



## MESSAGE FROM MR OLNEY, HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear parents and carers,

The Christmas post box is in position, the trees are decorated and our festive lights are shining bright.

It has been a very busy, successful term for our staff and pupils. In the midst of our teaching and learning, preparation for all our festivities, celebrations and community activities, we are mindful of the need to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. Some will be celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ and sharing in the joy that this brings, while others will toast the spirit of Christmas, by sharing their gratitude for all that is good in their lives. At this time of the year, we also think of those who are not so fortunate, those close to us who are poorly and sadly those who cannot be with us.

As ever, our pupils and families have given generously to support our annual Christmas Shoebox Appeal and our upcoming Christmas Jumper Day will help to raise money for less fortunate children. As with all our fundraising activities, please only give what you can afford to donate.

We have lots planned for the coming weeks. We will go ahead with everything we risk-assess as safe and cancel or postpone anything that is risk-assessed as too unsafe, confident in the knowledge that we have the support of our community.

I would like to thank you all for your continued support and to wish you and your loved ones a restful Christmas and a New Year of health and happiness.

Warmest regards,

*J Olney*



### ATTENDANCE WATCH

Our target school attendance figure is 97.2%.

Our current figure is... **94.2%**

Our class of the week is: **MEXICO with 97.9%!**





## LETTER FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

Dear parents and carers

As we near the Christmas holidays, I think the entire school community of the Aylsham Learning Federation will breathe a collective sigh of relief, that life is returning to normal.

As always, my thanks to all of you parents and carers for your support over the past term, and in indeed during the entire very difficult year of 2021.

Our class of 2021 left Aylsham High School with some excellent GCSE results and I hope that they are thriving in their new educational or work situations. The year 7s who left Bure Valley School last July to make the step up to the High School in September, all appear to have settled in well to their new learning environment and likewise the year 3s who left John of Gaunt behind in July have begun their Bure Valley school adventure in a positive fashion.

As life returns to normal, we shall look forward to the delayed production of Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat, being staged at the High School just before Christmas, and hopefully Bure Valley and John of Gaunt will be able to put on their usual Christmas productions and community services. It is always such a pleasure to see the happiness on the children's faces as they perform in front of an audience of parents, grandparents and carers.

Our community sports facilities at the High School are proving very popular and the learn to swim programme which we now offer is going from strength to strength.

Finally, my thanks as always to our hardworking and dedicated members of staff, who have worked tirelessly throughout this difficult year to continue the education of our children in whatever way possible.

On behalf of the governing board, I would like to wish everyone a very happy and healthy Christmas, and I am sure you will all join with me in hoping for a less challenging year in 2022.

Yours sincerely,

Jenny Youngs  
Chair of Governors





## 25 HALOS AS @ 3/12/21

### FRANCE

Oliver A, Ava T, Rose N, Peter S, Isaac W-J

### SPAIN

Oliver D, Millen H, Ruby N, Spencer G, Phoebe S, Georgia M

### DENMARK

Ella V, Ruby R, Joshua M, Sonny P

### INDIA

Daisy D, Freya H, Jamie P, Lyla R, Layla H, William M

### MEXICO

Logan N, Hudson T

### BRAZIL

Erin D, Teddy H, Ruby P, Asa A

### JAPAN

Zachary W, Abbie W-J

## CHRISTMAS ART PROJECT

Our local BP station is running a Christmas art project. If you would like to create a piece of Christmas art, they would be happy to display it in our local M&S Aylsham BP.

Please hand in your art work before Friday, 10 December to the school office.

We look forward to seeing your festive creations.



## ADMISSIONS POLICY CONSULTATION

The school Admissions Policy Consultation can now be found on the BVS website

<http://www.burevalleyschool.org.uk/our-school/admissions/>

## POPPY APPEAL



Thank you to everyone who donated to this year's Poppy Appeal .

As a school we raised **£67.33**





## Parent Support Advisor



Parenting isn't easy and sometimes things can get tough. Carol Flatters our Parent Support Advisor is available to listen and support your family with any issues or concerns from home or school that you may be facing.

She may not have all of the answers, but she can offer:

- A confidential listening ear
- Help to enable you to express your concerns about your child to the school and act as a link between school and home
- Support and advice if you have concerns about your child's social, emotional or behavioural development, helping you to nip things in the bud before they get serious
- Support with transition - as they start or move between schools
- Give hints and tips about general parenting issues
- Help to find services and other agencies who are available to help you and your family including financial signposting
- Help with issues around school attendance

**To contact Carol Flatters our Parent Support Advisor please e-mail:  
[cflatters@aylshamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:cflatters@aylshamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk)  
or text/telephone 07780 922545  
at any time throughout the school year (term time only)**

