



# SCHOOL YEAR 2018/19 - NEWSLETTER NO 1

Dear parents/carers,

We hope that everyone had a lovely summer break making the most of the glorious sunny weather. A special welcome to our new families – please do ask if you have any questions. This rather long newsletter contains lots of information so maybe make a cuppa and put your feet up while you read. Previous newsletters can be found on our school website, along with a school calendar and other information. All feedback is welcome.

Please go to: [www.aldborough.norfolk.sch.uk](http://www.aldborough.norfolk.sch.uk)



**Aldborough Information**



**LATENESS/SICKNESS** – If your child is sick or is going to be late to school then please ring the office on 01263 761264 by 9:10am at the latest. A message can be left on the school answerphone. Please clearly state the reason for your child's absence/lateness as the school is required to document this.

If your child arrives at school after registration they need to enter school via the office so that registers are accurate in the event of an emergency. Thank you for your support.

**ALLERGIES:** Please inform the school office if your child has any allergies or new medical conditions/investigations. Keeping records up to date is vital for your child's well-being. Thank you to those parents who contacted the school following the summer holiday to keep us up to date.

**NUT FREE SCHOOL** – Please be reminded that Aldborough is a nut free school and as such packed lunches should not include food that contains nuts. Unfortunately nuts have been found on the dining room floor so your support here would be much appreciated. We have a child with a nut allergy in school.

**EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS:** As good practice (and part of the Keeping Children Safe in Education Part 1 2018) it is essential that the school has at least two emergency contact details. If your mobile number has changed or you wish to add/amend your child's emergency contact details then please speak to the office. For safeguarding reasons, we are unable to allow children to go home with an adult who is not detailed as an emergency contact without the verbal permission of a parent.

**DINNERS/SNACKS** – The cost of a school dinner remains at £2.20 for children in Classes 3, 4 & 5. Please be reminded that playtime snack for all children costs 40p a day ((£12 until October half term). Payment is taken on Mondays in the canteen by Tracy.

**BREAKFAST CLUB:** Thank you to everyone who has already made use of Breakfast Club, as well as the large number who have registered their children to use it in the future. For safeguarding reasons, entrance to school for Breakfast Club is via the front school gate. Booking ahead is helpful, however we are happy for children to 'drop in.' £3 a session, which includes breakfast items.

**SCHOOL BUS:** Welcome to Phil our new school bus driver. Please can parents using this service ensure that Phil is aware if your child isn't going to using the bus one day. Thank you

**ONE WAY SYSTEM:** Those new to the area may not be aware that there is an 'unofficial' one way system in place during school drop and pick up times. We kindly ask that school traffic approaches the school travelling up Alby Hill (through the village, over the bridge with the school on the left hand side). Roads are very narrow and it greatly supports everyone if we adhere to this system.

**PE KITS:** All children are required to have a change of clothes and footwear for PE activities – white t-shirt, dark plain shorts, plimsolls/trainers.

Swimming is now on Friday mornings for Y6, Y5 after half term. Being a life skill, it is so important that your child is able to swim at least 25m. Last year on a number of occasions some individuals repeatedly missed swimming sessions. Please do speak to the school if there is a problem.



## ***Aldborough Working Together***



**ALL GONE BATTY:** Parents and KS2 children are invited to watch the bats leaving the Bat Shed on the school field this Friday (14<sup>th</sup>) at 6:45pm. Come and help to count our bats as they leave their roost to go hunting. Jane Steed will be giving a short talk about these amazing creatures. Please bring warm clothing and insect repellent! Meet at 6.45pm prompt in the school grounds. The school building will not be open.

*\*\*Apologies for the short notice – until Thursday we didn't know if there would be enough bats to watch!*

**NEWSPAPERS:** Now that we're all so good at recycling our newspapers we have a real lack of them in school. Please please can you help us by collecting and bringing newspapers into school. They will be stored in Class 1, where large boxes...or should I say space rockets or racing cars... are also very much appreciated.

**REDUCING PAPER:** You may have noticed that the Autumn Clubs List was circulated via an email, along with a text confirming that they are available. (It is also available on the school website.) Although we are trying to reduce paper wastage we are more than happy to provide a hard copy of anything if you are unable to print at home. As part of our daily practice, a few paper copies of letters sent home are on the counter by the school office.

**SCHOOL GARDENING:** We're very excited that our new school garden was completed during the summer holiday so we're now ready to get planting. A new After School Gardening Club will be starting shortly, led by Mrs Colebrooke. Any bulb/plant donations would be very gratefully received. If you are able to offer some time to support this new project then please contact the school office with your details.

