



Aldborough Primary School

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Dear Parents,

So here we are at the start of the last half term which promises to be a busy one with exciting learning opportunities for our children both inside and outside of the classroom.

First of all welcome back to Year 6. They all survived and thrived whilst on their PGL Residential in Lincolnshire. Thank you to Mrs Morgan and Mrs Taylor for their unstinting 24hr/5day week. I am sure all enjoyed the fact that it was half term the next week.

Sadly not everyone had a good half term, or start of the term. We have had four children visit hospital in the last two weeks, with three having to stay in for a short while. This is unprecedented. Happily all four are out of hospital. Two children are back with us in school whilst two are still recovering at home. We send these children our love and best wishes.

As a result of the accident on the Monkey Bars, which was investigated thoroughly, I have decided not to put an age restriction on the Monkey Bars or the Low, Medium and High Bars. Children have been very good at using these and, along with queuing and wearing appropriate footwear (in school time we ask the children to change into trainers) they have had an excellent track record. We have however added an additional rule; this is that children may not touch or make contact with anyone using the apparatus and includes the older children who after school, when their parents are supervising, like to climb to the top of the monkey bars and sit along the rungs.

Assuring you that this letter isn't all sad news I do have some more. Mrs Lockhart will be leaving us to take up a new post in September at Fakenham Junior School. We will of course provide an opportunity for a fond farewell before she leaves. It is hard to imagine Aldborough without Mrs Lockhart, but I am busily recruiting a new full time teacher for September. The arrangements should be in place for the morning of July 7th when the children spend time with their classes for 2016/2017.

Great news! At the Friends AGM all elected positions had nominations and were quickly and unanimously agreed. Thanks were given to the outgoing Chair, Ali Pitcher. Carol Trower is our newly elected Chair, Verity Pelton our Treasurer and Vanessa Cunnington our Secretary. Thank you, ladies. A small but dedicated group, the 'committee' agreed to continue but they will be stepping down

next year so I do urge you to get involved and join in what inevitably ends up as really good fun! Will you make a start at the Aldborough School Fete?

More great news! Our inaugural Cycle Tour d'Aldborough raised an amazing £514 for Friends' funds. This will, without doubt, support the costs of the visits for all classes during the next two months.

With so much going on, please ensure you retain any letters that come home and do look on the website as well as the VLE, for reminders and timings of events. Mrs Taylor works hard to keep this up to date and accurate and it would be very helpful if you had a look before you ask or ring Mrs Hall in the office. FYI this letter has been emailed to you and it will also be on the front page of the website.

Finally we held a lovely 'street party' here at school during Friday lunchtime to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday. Class 5 prepared the seating and decorations during their break time whilst Tracy and Kerry prepared some delicious food (including a red white and blue cupcake complete with crown). The children had a lovely time in spite of the threat of rain, and their red white and blue clothing made for a right royal occasion! Our own Queen Annie Marshall, who was also celebrating her birthday (not 90 years I hasten to add), received a gift on behalf of all the children, from Pauline Hill. Pauline was representing eight ladies from the Aldborough Christian Fellowship who kindly bought a book for each child. Your child should have the book with them TODAY so I do hope you will take the time to look through this gift with them. I thought it was a lovely gesture.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J.M. Gasburn". The letters are cursive and fluid, with a large initial 'J' and 'M'.

Head Teacher