



# Newsletter

## Issue 9 Summer 2019

### Message from Mrs Toplis, Head of School

It seems impossible that we are already at the end of another half term and the last 5 weeks have whizzed by at John of Gaunt. We have enjoyed learning cafés and sharing assemblies and thank you to all those that have supported the children with these.



We are incredibly proud of all our Year 2 children who have so calmly and resiliently attacked their special work (aka SATs) this half term. They have always tried their best even when it was tough and didn't give up. Key Stage 1 have continued to enjoy their castles topic this half term and have been learning all about some of the famous monarchs from history and where they fit on our increasingly full timelines in the classroom.

Reception children have enjoyed their under the sea topic and now know lots about all the things that live under the sea and also which things float and sink too.

Thank you for your continued support with everything we do. Don't forget to keep checking our phonics You Tube channel for updates and keep working on phonics and reading at home. As they say 'every little helps!'. I hope that you all have a lovely half term break.

*CE Toplis*

### Dates for your Diary

**School reopens on Monday 3rd June at 8.50am**

- 5.5.19 - Year 2 trip to the Castle museum
- 8.6.19 - Cluster family learning day at AHS
- 12.6.19 - New reception parents evening
- 13.6.19 - 9.05am Lovely Leopards Sharing Assembly
- 19.6.19 - Family learning morning
- 20.6.19 - 9.05am Fantastic Foxes Sharing Assembly
- 25.6.19 - 1pm - 3pm Sports day
- 27.6.19 - 9.05am Super Snakes Sharing Assembly
- 3rd - 5th July - Transition days
- 4.7.19 - 9.05am Top Tigers Sharing Assembly
- 6.7.19 - Summer Fair
- 15.7.19 - 3pm - 6pm Open evening
- 23.7.19 - 9.15am Year 2 Leavers Assembly

**School finishes for the Summer holidays on 24.7.19 at 3.10pm**

### Lego Tokens

Thank you to everyone who helped us collect all our Lego tokens. We collected over 2900 tokens which was enough to enable us to get £50 worth of Lego for the school and we now wait to see whether we had the greatest number of tokens per pupil which will entitle us to more Lego!

The new Lego will be used by the Lego club started by Evie in Year 1 which meets every Tuesday break time. Thanks to Mrs Bedford who supports the children with this club.



### Attendance Watch

Our target school attendance figure is 96.0%.

Our current figure:

95.8%

The best Class this week was:

Fantastic Foxes on 97.1%

## Year 1 Visit to the Castle

On Tuesday 7th May, Year 1 had a wonderful visit to Norwich Castle. They enjoyed handling historical artefacts and finding out what they were used for. They met three characters who told them about living and working in the castle. I was especially proud to hear that their excellent behaviour was commented on. Well done Year 1.



## Twitter



We now have a Twitter account for those of you who prefer Twitter to Facebook or just like both. Follow us at John of Gaunt Infant & Nursery School - Parent Info.

Just a note of warning the & sign is important not the word 'and'! Our Facebook and Twitter accounts are linked so information will appear in both places.

## Orange dinner slips

A plea from Mrs Lord and Mrs Hickling in the office and Mrs Miles in the kitchen. Can all dinner slips please be put into book bags on a Monday morning rather than being brought to the office, as the office is getting increasingly busy. Also, please try and decide on dinners at the start of the week, rather than in the middle of the week. Whilst we can make changes, it causes Mrs Miles a bit of a headache with ordering the right amount of stock!

## Summer Shoes

Please be mindful of the shoes that the children are wearing to school and make sure that they are suitable for running around in at playtimes. We also don't want little toes to be hurt so covered toes are always best! Please also check that your child's plimsolls fit and fasten over the half term holidays ready for sports day. Feel free to send in some trainers for PE if you prefer.

## 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



What have you enjoyed most this half term...

I liked painting Henry VIII's 1st wife. Her name was Catherine of Aragon. I found out that Henry VIII divorced her - Meg

I liked learning about what was the same and what was different about Queen Victoria and Henry VIII. I found out at home that they both had a child called Edward - Vivienne

I liked the school trip to Norwich Castle. It was a sunny day and I enjoyed seeing the animals - Sonny

Learning about Queen Victoria was good because we found out that she had nine children - Alfie

I liked making the catapults out of lolly sticks and I was really good at helping my friends too! - Harley

At the castle I like sharing my knowledge about jousting - Elsie

## Family Learning Day

Our next Family Learning Day is on Wednesday 19th June when we will be having a story based morning. We have a wonderful story teller called Paul Jackson coming in to share his stories with the children, which usually involves some music too. This time each year group has an hour slot with Paul and then he will spend the afternoon with our year 2's doing some extra work with them (the afternoon is just for the children and the teachers). If the weather is kind to us we might even use our lovely story telling circle so come prepared to be outside.



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## John of Gaunt Infant and Nursery School Family Learning Morning

We would like to invite all parents/carers, grandparents, aunts, uncles, younger brothers and sisters to join their child for a creative and imaginative family learning morning on



**Wednesday 19th June**



9 am - 10 am

Year 2: Fantastic Foxes and  
Lovely Leopards

10 am - 11 am

Reception: Top Tigers and  
Super Snakes

11 am - 12 noon

Year 1: Clever Crocodiles and  
Busy Bees



During the morning we will be enjoying storytelling with local storyteller Paul Jackson.





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## Introduction to Supporting, Teaching and Learning in Schools



A free course to help you identify the skills and knowledge required to work in a teaching support role in either a Nursery, Infant, Primary or High School.

**Taster Session on**

**Thursday 6th June 2019**

**9.30am - 12.30pm**

**Followed by a FREE 5 week course starting on**

**Thursday 13th June 2019**

**9.30am - 12.30pm**

**Venue - John of Gaunt Infant and Nursery School**

Subjects covered will include:

How children's learning develops \* Supporting positive behaviour \* Understanding equality, diversity and inclusion when working with children \* Safeguarding and welfare.

Attending this course will offer you the opportunity to progress onto a funded Level 2 certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools course due to start in September.

This course will be delivered by Clarion Futures in conjunction with WEA.

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



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## FAMILY LEARNING DAY

Please join us at Aylsham High School on

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June**

**10am - 2pm**

**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 workshops for the whole family including skateboarding, puppet making and a Hogwarts experience. There will also be opportunities to play crazy golf, enjoy a variety of science activities and meet miniature donkeys.



Reasonably priced lunches available or bring a picnic.

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

(kindly sponsored by Aylsham Rotary Club)

