



Newsletter

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Message from Mrs Toplis, Head of School

Just like that and the half term is complete and what a fantastic half term it has been.

Our children are amazing and even a pop back into bubbles for the last couple of weeks has not fazed them and they have continued with their learning in the same brilliant way. They truly do live one of our 6 R's of resilience.



Thank you all so much for your support of our 'wear yellow' day for the charity mind. We raised an amazing £158.80. Ensuring that as a school we have an ethos around supporting the mental health and well being of our staff and our children in something that we are really focusing on this year, so supporting this charity feels like a positive start.

Have a super half term break.

CE Toplis

Dates for your Diary

10.11.21 - Reception Maths Parent Workshop via zoom (9.30am - 10.30am)

10.11.21 Tempest Photography Individual Photographs

Week beginning 15.11.21 - Parents Evenings

17.11.21 - Flu immunisations

23.11.21 - Family Learning afternoon (hopefully)

13.12.21 - Year 1 and 2 Christingle at St Michael's Church

16.12.21 - Christmas Lunch

16.12.21 - Rotary Carol Concert (evening)

17.12.21 - Christmas Parties

Christmas Plays

We are really hoping that we can perform our Christmas plays this year and therefore we have set dates but they will always be subject to Covid circumstances at the time.

13th December

2pm - Reception Performance

14th December

9.15am - Reception Performance
2pm - Year 1 Performance

15th December

9.15am - Year 1 Performance
2pm - Year 2 Performance

16th December

9.15am - Year 2 Performance

Attendance Watch

Our target school attendance figure is 96.0%.

Our current figure is

93%

The best Class this week was

Leopards on 97.1%

Parents Evening

Mrs Gillett will be running parents evenings on Monday 15th November and Wednesday 17th November. All other teachers will run their parents evenings on Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th November.

As we did during the Spring Term, our parents evenings will be virtual on a system called school cloud. Running our parents evenings virtually was necessary at the time but worked so well for both you as parents and us as a school that we decided to continue in this way.

Our booking system opens on Tuesday 2nd November at 9am and by using this link,

<https://johnofgaunt.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

you will be able to proceed to book your parents evening appointment. The details you enter into school cloud **MUST** be the same as those that you have registered with the school on our system known as SIMS. If you have SIMS parent it will be the details on there.

Once you have booked your appointment, you will receive an email detailing your time and at the bottom of this email will be the link to click on to attend the meeting, so please keep the email safe. This system is using a device such as a smartphone or a tablet or a computer with a microphone and camera enabled. It is not via the telephone so please don't wait for your phone to ring because it won't!

Attached with this newsletter is the parents guide to how to set up your appointment which we hope you will find useful.



Kindness Pennies

Before Covid, on a Friday during celebration assembly, the children used to collect 'kindness pennies'. The idea was that children would bring in 'spare' pennies from home (1p, 2p, 5p, 10p etc.) in a named purse or envelope and then every week each class collected their pennies and then at the end of each term these pennies were sent off to charities chosen by the children.

We would like to start this tradition again now that we are able to have assemblies together. The school council have already thought of some charities and are asking their classes for other suggestions before we pick the final three.

The children used to really enjoy putting their pennies in the class boxes and then it enabled us to talk about charity as well as supporting their vital work.

Please could kindness pennies start being brought in from Friday 5th November and only on a Friday please.

Christmas Cards

Just to let you know the children have all made a Christmas card again this year and you will be able to purchase packs of your child's printed card. Order form on it's way after half term.

Shoe Box Appeal

Hopefully many of you will be familiar with the shoe box appeal which happens each year in time for Christmas. The shoe box appeal is run by Blythwood Care and aims to provide shoe boxes filled with essential items and treats to give to children for Christmas who would otherwise receive nothing. As a school, we have supported this charity for many years and would like to continue to do so. In the past, we have sent as many as 100 shoe boxes just from generous donations from our community. I am asking you therefore to have a look at the checklist and to see if you can find some of the items over half term to donate to the school after half term so that we can make as many shoe boxes as possible.

You can of course make a whole shoe box as a family and bring that in too. We would also like donations of the empty shoeboxes too!



Over half a million shoeboxes have been donated in the last five years and given to people in need

Please use average sized shoeboxes
This makes it easier for those who distribute boxes and is fairer for recipients; it also means we can pack more boxes into the cartons.

Carriage costs
It costs approximately £3,500-£4,000 to send a container load of shoeboxes to Eastern Europe. Please place your donation in the envelope and bring some joy this Christmas.

Please donate £3 or more to help your box get there

Please deliver your shoeboxes to:

- The collection point below
- Any of our UK depots/offices (listed below)
- Our collections schedule pick-up points (phone 0845 456 9460 for details)
- Any of our charity shops. All collection and pick up addresses will be published on our website.

If you are unable to deliver your shoeboxes please contact your nearest depot/offices where some one will be able to help you.

Blythwood depots/offices
Central and South Scotland 0845 456 9461
Highlands 0845 456 9460
Northern Ireland 0845 456 9464
North England and North Wales 0845 456 9460
South East England 0845 456 9462
South West England and South Wales 0845 456 9460
Calls will cost 3p per minute plus your telephone company's Access Charge.

