



Newsletter

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Message from Mrs Toplis, Head of School

And so the first term of the year comes to an end. It seems like only 5 minutes ago that we were welcoming you back from the Summer break and now we are at Christmas.



We have had a super busy term, with lots of amazing learning going on all around the school. Our Reception children have settled in so well and are like little sponges absorbing everything that school has to offer them and it is so lovely to see them so eager to come into school. Our Year 1 and 2 children have enjoyed their topics this term and have got really stuck into their phonics and their Mathematics Mastery and are keen to learn new things.

We have just completed our second Read Write Inc. assessment and the children will be in their new groups in January. Please don't worry if your child has not changed to a new colour. Especially as you move through the RWI program there is an expectation that you spend longer on each colour. Yellow is a particularly sticky spot as it becomes all about the children's fluency at this point so please keep practising every night at home as this really helps with them becoming fluent.

As I write this Covid seems to be rearing its head again to cause problems in our country. I have no further details at the moment of any further mitigations and as I have said in the past you often find out at the same time as us! However, please could I ask that you check your emails before returning to us on Wednesday 5th January, just in case there have been any further constraints on us as schools that I need to inform you of.

Thank you for your continued support and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and look forward to continuing our journey in 2022.



CE Toplis

Dates for your Diary

School reopens on January 5th at 8.50am

26.1.2022 - Year 2 Writing Café

8.2.2022 - Year 1 Maths Café

10.2.2022 - Reception Reading Café

Half Term 14th - 18th February

Wb 28.3.2022 - Parents Evenings

Easter Holidays 4th - 19th April

Attendance Watch

Our target school attendance figure is 96.0%.

Our current figure is

92.5%

The best Class this week was

Giraffes on 90.2%

Christmas Performances

Once again my apologies that we had to cancel our face to face performances but I hope you have all had a chance to access the recordings of them. A huge thank you to Mrs Gillett for filming them and putting them all together.

Just in case you have missed the messages:

Year 1 and 2 films have been posted on Goggle Classroom so you just need to log in as if you were accessing their remote learning and find the film. You can then download from there.

They are also available on our YouTube channel.

Year 1: https://youtu.be/F_ia0NnaCy8

Year 2: <https://youtu.be/mHWa4ENFnD0>

Reception: <https://youtu.be/HLnEXSTV6ME>

Nursery: the individual song clips are on Tapestry for you.

Please can I just reiterate that these films are for your own personal viewing and use and not to be put on any social media sites please..

Cafes

We have organised the first of our Cafés for the Spring Term. Cafés are a bit like Family Learning sessions but with a curriculum focus. Year 2 children have Writing Cafes, Year 1 have Maths Cafés and Reception have a Reading Café. Cafés running from 9am for about an hour and happen in the hall. They usually all start with a story and then either a Writing, Maths or Reading activity to follow. As it is a Café there are drinks and biscuits involved too!

There is no need to book in for these you can just attend on your child's session detailed in the diary dates on page one.

As with everything these will be subject to any Covid restrictions we are bound by at the time and there will almost certainly be some mitigations like mask wearing and LFT tests but more about this when we know.

Charitable Giving

Thank you for all that you have all given for our charities this term.

The school council with the support of the children in their classes have chose the three charities for their kindness pennies.

Autumn - Amazonia Zoo

Spring - Cancer Research

Summer - Disabled Children

Message from the chair of governors

As we near the Christmas holidays, my thanks go to all of you parents and carers for your support over the past term, and indeed during the entire very difficult year of 2021.

Our class of 2021 left Aylsham High School with some excellent GCSE results and I hope that they are thriving in their new educational or work situations. The year 7s who left Bure Valley School last July to make the step up to the High School in September, all appear to have settled in well to their new learning environment and likewise the year 3s who left John of Gaunt behind in July have begun their Bure Valley school adventure in a positive fashion.

Our community sports facilities at the High School are proving very popular and the learn to swim programme which we now offer is going from strength to strength.

Finally, my thanks as always to our hardworking and dedicated members of staff, who have worked tirelessly throughout this difficult year to continue the education of our children in whatever way possible.

On behalf of the governing board I would like to wish everyone a very happy and healthy Christmas, and I am sure you will all join with me in hoping for a less challenging year in 2022.

Jenny Youngs
Chair of Governors





Parent Support Advisor



Parenting isn't easy and sometimes things can get tough. Carol Flatters our Parent Support Advisor is available to listen and support your family with any issues or concerns from home or school that 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

To contact Carol Flatters our Parent Support Advisor please e-mail: cflatters@aylshamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk or text/telephone 07780 922545 at any time throughout the school year (term time only)

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

Wednesday 16th March 2022

Wednesday 11th May 2022

9.30am – 10.30am

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



Introduction to Helping in Schools



Venue - Emmanuel Church, Cawston Road, Aylsham, NR11 6BX
Free parking available at Buttland carpark, Mill Road, NR11 6DU

A FREE course to help you identify the skills and knowledge required to work in a teaching support role in primary, secondary and special needs schools.

Taster Session

Thursday 20th January 9.30am - 12.30pm

Followed by a FREE 5 week course starting on

Thursday 27th January 9.30am - 12.30pm

Attending this course will offer you the opportunity to progress onto a funded Level 2 Award in Support Work in Schools and Colleges starting in March 2022.

This course will be delivered by Clarion Futures in partnership with WEA.

Subjects covered will include:

- How children's learning develops
- Supporting positive behaviour
- Understanding equality, diversity and inclusion when working with children
- Safeguarding and welfare.

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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