



Newsletter

Issue 5 Autumn 2022

Message from Mrs Toplis, Head of School



Well we are already half way through this half term and as usual it is flying by.

Reception are continuing to enjoy their Elmer topic learning all about Elephants and being kind and caring. There are a lot of milk bottles waiting to be used so expect Elmer home in your houses before too long! Our Reception children continue to make us proud with their kindness and resilience and just how well they have settled into school life. It seems impossible that they have nearly completed their first term at school.

Our Year 1 children continue to enjoy their faces and places topic and Edith Cavell visited them in their classroom the other day! They have designed, made and evaluated skeletons stemming from their Funny bones book and have written instructions on how to make them. Their wonderful sunny and enthusiastic nature never fails to shine through.

Our Year 2 children are finishing their Out of the Ashes topic and working hard on developing their writing skills for a variety of different purposes. We were so proud of our Year 2 pupil leaders who took an active role in our recent open evening for new reception 2023.

All the children are busily preparing for their Christmas plays and the sounds coming out of the hall with their lovely singing voices is wonderful to hear. We are all systems go for performing them live this year and so fingers crossed nothing gets in the way of this. Costume letters will have either been sent home or will be on their way. Please don't feel that you have to go out and buy anything especially for this, and if you are really struggling to source anything please let us know. Please see dates and times further on in this newsletter.

We look forward to seeing you all at our Family Learning Days next week. Let the glitter commence!

CE Toplis

Mrs C Toplis



29.11.22 - Main School family Learning Day

1.12.22 - Nursery Family Learning Session

6.12.22 - Reception Christingle at Parish Church

9.12.22 - Y1 and 2 Christingle at Parish Church

12.12.22 - Panto at BVS

15.12.22 - Christmas Lunch

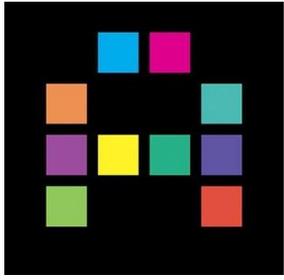
15.12.22 - Rotary Carol Concert at Aylsham Parish Church 6.30pm

16.12.22 - Christmas Parties



Our target school attendance figure is 96.0%. Our current figure is 93.2 %

The best Class this week was Giraffes on 94.9%



Family Learning Days

Family learning days are next week. Please see more information on the flyers at the end of this newsletter.

Wellies on grass from next week

As it is starting to get wet and muddy, children must have wellies in school or they will have to play on the playground only. Please also make sure that your child's wellies have their name in them too.



Children in Need



It was so lovely to see all the wonderful 'SPOT'acular children on Children in Need last Friday. We raised a whopping

£168

Well done everyone!

Kindness Pennies

Reminder about kindness pennies on a Friday. During celebration assembly children have the opportunity to give in small change. Please could this change be in a named envelope or purse. The school council have chosen the following charities to support :



Autumn Term	Redwings
Spring Term	Foodbank
Summer Term	Homeless Shelter

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WELCOME



We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Scott in Leopards class at the end of the Autumn term. She has been brilliant with the children and I am sure the children will miss her, however we will be welcoming Mrs Bliss as Reception teacher and Assistant Headteacher. Mrs Bliss will be making a few visits to John of Gaunt to see the children in reception before she officially starts in January. Please say hello and give her a warm John of Gaunt welcome when you see her

Christmas play dates

As Christmas is approaching here are the dates for your diaries. Our Christmas Performances will be as follows:

Monday 12th December

2pm - Reception Performance

Tuesday 13th December

9.15am - Reception Performance

2pm - Year 1 Performance

Wednesday 14th December

9.15am - Year 1 Performance

2pm - Year 2 Performance

Thursday 15th December

9.15am - Year 2 Performance



You are welcome to attend either of your child's year group performances but ask that due to space you do not attend both. Other family members are also welcome to attend but please be mindful of numbers!

John of Gaunt Infant and Nursery School

Christmas Family Learning

We would like to invite all parents/carers, grandparents,
aunts, uncles, younger brothers and sisters to join their child(ren)
for Christmas craft family learning activities on

Tuesday 29th November

9am - 9.30am - Zebras

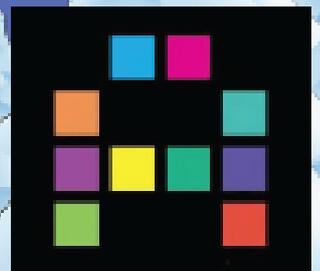
9.40am - 10.10am - Giraffes

10.20am - 10.50am - Elephants

11am - 11.30am - Otters

1.30pm - 2pm - Turtles

2.15pm - 2.40pm Leopards



THE
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COMMUNITY
TRUST
(FAMILIES)



John Bear's Nursery



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We would like to invite all parents/carers, grandparents, aunts, uncles, younger brothers and sisters to join their child(ren) for Christmas craft family learning activities on

Thursday 1st December 9am – 9.45am

If your child would like to attend and it is not their usual session they are very welcome but they must be accompanied by a parent/carer. Please could we ask that you let the nursery know if you are attending and it is not your normal session.

