



## MESSAGE FROM MR OLNEY, HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year to you all!

We are as determined as ever to build on the successes of last term and previous years. We've come a long way together as a school, and as a community, but we are always learning and keen to improve. We are ready, and well prepared to get on with important teaching and learning across the term ahead.

Over the next twelve weeks, before the Easter break, many lessons will be taught, many bits of knowledge will be passed on and many new experiences will be had. There will be numerous success stories, as well multiple failures - for both pupils and staff. This will be reflected in your lives outside of school too.

Collectively, as a school community, we should not fear failure, because success in schools and classrooms, for staff and for pupils, is built on learning from errors. Innovation and excellence is fuelled by multiple failures and learning from those mistakes both individually and collectively. We therefore need to co-create and maintain a school/community where staff and pupils feel empowered to innovate, take risks and make mistakes. This is a must if we want to grow our teaching and your child's learning.

Success comes from harnessing collaboration and working as a team; therefore creating a climate and conditions for teams to flourish is of upmost importance.

Please help us this year by being an important team member in your child's learning.

*J Olney*

### ATTENDANCE WATCH

Our target school attendance figure is 97.2%.

Our current figure is... **96.1%**

Our class of the week is:

**FRANCE Class with 99.7%**



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### UPCOMING EVENTS

16 Jan - France Assembly  
17 Jan - Japan Assembly  
28 Jan - Yr4 Castle Museum Trip  
29 Jan - Young Voices Choir at the O2  
31 Jan - India Assembly  
31 Jan - Yr3 Castle Museum Trip  
6 Feb - Australia Assembly  
8 Feb - Friends Disco  
12 Feb - Family learning afternoon (info to follow)  
13 Feb - Yr6 Gressenhall Trip  
14 Feb - Spain Assembly  
15 Feb - Star of the half term assembly  
15 Feb - Last day of half term

See our new website for important dates later in the term.

BVS Fortnightly available online, or via paper copy from reception





## BVS FINANCING OF SCHOOL VISITS

As you will be aware, here at BVS we value the learning experiences we can give the children through off-site visits. We recognise the enrichment that learning in a variety of environments can offer children. These visits can range from visiting different places in Aylsham - St Michael's Church, Tesco, residential homes etc, to county-wide visits such as the various museums around the county, Carrow Road, The Poppy Line and nation-wide visits such as Edale, Hertfordshire and the O2.

We are very conscious that the payment for these visits can have a big impact on a family budget and we want to take this opportunity to let you all know how we fund these visits and our policy for charging.

Visits that are charged for are mandated by law to follow a set of financial rules.

- No parent can be forced to make a payment for a school trip - all payments are classed as voluntary contributions however, there is a difference between curriculum and non-curriculum trips in terms of the impact of non-payments.
- No child can be denied access to a curriculum-led visit because they have not paid, although insufficient contributions overall may mean that a trip has to be cancelled if it is financially unviable.
- We are not allowed to make a profit on any trip. The cost of the visit is strictly calculated to cover all expenses including the cost of the transport to the venue and the cost of the activity. For residential visits, or those outside of the local area, we also have to allow for the cost of overtime for support staff. Teachers do not receive any overtime payments for residential visits.
- We are not allowed to over-charge individuals to compensate for non-payment by others.
- If parents are unable, or choose not, to pay for a trip we have two options: the first is to attempt to cover any shortfall from school funds. Our second option is to cancel the visit. We have sought to protect school trips for all pupils and so, thus far, we have continued to run trips at a financial loss because of non-payment by some parents.
- Unfortunately, we are no longer in a financial position to maintain this subsidy and have been forced to take the decision to cancel any visit that is running at a financial loss. We have not taken this decision lightly and we will continue to work hard to keep the costs of visits to the absolute minimum and will, in addition, carefully consider the number of visits arranged in any one year.

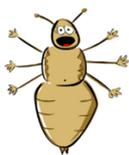
When informing parents/carers of forthcoming school visits, we will advise you of the date by which payment must be received in order for us to make a decision as to whether the trip can go ahead or not without school incurring a financial penalty.

Please remember that if school is in receipt of Pupil Premium funding for your child we can consider funding to support your voluntary contribution. Please contact the school office, or Ms Fox to discuss this.





## HEAD LICE



Due to reports of head lice in school, please could we ask that you check your child's hair and treat any lice found. We would like to catch this outbreak early and your co-operation would be appreciated.

Also, to reduce the risk of spreading, could we ask that all children with long hair have it tied back please.

Thank you for your support.

## YEAR GROUP NEWSLETTERS

These will be sent out week commencing 14 January - please check school bags as these newsletters contain important information on the curriculum and future events.



Save the Children.

## CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



Thank you to all those who donated to the Christmas Jumper Day.

We raised £201.31 for Save the Children.

## 25 HALOS - as at 11/1/19

Well done to all those who have achieved 25 Halo stars this week.

**France** - Ruby Perry, James de Ville Shaw  
**Spain** - Charlotte Taylor

## PARKING AT BVS

We have been asked to remind parents/carers that they should not be using the car park at John of Gaunt Nursery school, on Norwich Road.



For your information, the Jubilee Family Centre have advised that there will be no parking available in their car park on Wednesday, 23 January.

## ILLNESS/ABSENCE

If, for any reason, your child is late/absent, a phone message, email or letter must be given to the school office before 9:00 am explaining the reason for the absence/lateness. If a child has not arrived by the end of registration at 9:15 am, the school office will call home to enquire the reason for the absence.

Please can we remind you that if your child has a sickness/diarrhoea bug, it is school policy that they do not come back in until 48 hours after the last episode.

Thank you for your help.

## RED CROSS DONATIONS

Have you got any spare, clean winter clothing you no longer need?

The British Red Cross is collecting adult jumpers, coats, scarves, hats and gloves to distribute among refugees who have recently arrived in Norwich. The clothes will be given to the British Red Cross Norwich shop which has created a clothes 'shop' at their refugee support centre, which is set up so that people can come in and select what they need free of charge.

Your donations will be delivered to the University of East Anglia, who are organising this collection to mark their one year anniversary as a University of Sanctuary. We will be collecting at Bure Valley until Friday, 18 January 2019.

Please bring any bagged donations to the office.





# Saturday Craft Morning

Come and join us  
making all sorts of  
fun things

Every Saturday  
starting 12<sup>th</sup> January

Aylsham Library  
Saturday  
10.30 – 12 noon



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## TUESDAY

AGE 6-10 | 5:00-6:30PM  
AYLSHAM HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS HALL

## WEDNESDAY

AGE 11-16 | 5:00-6:30PM  
AYLSHAM HIGH SCHOOL MULTI SPORTS AREA

## THURSDAY

AGE 6-10 | 5:00-6:30PM  
AYLSHAM HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS HALL  
AGE 11-16 | 6:30-8:00PM  
AYLSHAM HIGH SCHOOL MULTI SPORTS AREA

