



SCHOOL YEAR 2017/2018 - NEWSLETTER NO 3

Winter woollies at the ready

Welcome back! I hope everyone had an enjoyable half term break and made the most of the extra hour in bed on Sunday morning. Now that it's getting rather chilly outside, it's great to see so many children bringing coats, hats and gloves to school so that they can continue to enjoy outdoor playtime. Please do remember to add a name label to your child's clothes as the cloakrooms can easily become cluttered at this time of year. Lost property is stored in the shed on the front playground.

During Wednesday's assembly children were reminded about Remembrance Day and the significance of the poppy fields following WW1. You may have already noticed that some of our Year 6 children have already started to collect donations for the Royal British Legion in return for poppies and other poppy related items. Thank you to everybody who has supported this very worthy cause.

I'm extremely happy to let you know that last term we raised a staggering £1800 following the highly successful Pentathlon. I can't thank you enough for your support and generosity. Additional staging has already been purchased and delivered. It's great that all children (and parents) at Aldborough will reap the benefits of this extra staging during the upcoming pantomime and nativity. Exciting times ahead!

*Very best wishes
Mrs Read*



Aldborough Polite Requests



SCHOOL LUNCH PAYMENT – On Mondays Tracy collects lunch payments for the week from within the dining room. It is very helpful if all payments are received at the start of the week, unless your child is off sick. If it is easier for you then Tracy is happy to receive half termly/termly payments. Many thanks.



Aldborough Working Together



ALDBOROUGH GROUNDFORCE TEAM: Saturday 11th November 9 - 12noon (weather permitting). We're inviting families and friends of Aldborough Primary to join us for an hour or 2...or 3 of tidying/clearing of our grounds. In return, we'll treat you to tea/coffee & bacon rolls. Thank you to those who have already volunteered your time. We very much appreciate your support so please join us if you can.

Task List...	Equipment required
weeding of flower beds, sweep paths/clear leaves	trowels, spades, brushes, dustpans
strimmer – nettles, brambles (field) repair sandpit	strimmer woodwork tools
wash bike shed, signage tidy/clear outdoor classroom	hose/pressure washer
pond clearance (silt removal) clear fenced court area	nets bin bags

A large skip has been booked so let's fill it!



Aldborough Class News



Class 1 Mrs Marshall



This half term Class One will be investigating **Heroes and Villains**, from Guy Fawkes to Father Christmas! We will be looking at some famous historical people from the local area, as well as having visits from some contemporary community heroes.

Maths: Reception children will be starting to look at shapes and measuring, as well as continuing with our numbers to 10. Year 1 children will continue to work on shape and pattern. Then they will focus on numbers to 20, and addition and subtraction within 20.

English: Reception children will be provided with a range of opportunities to develop their writing skills linked to our Heroes and Villains topic. Year 1 will be mainly focused on reading and writing poetry. The children will be learning about rhyme, rhythm and repetition.

Group reading is on Wednesdays. Please ensure your child completes their homework, and brings their books back, as this has a real impact on other groups.

Phonics: Reception children will be continuing with their good start and will be thinking about combining the letters to make simple words. The Year 1's will continue to work through the sounds. Please practise the spellings with your child every week, as this really does help them with their writing.

Art: We will be exploring colour in Art, creating our own firework pictures.



PE: This continues on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and we will be brushing up on our ball skills as well as continuing gymnastics. It was great to see all of the children with their trainers. Please can you also ensure your child has some socks in their bag if they wear tights to school.

Thank you for your continued support and please let me know if there are any queries.

Class 2 Mr Caston



This term in Class 2 we will be studying 'Fire in the Sky' to include delving into Firework poetry and Artwork creation and The Great Fire of London.

English: We will be reading Toby and the Great Fire of London. After reading the story we will be writing postcards and letters as different characters. Inspired by Samuel Pepys' we will be creating diaries and adding diary entries imagining we have witnessed and survived the Great Fire of London. As part of our non-fiction work we will be writing a set of instructions for surviving the fire based on accounts from 1666.

Group Reading continues to take place on Wednesdays. We are encouraging the children to read as frequently as possible, developing their confidence and enjoyment in a range of books.

Maths: We will be solving addition and subtraction calculations and word problems using bar modelling, before measuring and estimating length. We will then use our data to construct graphs and pictograms. This will also include understanding multiplication and using arrays to solve calculations.

Art: Taking inspiration from things that light up the sky, we will create works of art based on fireworks, the sun and stars, lightning and the Great Fire of London. We will also design and make wood and cardboard Tudor houses.



DT: Our art and design project will be linked to the work of the artist Wassily Kandinsky. The children will explore shape, colour and line.

Humanities: Children will learn all about the Great Fire of London, exploring London in 1666 and today. Fire and firework safety lessons will be linked to this.



