



# Newsletter

## Issue 4 Autumn 2020

### Message from Mrs Toplis, Head of School

Amazingly, the second week of this half term is already over. As a former member of staff used to say 'time flies when you are having fun!'



Our children are now in their Read Write Inc. groups and for the first 40 minutes of each day, every child participates in their phonics lesson. Their lessons are not solely about phonics and as the name suggests also include some reading and some writing. Walk anywhere at the beginning of the day and it is a pleasure seeing the children so engaged in their learning.

There is, of course, so much more that we do at school and the Year 2 children have enjoyed having their own Great Fire this week to complete their work on the Great Fire of London. Reception children have been busy de-sludging the pond area and Year 1's have been learning about Florence Nightingale and all the great work that she did.

We marked Armistice day on Wednesday with a 2 minute silence across the whole school and I was proud of the respect that the children showed.

Looking forward to the next few weeks!

*CE Toplis*

### Dates for your Diary

**School finishes for Half Term on Wednesday 21st October and reopens Monday 2nd November**

11.12.20 - Christmas Jumper Day

14.12.20 - Y1 Christmas Party

15.12.20 - Y2 Christmas Party

16.12.20 - Reception Christmas Party

14.12.20 - Reception Christmas Dinner

15.12.20 - Year 1 Christmas Dinner

16.12.20 - Year 2 Christmas Dinner

**School closes for Christmas at 3.10 pm on Friday 18th December and reopens Monday 4th January**

### Face Coverings

A big thank you to everyone for adhering to our new guidelines of wearing face masks on the school site. We really do appreciate your support.

The guidelines are still that children in primary schools do not need to wear face coverings in the classroom, but we have always allowed this to happen if families felt this was right for them. If your child is wearing a face covering in school, please ensure that they have a sealed plastic bag to keep it in when they take it off. Please have a conversation with your child about not taking their face covering on and off during the day before sending them in to school with one.



### Attendance Watch

Our target school attendance figure is 96.0%.

Our current figure is

95.3%

The best Class this week was

Giraffes on 98.2%

## Google Classroom



Well done to all those that have activated your child's Google Classroom account. There are still lots of parents that haven't though. Please don't leave it until you need it! If you are unsure what to do please email your child's class teacher for support, or use the helpful guide on our website in the home learning section.

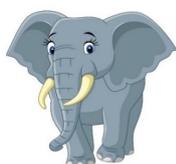
You will also have been sent another Google Classroom invite; this time to the reading book classroom. In this classroom you have access to some of our Read Write Inc. books if you find yourself isolating at home. Please make sure that you join both classrooms.

## 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 Elephants



In Year 1 I like to ....

Rhys "Play outside"

Sophie " do writing in English"

Sarah "Play with my friends"

Sam "Making the Elephant in art"

Liam "Play with animals"

Theo "Play football with my friends"

Maisie "Read books"

Destinyrae "Sing the days of the week song"

## Shoe Boxes

A huge thank you to those of you that donated whole shoe boxes and also bits to go in to shoe boxes. I am not sure how many we have collected for our school, as they got collected with others from the town, but there were certainly a good number.

Hopefully we will have all brightened another's life on Christmas day.



## Christmas Cards

It would be normal for school to have a post-box in the corridor for the children to post their Christmas cards to their friends. As we are having to minimise the children and items moving the around school due to Covid. It is therefore ,with a heavy heart, that I have to ask that the children do not bring Christmas cards in to school this year for their friends as this increases touch contact. Whilst this is really sad and Covid has affected so many things, it doesn't stop us or the children wishing each other a verbal Happy Christmas.

## Christmas Dinner and Parties

As with everything, dinners and parties need to take on a new format this year!

Each Year group has a day allocated for Christmas Dinner and this will be in the hall with all other year groups eating in their classrooms.

Each year group also has a party afternoon and on this day they will also have a Party Christmas Lunch, as we will not be able to do party food in the usual way. We would invite the children to come in to school dressed in their party clothes on their party day so that they are all ready and no changing is needed.

The menus are at the end of this newsletter. No need for booking just for information.



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# Christmas Lunch

**December 2020**  
**Christmas Party Lunch**

Assorted Sandwiches

Mini Pizza

Sausage Roll

Bag of Crisps

'Rudolph' Snacks  
*(Carrot Sticks)*

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Chocolate 'Christmas Pudding' Krispie Cake  
Satsuma

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# Christmas Lunch

**December 2020**  
**Traditional Christmas Lunch**

Roast Chicken with Stuffing and Chipolata Sausage

**(v) Vegetable Plait**

Roast Potatoes  
Yorkshire Pudding  
Garden Peas  
Carrots  
and Gravy

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Chocolate 'Christmas Pudding' Krispie Cake  
OR  
Iced Gingerbread Biscuit



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## Lockdown Activity Ideas

**Tuesday 17th November**

**10am - 11am**

**Free online session delivered via Zoom.**

*Zoom can be accessed on a computer, smart phone or tablet.*

**Make yourself a cup of coffee and join Charlotte Collison from our family learning team. Charlotte will offering lots of free low-cost ideas to keep the children occupied/busy during the dark evenings and weekends.**



Please book your place by contacting Monica Harding our Family Learning Co-ordinator: [mharding@aylshamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:mharding@aylshamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk) or telephone/text 07780 887348.



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We are delighted to offer parents/carers the opportunity of joining a free online session delivered via Zoom. The session will be led by our Social, Emotional and Mental Health Officer, Sara Dale.

*Zoom can be accessed on a computer, smart phone or tablet.*

## Managing Anxiety

This FREE online session is specifically designed to offer support to those who struggle with a variety of anxiety related concerns and symptoms. During the session you will learn a variety of coping strategies.

**Tuesday 24th November 1.30pm - 2.30pm**

or

**Wednesday 9th December 9.15am - 10.15am**



Please book your place by contacting Monica Harding our Family Learning Co-ordinator: [mharding@aylshamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:mharding@aylshamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk) or telephone/text 07780 887348.



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## Money Makeover

**Overhaul your finances and save £'s**

**Wednesday 25th November 10am - 11.15am**

**or Tuesday 1st December 1pm - 2.15pm**

**Free online session delivered via Zoom**

*Zoom can be accessed on a computer, smart phone or tablet.*

**The session will be led by Tracy Colman from our family learning team.**

Taking time to manage your money better can really pay off. It can help you stay on top of your bills and save £'s each year. This FREE online session offers guidance and simple steps towards taking control of your finances. During the session we will look at budgeting, smart shopping and ways to reduce debt.



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## 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.



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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.

Carol Flatters is our TACT (Families) Parent Support Advisor.

If you would like to speak to Carol she can be contacted by text or e-mail

[cflatters@aylshamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:cflatters@aylshamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk)

text/telephone on 07780 922545.

(term time only)

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 including financial signposting.



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