



# Newsletter

## Issue 10 Spring 2021

### Message from Mrs Toplis, Head of School

Well here we are at the end of the Spring term already and just one more term to go before the end of the academic year.



It has been a term of two halves. Over half of it at home for many of you. We have loved having all the children back over the last three weeks and we are slowly seeing their stamina for learning increase and them settling back in to their learning.

I am a very proud headteacher when I see happy children enjoying their learning and I see this everyday. I am so please to have all our school community back together again and I only hope that we can remain like this.

Thank you parents and carers for working with our school community to support the children with their learning and ensuring that our whole community is educating the children.

Everyone at John of Gaunt wishes you a very Happy Easter and we hope that you have a good holiday, recharging the batteries ready to come back with lots of energy ready for our continued learning in the summer term.



CE Toplis

### Dates for your Diary

**School closes for Easter on Friday 26th March and reopens on Monday 12th April**

22.4.2021 - Class Photos

**School closes for Half Term on Friday 28th May and reopens on Monday 7th June**

22.6.21 - Possible Sports Day morning?

9.7.21 - Annual reports Home

12.7.21 - Possible Open Evening

**School closes for Summer Holiday on Wednesday 21st July and reopens on Monday 6th September**

### Red Nose Day

It was great to see all the children dressed as Superheroes for Red Nose Day last week. Thank you for all your kind donations, we raised a huge total of £163.04 for the charity. We even got our photo in the EDP!



### Attendance Watch

Our target school attendance figure is 96.0%.

Our current figure is

The best Class this week was

## Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE)

Alongside this newsletter today you will have received a PowerPoint presentation to give you some more information about the new RSHE requirements for schools. At John of Gaunt we have always taught Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) which included teaching about relationships but there are now some additional requirements on us which have been included in our general teaching of PSHE. For us at John of Gaunt there is very little change but it is my duty to inform you of the new curriculum. Included in the PowerPoint is a link to all the planning and the policy which are available on our website.

We are also keen to hear your thoughts about the new RSHE curriculum and I have set up a survey for you to complete. The link is included in the PowerPoint but I also include it here.

<https://www.aylshamhigh.com/jogrsheparentalsurvey>

Please do take the time to complete the survey if you are able and if you have any further questions please speak to Mrs Toplis.



## RWI Books

The last lockdown has naturally had an impact on our teaching of RWI and we are working hard to get the children back on track in school. What is making things more difficult is that children do not always have their books with them every day in their book bags and when we are ready to change them we then can't. Please can you make sure that your child's wallet with their RWI home books are in their book bags at all times apart from when they are being read at home! This means that we can change them when they have finished their current book in school and you will always have their current book to share at home.

Learning to read is a partnership between home and school. We will do all the teaching and what they need at home is the practise. Please take the time to read at home every night for a few minutes with your child. You will be amazed at their progress if you take the time to do this.



## Easter Holidays and Covid

We very much hope that Easter will be a healthy time for you all. However, should any child show symptoms of Covid up to Monday 29th March and then test positive please inform [head@johngaunt.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:head@johngaunt.norfolk.sch.uk) immediately so that the relevant track and trace procedures can be adhered to.

Any person showing symptoms of covid must isolate immediately and all those in their household bubble. Seek a PCR test and remain in isolation until the results of the test are know. Positive tests require a 10 day isolation period.

## Easter Hats

What an amazing amount of wonderful hats this year. It was so lovely today to see all the effort the children had made with their hats and lovely that we were in school this year to share them together.

Here are some of this years winners.



## Aylsham Scarecrow Festival

Aylsham are having a scarecrow Festival over the Easter Holidays to replace Aylsham in Bloom. John of Gaunt are taking part in the festival and huge thanks to Mrs Gillett for organising all our scarecrows. Each class has accessorized their John of Gaunt scarecrow to fit their class. Main school scarecrows will be at the front of school and Nursery ones peering out to the Norwich Road.



The festival runs from 27th March to the 11th April and a map can be downloaded from the town council website [aylsham-tc.gov.uk/](http://aylsham-tc.gov.uk/)

## Easter Holidays

As well as all the fun you can have with the Spring Activity Family Learning booklets that we sent home, Aylsham Parish Church have made us aware of this.



Aylsham Parish Church's  
**EGGASTIC**  
FREE FAMILY EASTER TRAIL

AYLSHAM  
PARISH CHURCH  
Children & Families

Are YOU ready for the challenge?

Pick up a trail sheet from the church and start hunting in the churchyard!

27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021 10am - 5pm

The poster features a blue background with a yellow banner at the bottom. It includes illustrations of Easter eggs: one with a cross, one with hands in prayer, one with a thorn, and one with a hand holding a stone. Social media icons for Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter are also present.

Children can collect a trail sheet from the church, complete the hunt and then I believe there may even be prizes once completed.

They also have 100 children's activity bags available from today to be collected. These usually go very quickly so don't delay if you would like one. Collected from the church.

Happy Hunting

## Help and Support

Just one Number

0300 300 0123

I just wanted to bring to your attention again to the service that is provided by Just One Norfolk and Just One Number. This service is available for parents, carers and professionals to access advice either over the phone or via their website. Their website is very comprehensive and has lots of information, advice and guidance for you to access at your leisure. There is also a link to a really useful course which is free for all Norfolk parents to access. The course is called 'Solihull' training.

The website address is: <https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/>  
And their contact number is: **0300 300 0123**

Children &  
Young People's  
Health Services  
NORFOLK



The logo includes a small graphic of a mobile phone with a signal strength indicator and a list of phone numbers: 0300 300 0123.



## 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.

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

[cfatters@aylshamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:cfatters@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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**It takes a Whole Community to Educate a Child**



*Are you feeling fed up, bored, overwhelmed or lonely?  
Why not take a break? Make a coffee and join Monica and Eleanor  
and a small group of parents/carers for a coffee and chat via Zoom?*

## Take a Break

**Drop in coffee morning via Zoom**

**Every Wednesday at 10am**

**until the Easter break.**



*We are looking forward to seeing you!*

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

When you sign up you will receive all the information you need to join via Zoom.



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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

**Thursday 22nd April 9.15am - 10.15am**

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.



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.