



MESSAGE FROM MR OLNEY, HEAD OF SCHOOL



We are very fortunate to have such a fabulous, supportive and committed school community. Christmas is a time for tradition, for family and for friends so we were delighted that so many of you joined us at our service, performances and fayre. On behalf of all the pupils and staff I would like to wish each and every one of you a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Thank you for your continued support.

Coats:

Please can all parents/carers ensure that their children have weather appropriate footwear and clothing for breaks and lunchtimes during the winter months.

Uniform:

Please can all parents/carers support the school by ensuring their child(ren) are wearing correct school uniform including footwear. If you are unsure please contact the school for guidance or refer to our uniform section on the school website.

Parking:

To ensure the safety of all pupils we politely ask that parents, carers and visitors to school do not park on the zig zag lines or use the staff car park. We continue to encourage parents and carers to walk to school (if possible) and are working with the police, PCSOs and the town council to manage the situation as best we can. We appreciate your support in this matter.

J Olney



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4 JAN 2018
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9 FEB 2018 — 19 FEB 2018
HALF TERM



ATTENDANCE WATCH

Our target school attendance figure
is 97.2%.

Our current figure is...

95.2%

Our class of the week is:

BRAZIL with 95.7%

See our website for
important dates later in the
term.

BVS Fortnightly
available online,
by email or via paper copy from
the school reception





MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

It has been a busy start to the academic year at both Aylsham High and Bure Valley schools, which together form the Aylsham Learning Federation (ALF).

Governors were delighted with the results obtained by both schools in the summer term – the SATs results at Bure Valley showed a huge improvement on the previous year and our thanks go to all the staff, led so enthusiastically by Mr Olney.

At Aylsham High, the GCSE results were again outstanding and keep the school in the top 10 in Norfolk. We have enjoyed three celebration evenings this term, to hand out certificates for the achievements in different parts of the school and it is very pleasing to see so many different young people coming on to the stage to receive their certificates, both academic and extra-curricular.

If you have used the new car park at Aylsham High during these events, you will have seen the improvements being made to the swimming pool and it is hoped that this will be open for community use in the Spring term. This has been a big project to undertake during term time and our thanks to the site team for keeping the students safe throughout the work.

As you are aware, ALF has entered into partnership with John of Gaunt Infant and Nursery school, with Mr Spalding now Executive Head of the three schools. The partnership is working very positively, and our Business and Community team are now supporting the business and administration side of the school, which has further strengthened our relationship.

On behalf of the ALF governors, I would like to thank all our parents and carers for the support you give our students and schools throughout the year, and we hope that you all have a very happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.

Jenny Youngs
Chair of Governors

CHRISTMAS JUMPER MUFTI DAY

This year all the money raised from the Christmas Jumper mufti day will go to Goodwill Children's Homes. We are linked to the Clare House Children, one of the Goodwill Homes in India. Please have a look at the Yr5 Twitter page, where we follow our friends in India.

A group of us were chosen to send our letters to Clare House. We tell them what our school is like, what we like, what the weather is like and that we are soon going to celebrate Christmas.

After Christmas we will write to them again and let them know all about it. They send us a Christmas card and tell us what they have been doing.



Hermione Baggaley & Evie Cordner, India Class
Photo by: Ronan Contreras, India Class

BVS CHOIR



Well done to the BVS choir who have taken part in several events over the last couple of weeks:

Aylsham Lights on Event

BVS Christmas Fayre

Community Carol Concert

Aylsham Blind Club

St Michael's Care home

Bure Valley House

BVS Church Service

and a special performance for the ladies in the office and kitchen!

We have had lots of lovely feedback praising the children for their great behaviour and their lovely performances.

Thank you to Mrs Taylor, Mr Brookes and all staff and parents who have helped along the way.





HALO STICKERS — 25

(week ending 19 December)

FRANCE

Caelan Hurn
Esme Langley

BRAZIL

Jessica Garry
Willow Powley

BVS CHRISTMAS FAYRE

What a lovely Christmas fayre we had on 8 December. The final figure raised was £819.29!! This will increase with the sale of the tea towels!

Thank you to all the volunteers who gave their time to organise the event, both on the day and leading up to it.

So much work goes into organising these events and we are very grateful to the Friends of BVS.

POPPY APPEAL 2017

Thank you to everyone - this year we raised £47.80



PARENT PANTO

THANK YOU to the parents, past and present, who kindly put on yet another amazing performance for the children.

So much time and effort goes into putting on the panto and it was lovely to see how much the children enjoyed themselves - especially with the guest appearances from some rather lovely ladies this year!

The panto has become a major event in the BVS Christmas calendar and, once again, THANK YOU from all the staff and children at BVS.



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BVS ADMISSIONS

Bure Valley School is consulting on proposed admission arrangements for the school from September 2019 and the criteria the school will follow. The consultation will close on Friday 9 February 2018. Following the consultation the agreed admission arrangements will be given to Norfolk County Council. The main change is the higher priority given to children with a brother or sister attending the school at the time of admission regardless of where they live.

The proposed admission arrangements are as follows;

1. Children with an ECHP or statement of special educational needs naming the school.
2. Children who are in public care or who have been adopted from public care who are due to transfer.
3. Children with a brother or sister attending the school at the time of admission. Our definition of siblings - 'brother' or 'sister' means: brothers or sisters living at the same address including adopted children, step-brothers, step-sisters and children in foster care within a family unit.
4. Children who are eligible to transfer and live in the area served by the school who do not have a brother or sister at the school.

The 'area served by the school' is defined as the area that makes up the catchment areas of the following schools and therefore The Aylsham Cluster of Schools:

- John of Gaunt Infant and Nursery
 - St Michael's CofE VC Nursery and Infant
5. Children who attend one of the above but live outside the catchment.
 6. Children who live outside the catchment, based on proximity of the child's home to each applicable school, with those living nearer being accorded the higher priority.

If all children within any of the above rules cannot be offered a place, the highest priority will be given to children living nearest to the applicable school within that rule. To determine who lives nearest, distance will be measured on a straight line "crow fly" basis, using Ordnance Survey data. The address will be measured from the post office address point on the property. In the unlikely event that distance does not separate the final two or more pupils/students seeking the last remaining place, a random allocation will be used to determine who is offered the final place.

Parents/carers may appeal to the Admissions Authority against a decision not to admit a child. As a Foundation school the Governing Board is the Admissions Authority. The Governing Board will use the LA appeals procedure for any admissions appeal.

You should contact jtuttle@aylshamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk to make any response to the consultation or to ask any questions, or contact Jo Tuttle on 01263 733270.

Many thanks
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