



Newsletter

Issue 4 Autumn 2021

Message from Mrs Toplis, Head of School

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term. The half term has started with business as usual and the children are enjoying continuing their topics and learning lots of new things.



Year 2 have had their 'great fire' and made pizzas in the pizza oven too. Year 1 have been busy making puppets and our Reception children continue to enjoy all that school has to offer them.

We have enjoyed assemblies from our visitors to understand about remembrance and we marked remembrance day with a 2 minute silence and also enjoyed the Royal British Legion coming in to talk to us and to show us their standard.

Thank you to all that have contributed an item for the shoebox appeal and for the whole shoeboxes too. If you would still like to donate an item there is still time, please could we have all donations in by Monday 15th November, so that we can then pass everything on.

As we continue to move through this half term, we hope that everything with Covid remains settled. We are continuing with our plans for Family Learning Sessions and also for Christmas Plays as normal. We really hope that these will be able to continue but as I am sure you can understand things may need to be changed at short notice or further mitigations put into place.

Details of our Family Learning sessions were sent home by email yesterday and we really hope that you can join us for Christmas craft making. We will be working one class at a time in the school hall or the nursery classroom. Please look out for the flyer detailing your child's class time.

Please remember to keep sharing the children's reading at home everyday as this really does make such a difference to the speed of their progress.

CE Toplis

Dates for your Diary

Week beginning 15.11.21 -
Parents Evenings

17.11.21 - Flu immunisations

19.11.21 - Children In Need

23.11.21 - Main School Family Learning

9.12.2021 - Nursery Family Learning Session

10.12.21 - Christmas Jumper Day

13.12.21 - Y1 and Y2 Christingle at St Michael's Church

16.12.21 - Christmas Lunch

16.12.21 - Rotary Carol Concert (evening)

17.12.21 - Christmas Parties

School finishes for Christmas on Friday 17th December at 3.10pm

Attendance Watch

Our target school attendance figure is 96.0%.

Our current figure is

94.0 %

The best Class this week was

Elephants on 99.6%

Parents Evening

Just a reminder to book your parent's evening appointment if you have not already done so.

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

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!



Children in Need

Friday 19th November is the annual Children in Need Day when we raise vital funds for the charity to help and support children not so fortunate as our own.

This year the theme is 'Fancy Dress Friday'. We would encourage everyone to come dressed in their fancy dress on Friday 19th and make a donation which we will then send on to Children in Need. Please could we just make a plea that the children's fancy dress is something that they can sit comfortably in and manage a normal day at school including time on the playground!



There is no need to spend money on a special outfit if your child does not have a fancy dress costume, their own clothes are also fine.

Suggested donation of £1.00 if you are able to give to this good cause

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 Guidelines 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



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)



It takes a Whole Community to Educate a Child

CIEH Foundation Certificate in Food Safety

Friday 3rd December

9.30am - 3.30pm

Please bring a packed lunch.

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



A **FREE** one day accredited training course leading to the CIEH Foundation Certificate in Food Safety.

This course is suitable for anyone working or volunteering in an environment where they are actually preparing fresh food for consumption. This is also a key qualification for those wishing to work in the hospitality industry, food retail, care settings, hospitals, nurseries and schools.

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.



Advent Angel Porches

#AdventAngels21

- Follow the trail of Angel Advent porches across the churches and schools in the Aylsham & District Team throughout Advent
- A new one unveiled each day
- For more details scan the QR code



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