



Newsletter

Issue 1 Autumn 2023

Message from Mrs Toplis, Head of School

Welcome to our first newsletter of the Year. May I take this opportunity to welcome all our new families to John of Gaunt. We are delighted that you have chosen our school to start your child's education journey. We know that they will be very happy here at our school and we look forward to working with you on their journey.



We have had the most amazing first week and a half at school. It is an absolute joy to see so many happy smiling faces and to see the children keen to crack on with their learning. Our new reception children have enjoyed their first week at school exploring the school and exploring all the things in their classroom and outside area.

Year 1 and 2 have been getting to know their new teachers but have already started their RWI and Mathematics Mastery lessons. Next week sees the start of their new topics and you will soon receive the curriculum overview detailing all of the learning for this half term. Children in Year 1 and 2 will already have had their first RWI book home or will have their new book at the start of next week. Please try and spend just a few minutes each day reading the book with your child, it really does make such a difference to their progress. You will notice a new book in your child's wallet which is their reading record book. Please use this book to record when you have read with your child. We love to hear how they are getting on at home. It will also help us to see how much they are reading at home.

We hope that this will be a very happy year for you and your child and also a settled one too.

CE Toplis

Attendance Watch

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

The best Class this week was Giraffes with 100%

Dates for your Diary

19.9.3 - Year 2 History walk along Hungate Street

27.9.23 - Year 2 visit to the church

4.10.23 - Year 2 classical music zoom event

5.10.23 - Coffee, Cookies and counting Maths workshop with Mrs Simpson

17.10.23 - Individual school photos

18.10.23 - Reception parents Maths workshop with Mrs Simpson - How we teach Maths at JoG

19.10.23 - Harvest Festival Assembly

23rd - 27th October is HALF TERM

2.11.23 - Coffee, Cookies and counting Maths workshop with Mrs Simpson (2nd date option)

10.11.23 - Y2 Sharing Assembly

13.11.23 - 15.11.23 - Parents evenings online

17.11.23 - Children in Need

24.11.23 - Y1 Sharing Assembly

28.11.23 - Main School Family Learning Day

5.12.23 - Flu Immunisations

7.12.23 - Christmas Jumper Day

7.12.23 - JBN Family Learning Session

18.12.23 - Panto at BVS

Christmas dates in a separate box later in the newsletter

School finishes for Christmas at 3.10pm on 20th December

Sharing Assemblies

We are delighted to be continuing our sharing assemblies this year with just a little change. Instead of class assemblies there will now be Year Group assemblies with both classes together rather than individually.

Year 1 sharing Assembly is at 9.15am on 24th November

Year 2 sharing Assembly is at 9.15am on 10th November

Reception children will do their first sharing assembly in the Spring Term.

Reminders

Just a couple of reminders:

- **John of Gaunt is a non smoking site and this includes vaping**
- **John of Gaunt and Bure Valley are dog free sites (please do not leave dogs tied up at the gates either)**
- **Please do not park in the entrance to the nursery car park (before the barriers) it stops vehicles being able to access the car park, including the bin lorry and emergency vehicles.**

Maths Workshops

Mrs Simpson will be running a Maths workshops for reception parents on Wednesday 18th October to let you know how Maths is taught at John of Gaunt and to help you to support your child at home.

We are very aware that Maths is now taught very differently from when many of you were at school yourselves and we would like to share how we teach it now so that when your child tells you how it's done you are not surprised.

We promise that it is a supportive session and not one where you will be asked really hard Maths questions or put on the spot!

The sessions will start with information and then the children will come into the hall so that you can work with your child on some maths games and activities.



Staff update

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to two of our wonderful teaching assistants this half term. Both have new positions which are great for their careers and we wish them well, but will miss them greatly.

Mrs Hick (Elephants) will be leaving us on Friday 15th September and Miss Norfolk-Clarke (Turtles) will be leaving on Friday 13th October.

We have replacements for them both in hand but I am sure you will join with us in wishing them well for the next stage in their careers.

PARKING

We have once again been contacted by residents on Hungate Street about the very inconsiderate parking of parents from both our school and Bure Valley.

The photo below shows how people have parked in front of peoples driveways, on their verges and also blocking their gateways. This is simply not acceptable and residents have said that next time they will be contacting the police and they have every right to do so.

We appreciate that parking is challenging outside of our schools. It is the same for almost every school but we still need to park responsibly and considerately.

