



Newsletter

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Message from Mrs Toplis, Head of School

Happy New Year everyone!

The last two and half weeks have literally flown by and the half term already feels like it is whizzing by.

As usual, it has been lovely to welcome the children back into school and they have settled back really well. There is, as always, the wonderful learning buzz about the school as the children soak up new experiences.

A new term means new topics and the Reception children's topic is Superheroes' Rock whilst Year 1 are looking at Castles and Crowns and Year 2 are Walking on the Wild Side.

It has been lovely to welcome lots of new children into our Nursery and they are settling well into their new rooms and getting to know new people and making lots of friends.

Reception are looking forward to having some visitors from our local community as the term continues, to learn about our local superheroes.

Year 1 loved their Tudor Day and thoroughly enjoyed their Archery and Jousting sessions, as well as dressing up like Tudors for the day. Of course, the banquet at the end of the day was very well received! Days like this make memories and really help the children to make sense of their learning, as well as igniting their passion to find out more.

Year 2 have started learning about life cycles and enjoyed a lesson just this week creating life cycles out of fruit. Of course, unlike frogs spawn, they could eat it afterwards too!

We are working hard to try and get our new area 'Old Macs Yard' up and running again now many of the restrictions have passed. Our next phase involves relining the pond so that we can encourage the wildlife back in before the Spring. Please keep picking up tokens whenever you visit Tesco's and pop them in the John of Gaunt Slot so that we can buy some resources for Old Mac's Yard.

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Dates for your Diary

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

93.2%

The best Class this week was

Elephants on 99.2%

Cafés

Next week sees the first of our Café sessions. Year 2, it is your writing Café on Wednesday 26th at 9am and the Café roughly lasts for an hour. You will have already received a separate letter about this.

All our Cafés start with a story and then there is an activity related to the story you have heard.

It would be really lovely to see as many of you as possible. The children love it when you come into school to share their learning and you get to catch a glimpse of life for them in school.

Please could we ask that if you are attending, you take an LFT test before coming to school and that you wear a face covering whilst in school. Please sanitise your hands on arrival in the hall.

Cold refreshments will be available as part of the Café.



Parking

However much parking we have it will never be enough! If you are able to walk to school, please can we ask that you do so and leave the car at home. Children who have had some exercise before they come to school are often more ready to learn when they come in. We do understand however, that some of our families have no choice but to come in the car, and so some reminders please about parking either on site or in the surrounding areas:

- THE NURSERY CAR PARK IS SOLELY FOR THE USE OF OUR NURSERY FAMILIES; THEREFORE UNLESS YOU HAVE A CHILD IN NURSERY YOU SHOULD NOT BE USING THE CAR PARK
- When parking on site you must only park in marked spaces and not on the edges of the car park or in disabled spaces unless you are displaying a blue badge. (Please note, there is no parking available on site at the main school in the Hungate Street car park, this is for staff and authorised visitors only)
- Please be considerate of our neighbours both on Hungate Street and Norwich Road and don't block entrances when parking

The Bure Valley Railway carpark is sadly no longer available for parking in the mornings as there are barriers up. However, the car park is available at the end of the day and then it is only a short hop along the path by the Nursery to the school field. Please also remember that you can use the car parks a little further away from school (Butlands) and walk the last few yards.

Please know that I do appreciate the challenges, but we can make no more room for car parking and therefore, the only way to improve the situation is for less people to use their cars.



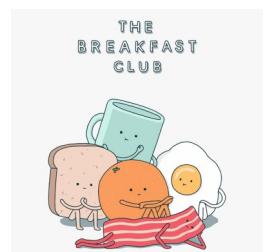
Breakfast and Tea Club

Our Breakfast and Tea Club provision is available to all parents in the main school and the Nursery.

Breakfast and Tea Club sessions should be ideally booked a term in advance using the booking form available and a contract must be completed before using the provision for the first time. This contract does not then need to be completed each term but the booking form does.

We are able to offer ad hoc sessions but these still need to be booked in the normal way on a booking form and ideally with at least 24 hours notice. At short notice it cannot be guaranteed that a place will be available and therefore you would need to allow enough time to receive confirmation that the session is not already fully booked. Please be courteous when asking for a last minute session.

We do have some sessions which are already full due to staffing ratios as Breakfast and Tea Club becomes more widely used. We will always try our best to accommodate your requests but sometimes last minute requests may not be possible to fulfil.



Reading Buddies

We have introduced a new session to every Friday morning called Reading Buddies. At 10.30am every Friday the children meet with their reading buddy to share a book together.

Leopards pair with Giraffes, Turtles with Elephants and Otters with Zebras. The children had their first session last week and loved it.

This is all part of our initiative to ensure that we are a reading school and that the children learn to read but also develop a love of reading which will last them a lifetime.





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:
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or text/telephone 07780 922545
at any time throughout the school year (term time only)

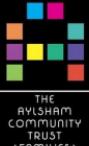
If you would like to meet Carol she will be at Aylsham High School on

Wednesday 16th March 2022

Wednesday 11th May 2022

9.30am – 10.30am

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



THE
AYLSHAM
COMMUNITY
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It takes a Whole Community to Educate a Child

Dyslexia Awareness

Wednesday 9th March 2022

9.30am – 12noon

Arrivals from 9.15am

Aylsham High School

This FREE workshop has been specifically designed for anyone who has contact with a child with dyslexia of school age e.g. parents/carers, grandparents or other family members and will be delivered by our Dyslexia Outreach Service.



Workshop content * How to help with homework * How to support further reading and spelling development * How to support difficulty with organisation and memory * How to communicate with school if there is a conflict.

Please book your place by contacting Monica Harding our Family Learning Co-ordinator: mharding@aylshamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk or telephone/text 07780 887348