



Newsletter

Issue 2 Autumn 2019

Message from Mrs Toplis, Head of School

Well, who would believe it the first half term is nearly 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 their new larger outside area. 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 jungles topic, and can talk really confidently about the different layers of the rainforest.

I have lots of golden tickets in my golden post box and the first children of the year will enjoy their afternoon tea with Mrs T on Friday! I wish you a very restful half term holiday and look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 28th October.



CE Toplis



Christmas Plays

I know it feels too early to be talking about this, but I wanted you all to have the dates early on. Plays are yet to be finalised but here is the schedule.

Tuesday 3rd December

Reception Performance at 9.30 am

Wednesday 4th December

Year 1 Performance at 9.30am

Reception Performance at 1.45pm

Thursday 5th December

Year 2 Performance at 9.30 am

Year 1 Performance at 1.45 pm

Friday 7th December

Year 2 Performance at 9.30 pm



Dates for your Diary

School finishes for Half Term at 3.10pm Friday 18th October and reopens Monday 28th October

- 29.10.19 - Year 1 Maths Café 9.15am
- 30.10.19 - Reception Reading Café 9.15am
- 1.11.19 - FoJoG Disco
- 5.11.19 - Shoe Box Pack up morning
- 7.11.19 - Fantastic Foxes Sharing Assembly
- 7.11.19 - Open event for 2020 reception parents
- 8.11.19 - School Photographer in
- 14.11.19 - Busy Bees Sharing Assembly
- 10.12.19 - Christmas dinner
- 11.12.19 - Family Learning Morning
- 12.12.19 - Flu immunisation
- 12.12.19 - Rotary Carol Concert at Aylsham Parish Church 7pm
- 13.12.19 - Y2 Journey to Bethlehem
- 16.12.19 - Panto
- 16.12.19 - Y1 and Y2 Parties
- 17.12.,19 - Reception parties

18.12.18 - School closes for Christmas at 3.10 pm and reopens Monday 6th January

Wellies



We love to use our field throughout the whole year but it does become very muddy at times. From now on the children will need wellies in school if they would like to access the field, otherwise they will be asked to play on the playground.

School Photos

Individual school photos will be taken on Friday 8th 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.



Nursery Car Park

I do appreciate how difficult parking is at drop off and pick up times but the Nursery Car Park is only for the use of Nursery Staff and Nursery parents. Main school parents MUST NOT use this carpark but should use either the front of the school or Jubilee as an alternative. We are also aware that BVS parents are using the car park too and this has been included on their newsletter.

Please try to walk or cycle to school if you are able as this obviously reduces the impact on our car parking.

If you are walking through from the Nursery please ensure that you stick to the paths to make sure that everyone is safe.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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 Lovely Leopards

What I have enjoyed about the jungles topic is...

The jungles topic was so fascinating that I burst with interest - Liyu

I really liked the canopy layer because I love how noisy the howler monkey's are - Oscar R

I like it in the understory because there are leopards that sleep on the branches - Jason

I loved learning about Jungles. It was fun when we went to Thrigby Hall and I saw the monkeys and leopards - Toby

I like the jungle because it has a lot of my favourite animals in - Freya

Jungles are very pretty. They are very windy and rainy and sunny - Evie

I know that the biggest rainforest is the Amazon rainforest which is in Brazil or South America - Florence

Attendance Watch

Our target school attendance figure is 96.0%.
Our current figure is... 97%

The best Class this week was shared by

Top Tigers

Harvest Festival and Shoe Box Appeal

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Harvest Assembly. It is always so lovely to see everyone supporting us and the children.

As Corinne explained to everyone, this year we are again supporting the charity Blythswood 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 needed.

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. Our lovely band of FoJoG volunteers will then spend a lovely morning on November 5th 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.

If you have any empty shoe boxes please send those in too.



