch

Our target school attendance figure is 96.0%.  
Our current figure is...

97.1%

The best Class this week was

Fantastic Foxes on 100%

## 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 Fantastic Foxes



This half term I have enjoyed learning about...

I liked learning about William Shakespeare because it is from the past - **Oscar**

I like learning our lines for the sharing assembly - **Evie**

I like doing 'The Very Busy Spider' because we changed the setting to a jungle - **Harry**

I like doing 'The Very Busy Spider' because we wrote our own books - **Hannan**

I like learning about 'The Tempest' because it is a very violent storm - **Hudson**

I like Maths because I have learnt new things - **Ella**



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## CV Workshop

Thursday 22nd November 2018

9 am - 11.45 am

John of Gaunt Infant & Nursery School



Are you thinking about returning to work or looking for new rewarding employment opportunities?

- Presenting a high quality, professional CV will help to demonstrate to employers how your skills and qualities will be a positive addition to their workforce.
- A good CV is not a standard document and needs to be tailored to each job application, highlighting which of your skills and experience are most relevant to that job. This FREE workshop will give you practical support to help you to produce a great CV.

For further information or to book your FREE place please contact our Family Learning Co-ordinator Monica Harding on 07780 887348 or email [mharding@aylshamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:mharding@aylshamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk)



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This workshop will be delivered by  
Lisa Whatnall from Clarion Futures.



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WHEN YOU WISH UPON A STAR...  
ACTIVITY DAY TUES 23RD OCT  
@ AYLSHAM PARISH CHURCH 10am - 12pm

Join us for a magical morning of fun for all ages

with Movie Crafts & Activities, Games,

 Animation Studio, Café, & more.

Plus we'll have a very special guest. 

£2 per child includes entry & all activities.

For more info: [Facebook/Aylsham Parish Church](https://www.facebook.com/AylshamParishChurch)