**If you would like to meet Carol she will be at Aylsham High School on**

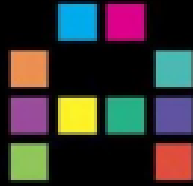
**Wednesday 16th March 2022**

**Wednesday 11th May 2022**

**9.30am – 10.30am**

Please feel free to pop in and see her - no appointment required





THE  
AYLSHAM  
COMMUNITY  
TRUST  
(FAMILIES)

**It takes a Whole Community to Educate a Child**

## **Dyslexia Awareness**

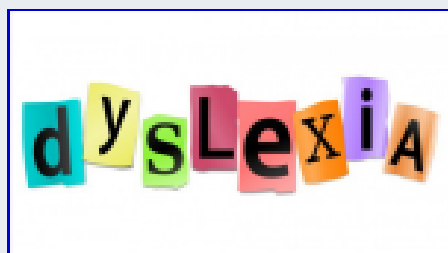
**Wednesday 9th March 2022**

**9.30am – 12noon**

Arrivals from 9.15am

### **Aylsham High School**

This **FREE** workshop has been specifically designed for anyone who has contact with a **child with dyslexia** of school age e.g. parents/carers, grandparents or other family members and will be delivered by our **Dyslexia Outreach Service**.



**Workshop content** \* How to help with homework \* How to support further reading and spelling development \* How to support difficulty with organisation and memory  
\* How to communicate with school if there is a conflict.

**Please book your place by contacting Monica Harding our  
Family Learning Co-ordinator: [mharding@aylshamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:mharding@aylshamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk)  
or telephone/text 07780 887348**





Play Therapy is a type of therapy where play and art materials are used as the main way for children to express themselves. Talking about problems can be hard for children. A child may not have the words to describe how they are feeling, or why they are behaving as they do. A child may not be able to recognise what they find difficult or explain it to someone if asked.

Play Therapy provides the expertise and time to do this through play. Using play means that the child can explore their thoughts and feelings in creative and dynamic ways, without having to use words to articulate themselves. In Play Therapy sessions, children explore their own creativity and express themselves using media such as: drawing and painting, water and clay, sand tray and miniatures, guided imagery and relaxation techniques, drama and puppetry, poetry, movement and music. Play Therapy sessions aim to build a child's ability to develop healthy and resilient relationships, and to work through traumatic experiences which may be preoccupying them. Pre-occupying difficult feeling can make learning at school or managing feelings impossible. Addressing difficult emotions through play provides a layer of story or metaphor to what is being shared and felt. Metaphor can provide a degree of removal from experience for the child. It can feel safer and less intense for a child to express themselves or explore their experiences through play.

I'm Mels, I have a diploma in Creative arts and play therapy from the University of Leeds. I am now taking referrals for January or if you just want to find out more, I offer a free half hour initial consultation. Please contact me on:

[Childsplayworks@outlook.com](mailto:Childsplayworks@outlook.com)










## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS HOLIDAY CAMPS

### MULTI-SPORTS DODGEBALL NERF COMBAT & MANY MORE

Children will have the opportunity to experience a variety of different sporting activities in a safe and friendly environment, led by our team of qualified and DBS-checked coaches.

Regular Time (9AM - 3PM): £16  
Extra Time (8.30AM - 4PM): £20

**MULTI-BOOKING DEALS**  
3 Regular Time Bookings: £40  
3 Extra Time Bookings: £50

**TO BOOK CONTACT:**

**07399**  @activeeducationl  
**520948**  @ActivEducationl  
 Active Education  
[office.activeeducation@gmail.com](mailto:office.activeeducation@gmail.com)

Children will need a packed lunch, plenty to drink, suitable clothing/footwear and bundles of energy for the day!  
These camps are for ages 4 (reception class) - 12, however some exceptions can be made for siblings!




## SCHEDULE



DATE	VENUE	ACTIVITY
MONDAY 20th DECEMBER	NORTH WALSHAM SPORTS CENTRE	FOOTBALL
MONDAY 20th DECEMBER	FAKENHAM FOOTBALL CLUB	FOOTBALL
TUESDAY 21st DECEMBER	CROMER SPORTS CENTRE	MULTI-SPORTS
TUESDAY 21st DECEMBER	COSTESSEY BRECKLAND HALL	DODGEBALL & NERF-COMBAT
WEDNESDAY 22nd DECEMBER	ST MARY'S ENDOWED (ROUGHTON) PRIMARY SCHOOL	MULTI-SPORTS
WEDNESDAY 22nd DECEMBER	HAPPISBURGH PRIMARY SCHOOL	DODGEBALL & NERF-COMBAT
THURSDAY 23rd DECEMBER	FAKENHAM SPORTS & FITNESS CENTRE	DODGEBALL & NERF-COMBAT
THURSDAY 23rd DECEMBER	SHERINGHAM COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL	FOOTBALL