Class 3 Mr Care

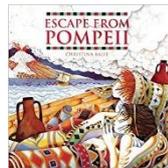
English: This half term, we will begin a new unit of work based on newspaper reports linked to natural disasters. The children will have a chance to interview witnesses and write their own reports based on a real event in school. We will then record our own news broadcasts.

Maths: We will be learning how to read and interpret graphs and then moving on to addition/subtraction strategies using 3-digit numbers. Children will be applying their understanding of place value, accurately using their number bonds.

Humanities: we will be finishing our topic on the Romans, focusing on the eruption of Pompeii. We will then explore Diwali and Hanukkah - Festivals of Light. We will begin rehearsing for our first performance in the Christmas panto!

Science: This will be focussed on healthy eating and what animals and humans need to survive.

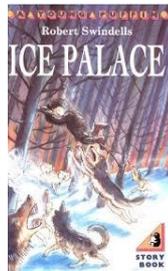
Art/DT: We will be learning to use shade, tone and tint to improve our painting and drawing skills.



Class 4 Mr Barnard

English: This half term, Class Four will be completing our epic journey through *The Arrival* by Shaun Tan, and finding out if Jessie is reunited with her father... After this we will be using Robert Swindell's book 'Ice Palace' to inspire our adventure writing as well as extend our descriptive vocabulary. We will also be continuing our in class spelling activities and targeted grammar lessons to help support our *Progress to Success*.

Maths: In Maths we will be focussing on multiplication and division methods, which will be supported by our work on the times tables which is being supported at home. We will then be investigating shapes and their properties and finally to finish 2017 off coordinates will be the focus.



Humanities: We will be visiting Walsingham to learn about pilgrimages which will be closely linked to our Tudors Topic.

Science: Our scientific brains will be experimenting around the states of matter, drawing on previous knowledge and expanding it through varied experiments and demonstrations.

PSHE: To ensure we are focussed and continue to make the good choices that will lead us to success, we will continue to focus on Positive Mindset. Our PSHE lessons will utilise discussion and meditation to continue our positive year for all.

Class 5 Mrs Morgan

English: This half term, having performed *Macbeth* at the Playhouse, we will begin a new unit of work based on the poem *The Highwayman* by Alfred Noyes. Characterisation will be explored with children writing their own version of the tragic tale describing the night setting using a range of writing techniques.



Maths: We will be moving from fractions, decimals and percentages to ratio and proportion and then moving into geometry. Maths investigations will have a focus on algebra. Accurate recall of times tables will continue to be a focus with regular opportunities to use these facts.

Humanities: We are looking at the history of crime and punishment- not too gory- but this theme fits in beautifully with work on *The Highwaymen*. The periods of history we will consider are, the Middle Ages, the Tudor period, Regency and Victorian ending with WW1 so that gives great chronology too.

Art/DT: The pantomime will dominate drama and creating a backdrop as well as the advent calendar should keep us busy in art.

Science: This will be focussed on the human body initially and then, linked to light at Christmas, we will move on to the symbols used to create electrical circuits.



KEY DATES

NOVEMBER	
Monday 6 th	C5 Macbeth, Norwich Playhouse
Wednesday 8 th	Reception'18 Open day 9:30, 11am
Thursday 9 th	C5 Sheringham Park trip
Friday 10 th	3:15pm Treat Friday- sweet bags
Saturday 11 th	Groundforce Day 9-12 (drinks & bacon butties)
Thursday 16 th	C4 Walsingham trip
Friday 17 th	Children in Need – Wear spots and stripes in return for a donation
Wednesday 22 nd	Norfolk Book Centre : storytelling & book sale after school Reception'18 Open day 9:30, 11am
Thursday 23 rd	C1 & C2 The Tiger who came to Tea theatre trip
DECEMBER	
Friday 1 st	Y5 & Y6 Flint Street Nativity@AHS; Treat Friday – sweet bags
Thursday 7 th	Family Learning Afternoon: Christmas Art and Craft
Friday 8 th	Norman Lamb MP visit a.m

Tuesday 12 th	Panto 2pm; Y6 raffle
Wednesday 13 th	Flu Immunisations R-Y4 Panto 7pm
Thursday 14 th	9.30 KS1 Nativity dress rehearsal to school; Christmas dinner Panto 7pm
Friday 15 th	9.30 KS1 Nativity performance to parents
Monday 18 th	Class Christmas parties: R –Y3 before play; Y4-6 after play
Tuesday 19 th	Christmas Carol Event End of Term 2
 Christmas Holiday	
JANUARY 2018	
Wednesday 3 rd	INSET
Thursday 4 th	Term starts for children

Friends of Aldborough Primary - If you have time to spare, I know that The Friends would be grateful of any additional help. All money raised supports children's learning, covering the cost of coaches for a range of valuable educational trips (£150-175 per coach). This significantly reduces the cost of trips.

Parent Questionnaire: Finally, thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the parent questionnaire that was sent home before half term. Your feedback is incredibly important to us as we work together to provide a high quality, creative education for all.