



Newsletter

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Message from Mrs Toplis, Head of School

What a busy start to this half term we have had already, and only a few short weeks left of this academic year.



The children thoroughly enjoyed the trip to Thrigby Hall and learnt about the animals and their habitats and what they eat. Thank you to all the grown ups who came to help us take all the children and a big thank you to Mrs Gillett for organising such a great trip.

We also enjoyed a wonderful sports day, filled with lots of opportunities for being active and keeping healthy all with a wonderful rainforest theme. Thank you to those of you who were able to come along and share in the sports for the afternoon and enjoy the medal ceremony at the end. A huge thanks to Miss Bullock for organising such a lovely day for the children.

A big thank you also to FoJoG for organising the first school disco for two years. I understand that it was a hot and steamy one! I know that the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were super excited to be able to come to a real disco.

As we draw to the end of the academic year we have organised an open evening on Monday 11th July from 3.15pm until 5.30pm. This is an opportunity for you to come along to the school, have a look around, go to your child's current classroom and see their work if you would like to, and then have a chance to pop and see their new classroom and meet the teachers. It would be lovely to see everyone.

Thank you for your continued support.

CE Toplis

Dates for your Diary

8.7.22 - Annual School reports home

11.7.22: 3.15pm - 5.30pm - Open Evening

20.7.22: 9am - Year 2 Leavers Assembly

School finishes for the summer holidays at 3.10pm on Friday 22nd July

Attendance Watch

Our target school attendance figure is 96.0%.

Our current figure is

92.2%

The best Class this week was

Otters on 96.7%
and
Elephants on 96.3%

Transitions

Transitions have gone brilliantly over the last three days and the children have been excited to meet their new adults and start to see themselves as that next class. There has certainly been a positive buzz in the air. It has been lovely to be able to be back to doing these transitions after a period of two years without anything. I know that the children have really valued this time.

I am so sorry that Giraffe class were unable to meet Mr Blake, he was devastated not to be able to do the transition but has unfortunately not been well. We will arrange some additional transition for our new Giraffes before the end of term.

School Reports

Your child's annual school report will be ready for Monday 11th July. As we have done for the past couple of years, you will not receive a paper copy of their report, rather it will be available for you to view on SIMs Parent.

If you do not currently have access to SIMs Parent then please speak to Mrs Lord in the office and she will support you to be able to access. All schools in the Aylsham Learning Federation use SIMs parent and it is the way you will receive annual reports from each school so it is important that you become familiar with it.

Reports can be viewed directly on the app but can also be downloaded and printed by yourselves if this is something you wish to do.

Equipment

A plea from the children in school council. Please could the children not play on the school equipment before and after school.

Could I also ask that children do not use the BVS equipment either as this does not belong to our school. This is for insurance purposes.

Staff Changes

As is usual at this time of year we have a few staff changes for September. We are saying goodbye to Miss Garrard and Mr Christie as the children they have been working with move on to their new schools. They have both been fantastic and we will miss them greatly but wish them well in their new roles.

We are also very sadly saying goodbye to our wonderful Mrs Clarke. Mrs Clarke is moving away from Norfolk and unfortunately the commute is slightly too far! Mrs Clarke has been the most amazing support for us as a school and I know for many of you as parents. We are so sad to see her go but wish her well in the next chapter of her and her families lives.

We are very lucky to be welcoming Mrs Victoria Seal to join us to take over from Mrs Clarke as our Pastoral lead. Mrs Seal and Mrs Clarke will work closely together over the next weeks to ensure a seamless transition. We are very much looking forward to welcoming Mrs Seal onto our staff team.



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

