



# Newsletter

## Issue 7 Spring 2023

### Message from Mrs Toplis, Head of School

Happy New Year and Welcome Back to the Spring Term. I am hoping that you all had a lovely Christmas break and feel refreshed and ready for the new term.



It was lovely to welcome all the children back last week and we cracked straight on with our learning as usual. Last week was our traditional tale week and this time it was Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The children are now all really confident at retelling their traditional tales and creating talk for writing scripts as well as rewriting the story. EYFS enjoyed exploring porridge oats to link with the story.

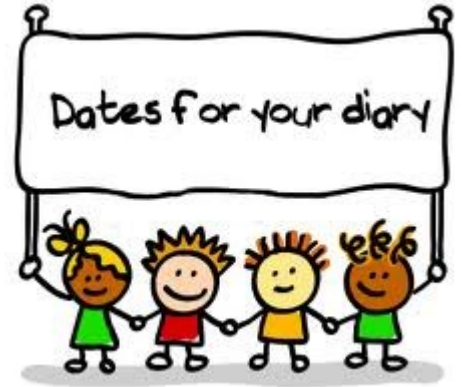
This week the children have started their new topics so Superheroes Rock for Reception, Castles and Crowns for Year 1 and Walk on the Wild Side for Year 2. Curriculum letters will be with you shortly. Year 1 enjoyed a Tudor day to start their topic off, dressing from the period, playing games and enjoying a banquet in the afternoon.

All classes have a sharing assembly this term and also a Café so please look carefully at the dates panel next to this message.

Hopefully the weather will stay kind to us but this is the time of year when we may experience some bad weather. Please keep this address handy where any closure notifications will be posted.

[http://www.disruptions.norfolk.gov.uk/ncclosures\\_schools.html](http://www.disruptions.norfolk.gov.uk/ncclosures_schools.html)

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18.1.23 - Year 1 phonics check meeting after school

19.1.23 - 9.15am Zebra class sharing assembly

26.1.23 - 9.15am Giraffe Class sharing assembly

1.2.23 - Year 2 Writing Café

2.2.23 - 9.15am - Otters Sharing Assembly

7.2.23 - Year 1 Maths Café

8.2.23 - Reception Reading Café

9.2.23 - 9.15am Elephant Class Sharing Assembly

### Half Term 13.2.23 - 17.2.23

2.3.23 - World Book Day

7.3.23 - Family Learning Day

9.3.23 - 9.15am - Turtle Class Sharing assembly

16.3.23 - 9.15am Leopard Class Sharing assembly

20.3.23 - 22.3.23 - Parent Evenings

31.3.23 - Whole School Spring Assembly

**School closes for Easter Holidays  
31.3.23 and reopens 18.4.23**



Our target school attendance figure is 96.0%. Our current figure is 94.15 %

The best Class this week was  
Zebras on 98.21%

## Pride Award

At John of Gaunt we want the children to take pride in their work and to ensure that their presentation is as good as the work they have created. You may have noticed some children proudly wearing a Headteachers badge on their jumpers.

Before Christmas we introduced the pride award to recognise where children had tried really hard with their work consistently and produced a fabulous piece of work. The children are chosen by their teachers and then bring their work to our celebration assembly on a Friday. They stand up at the front, show their work and we talk about it and then they choose a headteacher badge.



We have really noticed that this has made several of the children really work hard to present their work well so that they can earn a pride award!

So, if they come out on a Friday with a badge, ask them why they have it and what work they did super well. It is also not a one time award and can be received many times.

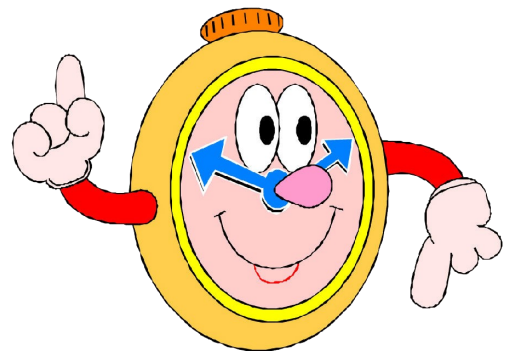
## Y1 Phonics check meeting information

### Year 1 Phonics Screening

Mrs Farmer will be running a meeting for Year 1 parents to inform them of the phonics check for Y1 children and how they can support at home. The phonics checks will be taking place in June. The meeting will be in the hall after school on Wednesday 18th January 2023 and the children can stay with Miss Bullock and Mrs Simpson in the mobile whilst parents attend the meeting. If you have any questions after the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

## Late Arrivals

We have noticed recently that there has been an increase of children arriving late in the mornings, please could we ask that children get to school on time as this then helps them too be in the right frame of mind for learning.



## Sharing Assemblies

We would love to welcome you to your child class sharing assembly this term. Please see below when each classes sharing assembly will be:

Date	Time	Class
Thursday 19 Jan 2023	9:15am	Zebra Class
Monday 26 Jan 2023	9:15am	Giraffe Class
Thursday 02 Feb 2023	9:15am	Otter Class
Thursday 09 Feb 2023	9:15am	Elephant Class
Thursday 09 Mar 2023	9:15am	Turtle Class
Thursday 16 Mar 2023	9:15am	Leopard Class



## Updated Health advice



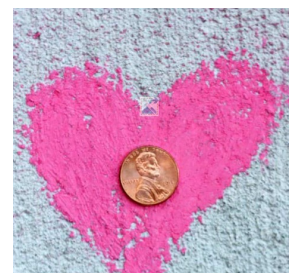
We have received updated health advice from the government regarding high levels of flu, Covid-19 and scarlet fever. Please [click here](#) to view this document.

We would like to reiterate to parents that this new guidance does not really change what our normal protocol is at the moment. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

## 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



**FREE COURSE**

# PAEDIATRIC FIRST AID

Emmanuel Chapel, Cawston Road, Aylsham  
Wednesday 18th & 25th January  
9.30am - 4.30pm

This FREE 2-day Paediatric First Aid course concentrates on the child and infant age groups.



To find out more or book your place  
contact Lisa Whatnall from Clarion Futures  
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[lisa.whatnall@clarionhg.com](mailto:lisa.whatnall@clarionhg.com)





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## **Eat Well, Stay Well**

**Tuesday 31st January 10am - 3pm**

**Venue - Emmanuel Church, Cawston Road, Aylsham**

Come and join us for this **FREE** 'hands on' session and learn how to make healthy, affordable and delicious meals on a limited budget.

Includes recipe tasting and practical preparation of ingredients to take away and cook at home.

Then take home your **FREE SLOW COOKER (1 per household)** and put your new skills into practice.

**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](mailto:lisa.whatnall@clarionhg.com)  
or call/text on 07770 704740**

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