There is only one thing that will solve the parking issue outside of our schools and that is if those that can walk do. There are a large number of parents who thankfully do this but I suspect that there are many others that choose the convenience of their car.

Please make sure that if you have no choice but to bring your car to school that you are NOT impinging on the lives of our neighbours and their personal property.

Please consider that at all times an emergency vehicle may need to access any of the properties and should be able to do so unhindered.



Parents Evening

This year we will once again be using school cloud parents evening. Although times have changed we actually felt that school cloud was a successful way to run parents evenings and meant that we could update you on your child's progress without the added complication of attending school. It also means that we run exactly to time!

For those new to this we will send out details nearer the time but in short you are invited via email to book a time with your child's class teacher, you then receive an email confirming your time and at the bottom of that email there is a link to click on at your allotted time where you will then link virtually to your child's class teacher. Appointments are set at 10 minutes and the system ends them after this time hence why teachers always run to time!

Our Autumn Term Parents evenings will be on **Monday 13th November, Tuesday 14th November** and **Wednesday 15th November** for your diaries but an email inviting you to book an appointment will be sent out in due course.



Christmas play dates

It seems very early to mention the C word but I know that it helps if you have dates for your diaries. Our Christmas Performances will be as follows:

Monday 11th December

2pm - Reception Performance

Tuesday 12th December

9.15am - Reception Performance

2pm - Year 2 Performance

Wednesday 13th December

9.15am - Year 2 Performance

2pm - Year 1 Performance

Thursday 14th December

9.15am - Year 1 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!

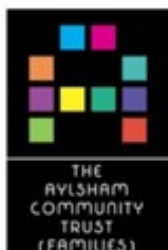


Clarion Futures

Emergency First Aid at Work

Wednesday 11th October 9.30am to 4.30pm
Emmanuel Church, Cawston Road, NR11 6BX

This course is suitable for anyone who might need to provide first aid to someone who is injured or becomes ill while at work. It will give you the skills and confidence to respond to a range of accidents and first aid emergencies you could encounter in the workplace. You will develop the practical skills to help someone who is: unresponsive and not breathing, including CPR and how to use an automated external defibrillator (AED), unresponsive and breathing, having a seizure, choking, bleeding heavily, suffering from shock or burns.



To book your place, please contact: Lisa Whatnall
Tel: 07770704740
e-mail: lisa.whatnall@clarionhg.com

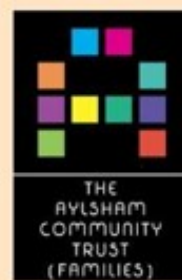
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Coffee, Cookies & Counting



TACT(Families) would like to invite all
John Bear's Nursery parents/carers
to join us at one of our maths workshop's
led by Mrs Simpson on either

**Thursday 5th October or
Thursday 2nd November
1.30pm - 3pm**

at John of Gaunt Infant and Nursery School

This workshop is designed to help increase
confidence and knowledge in maths
using simple fun activities which can be
shared at home with your child.

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and £5.00 Tesco voucher.

To find out more and book your place on any
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contact our Family Learning Co-ordinator
Monica Harding on 07780 887348 or
mharding@aylshamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk

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Coffee, Cookies & Counting



TACT(Families) would like to invite all Reception, Year 1, 2 and 3 parents/carers to join us at a Coffee, Cookies & Counting maths workshop on one of the following dates.

Thursday 21st September 1.30pm - 3pm
at Aldborough Primary School

Thursday 28th September 1.30pm - 3pm
at Buxton Primary School

Thursday 5th October 1.30pm - 3pm
John of Gaunt Infant and Nursery School

Thursday 12th October 1.30pm - 3pm
St Michael's CofE Primary and Nursery School

Thursday 2nd November 1.30pm - 3pm
John of Gaunt Infant and Nursery School

Thursday 9th November 1.30pm - 3pm
Hevingham Primary School

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Just Diagnosed

A FREE 4-week course for the parents/carers
whose children are suspected of having
Autism Spectrum Disorders
or have just been diagnosed with ASD.

Aylsham High School

4-week FREE course starts

Tuesday 26th September 12.30pm - 2pm

This course is delivered by ASD Helping Hands

What is Autism?

Understanding and Managing Behaviour

Autism and the Sensory World

Supporting Communication

Please book your place with our

Family Learning Co-ordinator Monica Harding

email mharding@aylshamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk

or telephone/text 07780 887348