Local collection point _____

SHOE BOX APPEAL
Give a precious gift this Christmas

shooboxappeal.org
Transforming lives through Christian care for body and soul

6 steps to bring happiness

- 1 Find:** Find an average-size shoebox. Decide who to fill it for; a child, a teenager, a man or a woman.
 - 2 Wrap:** your box and lid separately so that the lid can be removed without tearing the paper.
 - 3 Pack:** Gather the items, remove all plastic and cardboard packaging and pack into the box. Please choose items that will last rather than those with a short life and can't be recycled.
 - 4 Check:** On the checklist, tick the items you have put in your shoebox and note any that are not on the list.
 - 5 Donate:** Secure the ticked checklist to the outside of the shoebox lid using sticky tape. Detach the donation envelope as instructed and place with your donation inside your box.
 - 6 Deliver:** Secure the lid with rubber bands. (Custom regulations require Blythwood Care to check the contents of your box.) Deliver your box to your local collection point.
- For Christmas delivery your shoebox should be at your church, school or other collection point during the last week of October/beginning of November

Checklist

Please tick items included and firmly secure this list on your shoebox lid.
ESSENTIAL ITEMS (ALL ITEMS MUST BE NEW):
Include the following items highlighted in the top box.

- Toothbrush and Toothpaste
- Hat, scarf, gloves
- Soap
- Underwear/ Socks/Tights
- Small Toy for boys and girls such as cars, dolls, balls. Please only include new shop bought toys.
- Sweets (No chocolate or any other food). Best before date no earlier than 31 March next year. No loose sweets, lollies or undated bags of sweets.

Do not include used or damaged items; war related items such as toy guns or knives or military figures; hand-made or knitted stuffed toys; chocolate or any food other than sweets. Chocolate Eclairs and Chocolate Limes are not allowed; books that are mainly words should also not be included.

- Toiletries (NO TALCUM POWDER):**
- Shampoo
 - Soap/Shower gel
 - Face cloth/ Moist wipes
 - Deodorant
 - Moisturising Cream
 - Comb/Brush
 - Sanitary Products
 - Shaving foam/Razors
 - Screwdrivers/Pliers
 - Kitchen Utensils
- Stationery**
- Pens/Pencils/Sharpener
 - Notepads/Colouring books
 - Rulers/Rubbers
- Clothes and other Items**
(T-shirts/Pyjamas/Jumpers/ Shirts) etc
- _____
 - _____
 - _____
- Miscellaneous**
- New Make-up
 - Sewing Equipment
 - Household Candles

Please tick the box next to who the box is for
Please specify the age of the girl or boy you have filled this box for:

<input type="checkbox"/> Girl _____ yrs	<input type="checkbox"/> Boy _____ yrs
<input type="checkbox"/> Teenage _____ yrs	<input type="checkbox"/> Teenage _____ yrs
<input type="checkbox"/> Woman	<input type="checkbox"/> Man
<input type="checkbox"/> Elderly woman	



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 including financial signposting
- Help with issues around school attendance

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

If you would like to meet Carol she will be at Aylsham High School on

Wednesday 24th November 2021

Wednesday 16th March 2022

Wednesday 11th May 2022

9.30am – 10.30am

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

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



October half term FUN for kids at Aylsham Sports Hub

Monday 25 th October	9am-1pm	Mini All Stars 4-6 yrs
Tuesday 26 th October	9am-3pm	All Stars Sport 7-12 yrs
Wednesday 27 th October	9am-1pm	Mini All Stars 4-6 yrs

All Stars Sport: A variety of team games which may include football, bench ball, cricket, basketball, rounders and dodgeball. Also including some more challenging activities to stimulate thinking skills.

Mini All Stars: A mixture of mini sports and activities designed for younger children which may include dodgeball, football, hockey and playground games. Also including fun parachute group activities and musical party games.

All Stars Sport – £25 per session

Mini All Stars – £18 per session

Please provide water bottles, snacks, a packed lunch and suitable clothing for your child.

Please contact Aylsham Sports Hub for more information on 01263 738966

Email: memberships@aylshamsportshub.co.uk or find us on Facebook

All Stars sessions should be booked via our online booking system, please visit www.aylshamhigh.com/aylshamsportshub



Eat Well, Stay Well

Tuesday 2nd and 9th November

9.30am - 12.30pm

Venue - Bure Valley House, Station Road, Aylsham, NR11 6HU

Come and join us for this FREE 2 session course and learn how to make healthy, affordable and delicious immune boosting meals. Includes practical preparation of ingredients and low cost, low waste healthy eating ideas.

At the end of the 2 week course you will take home a

FREE SLOW COOKER (1 per household)



This course will be delivered by Lisa Whatnall from Clarion Futures

For more information or to book your place contact

Lisa Whatnall from Clarion Futures email lisa.whatnall@clarionhg.com or call/text on 07770 704740

For information about The Aylsham Community Trust (families)

courses and workshops please telephone Monica Harding 07780 887348

