



Newsletter

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Message from Mrs Toplis, Head of School

Three weeks of the Summer Term has already passed by in a flash. It has been lovely seeing the children getting involved in their learning again after a disrupted Spring Term and the lovely sunny weather has helped to lift everyone's spirits.



All the children had a great week doing this half term's traditional tale 'The Gingerbread Man'. From looking after him (or not!) for the day in Reception, to creating some great talk for writing. These traditional tale weeks really give the children a basis for writing their own stories as well as retelling ones that they now know really well.

This term's topic for the whole school is Space and the children have eagerly started their learning. We have a lovely surprise planned for them later in the term to finish the topic off and to take the place of our usual school trips that we are not able to do.

The Summer term is usually time for the traditional sports day, trips, transitions and leavers assemblies. At present as schools, we have been given no further information by the government as to the way out of lockdown and therefore at the moment it is very hard for us to plan. I am really hoping that we can facilitate all our normal things but as has been the case for the last year they will no doubt need to happen differently. As soon as I have further information I will update you.

Summer term weather can take all forms from really cold to really hot and everything in between. Please make sure that you send the children to school suitably dressed for the weather and as it does start to get warmer we would welcome sun hats for play times please.

Just a final reminder not to send your child to school if they are at all unwell and to seek a Covid test if they are showing any symptoms of the coronavirus.

Enjoy your bank holiday weekend.

CE Toplis

Dates for your Diary

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

9.7.21 - Annual reports Home

20.7.21 - Leavers Assembly - more details will follow once we know what we can do!

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

Attendance Watch

Our target school attendance figure is 96.0%.

Our current figure up to Thursday 29th April is:
95.3%

The best Class this week up to Thursday 29th April is:

Leopards on 100%

One Way System

At the front of school we have a one way system through the gates, which has been in operation since last March and has not changed. This one way system was put in place to help the flow of traffic on and off the site and to allow for social distancing.

We have noticed just recently that some parents are exiting through the going in gate, creating an element of Covid insecurity. Please can everyone ensure that they enter through the gate to the side on to the path and exit through the gate near the kitchen. This will mean that we can continue to keep everyone safe.

We are in a better place but Covid has sadly not gone away yet.

Face Coverings

Thank you to everyone for continuing to wear face coverings on our school site, we really do appreciate your efforts to keep everyone safe.

We would ask that you continue to wear face coverings for the time being and we will continually review the situation and local and national guidance on this matter.

Staff will continue to wear masks in corridors and communal areas where social distancing is challenging and clear face visors whilst in class with the children.



Clothing

We know how frustrating it is for you when an item of clothing goes missing. When that item of clothing is named it is really easy to reunite it with its owner but not so easy if it is not. To help with this we have registered with a company called My Nametags. They provide nametags for labelling children's clothes and belongings. You can label all your children's items with their easy to use nametags, which helps to reduce lost property in school. By purchasing name tags for your child it also enables school to raise valuable extra money.

It's easy to place an order:

1. You will need our school ID - 24410
2. Place the order online at www.MyNametags.com using our school ID. You can also get 5% off the order price by using the code: SCHOOL5



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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.



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

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.



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 from

28th April until 26th May.



We are looking forward to seeing you!

To book a place contact Monica Harding our Family Learning Co-ordinator:
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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Taster Day!

We're welcoming families to come and see what we offer young people in Broadland at our Tots2Teens School Holiday Clubs

Saturday 22 May, 10am – 3pm
Carrowbreck House,
Carrowbreck Road, NR6 5FA

Just £2
per child!



Activities include:

- Learn how to control a robot with Lab Media
- Discover how to build your own shelter in the woods with Back to Basics Bushcraft
- Football Fun coaching sessions
- Seed planting
- Weaving
- Multi-Sport games
- Pom-pom making
- And much more!



Refreshments will also be available throughout the day.

All our activities are completely COVID secure and we must ask that you and your children comply with all our guidance on the day.

How to book:

For speedy entry into the event, we suggest booking in advance.

Email: leisure@broadland.gov.uk

Call: 01603 430525

We welcome families to arrive on the day, however there will be a short registration form to complete before entering the open day.

Important Info: Tots2Teens is a Broadland District Council Holiday Activity Programme and although we welcome everyone to the event, Tots2Teens Holiday activities are for residents and those that attend school in the district, only.

Your local library is now open

We have made your library as safe as possible.
As a result, the library looks a bit different.

✓ Borrow and return items

✓ Use a PC - call 01603 774777 to pre-book

✓ Use printing facilities

For more information on our opening hours and safety measures visit www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries

✓ Wear a face covering in the library unless you are exempt from doing so

✓ Use the hand sanitiser on entry

✓ Observe social distancing at all times

✓ All books returned to us are quarantined for 72 hours

We are looking forward to seeing you again soon



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Grab and Go, it's as easy as 1, 2, 3

- 1 Grab a bag which suits you – no peeking at the contents!
- 2 Pop the bag in the self-service machine – no need to take the books out before you issue them.
- 3 Go home and enjoy your reading!

Board books – for babies and toddlers.

Picture books – for reading with pre-schoolers and young children. **Early Readers** – books for children who are practising reading themselves. **Lucky Bag** – a mixture of stories and facts for children aged 8-11



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Library Opening Hours

The library will be open

Monday 10 am - 4 pm

Tuesday 10 am - 4 pm

Wednesday Closed

Thursday 10 am - 4 pm

Friday 10 am - 6 pm

Saturday 10 am - 1 pm

Sunday Closed

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