



Newsletter

Issue 4 Spring 2020

Message from Mrs Toplis, Head of School

Happy New Year and for those that I haven't seen Welcome Back to the Spring Term at John of Gaunt. I trust that you all had a restful break and the children have certainly come back raring to go.

Key stage 1 are thoroughly enjoying the start of their Oceans and Seas topic and are looking forward to their trip to Sheringham next week. This will be followed by a visit from the Sheringham Shanty men to school to share their songs with us.

Reception have started their Winter topic and there has been lots of ice and polar animals in the classrooms.

Thank you to all of you who came in for our first 'Share a book Tuesday', remember this is every Tuesday from now on, taking place in the classrooms for Year 1 & 2 and the main hall for Reception.

Lastly, I just wanted to report that the house winners for last term were Wroxham house (the yellows) who earned the most house points across the course of the whole term. Well done Wroxham and keep up the good work.



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Dates for your Diary

- 16.1.20 - LL Sharing Assembly 9.05am
- 20.1.20 - Year 2 Trip to Sheringham
- 21.1.20 - Year 1 Trip to Sheringham
- 23.1.20 - Year 2 Writing Café 9.15am
- 24.1.20 - Sheringham Shanty Men visiting Year 1 and 2
- 29.1.20 - Reception Reading Café 9.15am
- 30.1.20 - FF Sharing Assembly 9.05am
- 6.2.20 - CC Sharing Assembly 9.05am
- 7.2.20 - School Disco
- 11.2.20 and 12.2.20 - Parents Evening 3.15pm - 6.30pm
- 13.2.20 - BB Sharing Assembly 9.05am

School finishes for Half Term at 3.15pm on Friday 14th February and we return at 8.50am on Monday 24th February

- 26.2.20 - Year 2 Trip to The Aviation Museum
- 4.3.20 - Year 1 Trip to The Aviation Museum
- 5.3.20 - World Book Day
- 9.3.20 - 13.3.20 is Science Week
- 10.3.20 - Science Family Learning Day 1.30pm - 3pm
- 19.3.20 - TT Sharing Assembly 9.05am
- 26.3.20 - SS Sharing Assembly 9.05am
- 1.4.20 - Spring Assembly (time to be confirmed)

School finishes for Easter at 3.10pm on Wednesday 1st April and we return at 8.50am on Monday 20th April

Cafés

Our learning Cafés are once again continuing this term. The Cafés are a great opportunity for you as parents to come in and work alongside your child to support their learning and also for you to understand a little more about how they are learning. The children really value their grown ups coming in and sharing their learning so I do urge you to come along.

Dates for this term are as follows:

Reception Reading Café - 29th January 9.15am - 10.15am

Year 1 Maths Café - 31st January 9.15am - 10.15am

Year 2 Writing Café - 23rd January 9.15am - 10.15am



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Breakfast and Tea Club

Our breakfast and tea club is proving to be very popular and as our nursery is now full it is really important that places for breakfast and tea club are booked. If you are a regular user of breakfast and tea club you must re book your sessions every term please, even if there is no change to your sessional requirement. Please can ad hoc bookings be made directly with Mrs Nutt at the nursery 01263 734028. You will need to complete a form and also sign a contract. Please ensure that invoices for sessions used are paid on time.

If you are asking for an ad hoc booking please be patient with Mrs Nutt, as we need to ensure that our ratio of staff to children is correct and this sometimes means that Mrs Nutt needs to check whether we have any capacity. Ideally any sessions needed should be booked in advance, but we do understand that sometimes sessions are required at very short notice. Drop off and collection to or from our extended provision is always at the nursery.

Sharing Assemblies

We are continuing with our class sharing assemblies again this term where the children will eagerly show you what they have been learning about. All sharing assemblies start at 9.05am and usually last for 15-20 minutes. You are welcome to come in directly off the playground on your child's day.

Please note, as the school grounds are locked daily at 9.15 am for safeguarding, please enter and exit via Hungate Street when attending school during the day for assemblies, performances and family learning events etc.

Lovely Leopards - 16th January 2020
Fantastic Foxes - 30th January 2020
Clever Crocodiles - 6th February 2020
Busy Bees - 13th February 2020
Top Tigers - 19th March 2020
Super Snakes - 26th March 2020

Attendance Watch

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

95.8%

The best Class this week was

Lovely Leopards
on 98.4 %

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 Busy Bees



My new year goal is...

To help more people - Michael
To be able to do a cartwheel - Isabelle
To learn more karate moves - Logan
To stop watching TV so much and do more reading - Ava
To learn more about maths - Oliver
To do my chores at home to help Mummy and Daddy - Jayden
To go to sleep quicker - Darcy
To try to sleep until 7am - Thomas
To help people - Buzz
To get better at hopping - Alice
To make people feel better - Riley E
To learn how to do a cartwheel - Ayla
To do better painting - Octavia
To get better at PE - Riley F
To keep practising my reading - Marlie
To get better at reading - Willow
To get better at riding my horse - Ruby
To get better at drawing - Harley



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Step into the New Year



Would you like 2020 to be the year when you become more positive and focussed?

Why not take some time out of your busy life to explore new ideas and opportunities?

During this FREE 4 week course you will have opportunities to focus on your wellbeing, health, confidence, goals and positivity.



Tuesday 21st, 28th January, 4th and 11th February 2020
9.15am - 11.45am

Venue - John of Gaunt Infant & Nursery School

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



Step into the New Year



Week 1: Tuesday 21st January - Your First Steps

What are your goals for 2020?

Recognise your barriers and challenges and how to work to overcome them.

Harness the power of positive thought!

Week 2: Tuesday 28th January
Mind, Body & Soul

Explore the 5 Ways to Wellbeing and how you may build this into your life.

This workshop will be focussing on what is important to you and explore activities that may increase your wellbeing. There will also be an opportunity to develop a mindful approach to life.

Week 3: Tuesday 4th February
Catching Confidence

This fun, activity based workshop will help you to 'catch' the self confidence you need to move forward towards new exciting opportunities and make positive changes to improve your wellbeing.

Week 4: Tuesday 11th February - Dare to Dream

Building self-belief, setting goals, action planning and making it happen.

Create a vision for the future through exploring new ideas and opportunities.



Please note that parents/carers may sign up for individual sessions or the whole course.

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



LOVE PARTIES HATE WASTE?

Hire a quality reusable, all you need, partyware kit and say no to single-use.

Cost effective, we can deliver and collect and we'll even do the washing up.

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Twist
Parties

Donation made to school/charity *

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Shopping & Saving Money Online



FREE workshop exploring the benefits of being able to shop and save money online safely and securely.

Friday 13th March 2020

10am - 12.30pm

Venue - Aylsham High School



During the morning there will be an opportunity to get up to date with useful money saving websites and services. You will be offered hints and tips to help find the best deals and bargains, advised how to compare the market and shop online safely and securely.

This workshop will be delivered by the Clarion Futures Team.

For further information or to book your FREE place please contact Monica Harding: 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 Trust 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 she will be at Aylsham High School on the following dates: -

Wednesday 11th March 2020

Wednesday 17th June 2020

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