Open Event

We are delighted to be running an open event for prospective parents on Thursday 7th November. If you know of anyone who has a reception aged child for September 2020 or a nursery aged child then please spread the word for us. Details are on the poster.

A poster for an Open Event at John of Gaunt Infant & Nursery School. The poster features the school's logo at the top, which includes the text "John of Gaunt Infant & Nursery School" and "Part of Aylsham Learning Federation". The main title is "Open Event" in large blue letters. Below this, the date "Thursday 7th November" is listed. The poster is divided into two sections: "Informal tour of school" from 9.45am to 10.15am, and "Formal Open Evening" from 5.30pm to 6.30pm. The evening event includes "Curriculum Taster Activities for prospective pupils and parents" and a talk from the Head of School at 6.00pm. The background of the poster is a collage of photos showing children in school uniforms engaged in various activities. A small QR code is visible in the bottom right corner of the poster.



**CIEH Foundation Certificate in
Food Safety
Thursday 14th November 2019
9am - 3pm**

Venue - John of Gaunt Infant & Nursery School



**A FREE one day accredited training course leading to the
CIEH Foundation Certificate in Food Safety.**

This is a key qualification for anyone wishing to work or volunteer in catering, manufacturing or a retail setting where food is prepared, cooked and handled. It would be an asset to anyone looking for employment in pubs/hotels, restaurants, supermarkets, food retail environments, care homes and schools.

This course will be delivered by Lisa Whatmall from Clarion Futures.

Please bring a packed lunch.

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



Make Up Confidence

Wednesday 20th November

9.15am - 2.45pm

Venue - John of Gaunt Infant & Nursery School

**Would feeling more confident with your make up skills
help to increase your self confidence?**



**During the day you will develop your make up skills, while exploring
the beauty industry and possible career routes within it.**

Please bring a packed lunch with you, free tea and coffee will be available.

All professional make up and hygiene products will be supplied for you to use.

This workshop will be delivered by the Clarion Futures Team.

**For further information or to book your FREE place please contact Monica Harding
on 07780 887348 or email mharding@aylshamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk**



Parent Support Advisor



**Parenting isn't easy and sometimes things can get tough.
As a parent/carer you want what is best for your child.**

**Our Parent Support Advisor is available to listen and support your family with any issues or concerns from
home or school you may be facing.**

She may not have all of the answers, but she can offer:

- A confidential listening ear
- Help to enable you to express your concerns about your child to the school and act as a link between school and home
- Support and advice if you have concerns about your child's social, emotional or behavioural development, helping you to nip things in the bud before they get serious
- Support with transition – as they start or move between schools
- Give hints and tips about general parenting issues
- Help to find services and other agencies who are available to help you and your family
- Help with issues around school attendance

Carol Flatters is our Cluster Parent Support Advisor, she can be contacted by e-mail
cflatters@aylshamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk or text/telephone 07780 922545.

If you would like to meet Carol this she will be at Aylsham High School on the following dates: -

Wednesday 7th November 2018
Wednesday 13th February 2019
Wednesday 1st May 2019

9.30 am – 10.30 am

Please feel free to pop in and see her – no appointment required.

Alternatively contact Carol by e-mail or phone at any time throughout the school year.
(term time only)





SEND local offer

Family Roadshow

“Listening to children, young people, and their families... supporting inclusion, meeting needs and changing lives together”

Friday 11th October, 10:30-13:00 ([Holt Hall](#))

Friday 6th December, 10:30-13:00 ([Knight's Hill Hotel, King's Lynn](#))

Wednesday 12th February, 10:30-13:00 ([Kings Centre, Great Yarmouth](#))

Wednesday 25th March, 10:30-13:00 ([Charles Burrell Centre, Thetford](#))

Wednesday 20th May, 10:30-13:00 ([The Willow Centre, Cringleford, Norwich](#))

Tuesday 30th June, 10:30-13:00 ([Pensthorpe, Fakenham](#))

To book your place
send@norfolk.gov.uk

