



# Newsletter

## Issue 7 Summer 2024

### Message from Mrs Toplis, Headteacher

Welcome back to the Summer Term 2024. As yet the weather has not felt very summer term like but we are all hoping that will improve soon.



The children have come back actively ready to learn and have all started their new topics. You should have all received this half terms curriculum plan detailing exactly what the children will be learning. If you haven't seen it yet and have missed it they are all on our website.

Reception's topic is 'In the garden' and we have already been digging for worms during our outside learning!

Year 1's topic is 'Oh I do like to be beside the seaside' and they have already been exploring poetry as part of their English work.

Year 2's topic is 'Rainforests' and they have begun to think about the layers of the rainforest and what lives there.

The Summer term is always a busy one with lots to fit in and there are lots of opportunities for families to join us for all sorts of events. Please take note of all the diary dates next to this message and throughout the newsletter too.

Please also check out the information later on in this newsletter about our new system 'Studybugs' and download the app if you have not already done so. It is going to be a great way to communicate with you.

*CE Toplis*

### Dates for your Diary

6.5.24 - May Bank Holiday

7.5.24 - Class Photos

10.5.24 - Year 1 Sharing Assembly

16.5.24 - 9am - 10am: Year 2 Writing Café

21.5.24 - 9am - 10am: Reception Reading Café

22.5.24 - 9am - 10am: Year 1 Maths Café

11.6.24 - Main School Family Learning Day

13.6.24 - New Reception Parents for 2024 Open Evening

22.6.24 - Annual Family Learning Event at AHS

26/27/28.6.24 - Transition Days

4.7.24 - John Bears Nursery Family Learning Event

5.7.24 - Sports Day

8.7.24 - Main School Open Evening

12.7.24 - Main School Annual Reports sent home

17.7.24 - 9.15am: Year 2 Leavers Assembly

**School finishes for summer on Friday  
19th July at 3.10pm**

### Attendance Watch

Our target school attendance figure is 96.0%. Our current figure is 93.9%

The best Class this week was Turtles

## 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 so both classes together rather than individually.

Year 1 sharing Assembly at 9.15am on Friday 10th May

Reception sharing Assembly at 9.15am on Friday 7th June

Year 2 do not have a sharing assembly in the Summer Term as they have their leavers assembly

## SEND information

Just a small update for our families with children on our SEND register.

You will have been used to having 3 updates a year to review your child's learning support plan (LSP). This will still be the case but we are just moving the timings slightly. Instead of these reviews being at the start of each term they will move to being reviewed at the half term point instead. This will have a big impact at the start of an academic year as it will give them a chance to settle into their new classes and with their new teachers before making new plans.

To this end it means that this term LSP's will be reviewed at May half term and teachers will contact you shortly after to make meetings either in person or via the telephone.

## Miles for March

We were so proud of how well our Year 2 children undertook this challenge and some of them enjoyed it so much that Mr Blake is continuing this on a Friday lunchtime for the Summer term.

A massive thank you to those Year 2 families who got sponsorship for this we raised a phenomenal £1,380.75. Which will be transferred into the friends bank account.

This means we will be able to go ahead to organise some lovely events for the children and in turn raise more money for our school so that we can do more things.

## Summer term uniform

Just a reminder that as the weather gets warmer (hopefully) across the course of the term then children are welcome to wear blue gingham dresses or grey shorts. On PE days they can wear their sports shorts instead of leggings or tracksuit bottoms.

During the Summer term we do use outside more for PE so they will need plimsolls or trainers (velcro only please) so that they are not doing PE in their school shoes.

On warm days please think about hats, suncream and water bottles.

## Punctuality

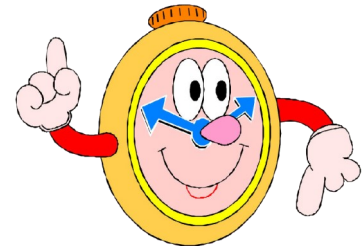
Just a little reminder that school starts at 8.50am and finished at 3.10pm.

We have noticed an increase in lateness over this term which does have an impact on the children both in terms of their feelings and their learning. Turning up late to class when all the rest are settled is an uncomfortable feeling for a child.

Being late also has an impact on office staff who need to deliver children to their classroom, update registers and order dinners.

Please try to be ready on the playgrounds for 8.50am so that your child can go in with all their friends and start their day as they should.

On another note if you are late, please do not drive into the school grounds to drop your child off - you still need to park off site and walk in.



## Studybugs

Hopefully you have all received communication about our new system called Studybugs which is primarily used for attendance. By downloading the app on your mobile phone you will be able to message us to report your child absent rather than phoning in and leaving a message. Studybugs will also give you some helpful NHS guidance too.



Studybugs +

I am delighted to see that over 50 of you have already downloaded the app and registered with Studybugs but we really do need everyone to do this. The app icon is like the one above but without the words.

Studybugs is not just for reporting attendance, we are also able to communicate with you through it via texts and emails which will be more user friendly than our current system. In time we will stop using Teachers2Parents and everything will come through Studybugs.

We will also be more able to keep you updated with your child's current attendance more regularly as we know that attendance at school is vitally important and missing time at school has a negative impact on a child's education.

Bure Valley and Aylsham High school are also using Studybugs so this is a system that will carry on through your child's schooling.

## 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 tie dogs 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.**



# Family Learning Day

**Saturday 22nd June**

**10am - 2pm**

**Aylsham High School**

**Suitable for the whole family**

**Drop in for an hour or stay for the day**

**Children must be accompanied by an adult**

## **FREE ADMISSION AND ACTIVITIES**

**Join us for a variety of FREE activities, including scaling a Bouldering Wall and encountering Mini Monsters exotic reptiles.**

**Experience the magic of Hogwarts with activities at the Aylsham Reading Festival.**

**Our schools and local community groups will be offering a variety of science, sports, crafts and fun activities.**



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# SUPPORTING MATHS DIFFICULTIES WORKSHOP

*Aylsham High School*

Thursday 9th May

12.30 pm - 2.45 pm

*Arrivals from 12.15 pm*

- Does your child find maths very challenging?
- Does maths create a lot of anxiety in your house?
- Do you wonder if your child may have dyscalculia?

This FREE workshop led by our Dyslexia Outreach Service will look at the types of challenges a young person might face when doing maths and explore a wide range of practical support tools, resources and apps that you can use at home to support your child.



Please book your place with Monica Harding  
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