**GROUNDFORCE MORNING:** Following on from our very productive session last year, we are planning another GROUNDFORCE morning on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November (10-1pm). In return for scrummy bacon rolls, we would really appreciate the help of volunteers to help clear, clean, paint, tidy the school grounds. Our sheds and railings are all looking a bit tired so it would be helpful if anyone had any time/resources to help out. If you have any great ideas and skills to help us develop our outdoors then we'd love to hear from you.

**BOOK SHARING AFTERNOON:** On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October from 2:45=3:30pm we would like to invite parents/carers into school so that children can share their learning. This will give them the valuable opportunity to talk about what they've been learning, sharing their books and work on the walls. We really hope that this opportunity will support discussions about your child's learning at Parents' evening the following week.

(For those new to the school, appointment sheets will be up on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October, with parents of children getting the bus having a letter beforehand.)

**FOOD BANK HARVEST COLLECTION:** This year we will continue to support Food Bank Cromer, collecting food items alongside Aldborough village church. On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September we will have our Harvest themed assembly and would be very grateful to receive food donations, in particular:

Pasta sauce, Instant Snacks – just add hot water varieties, Long Life Milk – Semi skimmed or Full Fat,

Tinned Rice Pudding, Sponge Puddings, Crisps, Chocolate, Toilet Rolls, Deodorant, Shower Gel and Nappies.



# Aldborough Class News



**SCIENCE:** Mrs Cuthill will be leading our Science lessons in Class 1 this year. We will be looking at Forces using experiments to help support our learning through real experiences.

## Class 1 Mr Barnard

Welcome to Class One's (and Mr Barnard's first as its teacher) newsletter for the 2018/19 academic year. Myself, Mrs Goldsmith and Mrs Meyrick have so many exciting learning journeys for you to complete this term I am unsure how I can fit it all in on our allocated space!!! But here goes.



**Transition to Primary School:** This half term we will be focusing on making sure our new children are comfortable and confident with school routines, working together to achieve the best possible learning. Our learning will be a play based, exploratory one based on the children's interests to ensure they are engaged and excited by our fabulous school.

**MATHS: Year 1** children will have focussed teaching sessions with Mrs Goldsmith in the mornings where they will be working on numbers to 10 and then using this knowledge within addition and subtraction problems. They will then move onto shape and patterns. We will be using our speaking and listening skills at all times to ensure we are able to explain our thinking and then record this in a variety of ways to show our understanding. **Reception** children will be expanding their knowledge of number, recognising, counting and ordering through a variety of hands on activities. We will be looking at patterns around us and what makes a number itself (The Threeness of three!)

**ENGLISH:** In our English lessons we will all be working from a variety of story books that include Ridiculous! Suddenly and The Gruffalo's Child. We will be using these stories to help us sequence our stories. These books will help us explore the variety of sentence starters we can use in our own writing. Later in the term we will look at diaries and how a different style of writing can be used in these compared to stories. Our daily phonics lessons will support our reading and writing as well as help us improve our speaking and listening skills. Through frequent story sessions we will explore emotions, learn about the world around us and expand the children's ever growing vocabulary.

**HUMANITIES:** Our topic question will be 'What Scares Me?' and this will be supported by some fantastic artwork based around fireworks and night time as well as some cooking of spooky cookies later in the term.

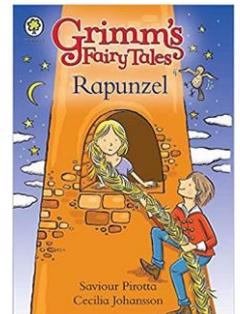
I am really looking forward to this year and watching all the children in Class 1 enjoy and engage with their learning journey with us.



To help us to do this please ensure they bring their Group Reading books in on a Wednesday (Reception will start this after half term). Ensure that your child's PE kit is in everyday and that an extra change of clothes is also left in their bags if required during the day. Thank you

## Class 2 Mr Caston

**ENGLISH:** We will be writing our own fairy tale inspired by the story 'Rapunzel.' Following this we will be creating poetry about an aspect of life in a Castle linking this to our topic work. Finally, we will create Non-Fiction booklets about the life of someone that lived in a Castle in Medieval Britain organising our writing carefully for the reader.



**MATHS:** This term we will be developing understanding of place value, partitioning numbers into hundreds, tens and thousands. Addition and subtraction calculations will support our use of inverse operations. We will then move on to solving addition and subtraction word problems using a range of maths vocabulary.

**SCIENCE:** Children will be investigating every day materials and their uses, as well as looking at how materials change when you heat them. Also, linked into our Castles topic, we will compare our diet with those living in the middle ages. Finally, seasonal changes will continue to be observed looking at change over time.

**HUMANITIES:** 'What was life like in a castle?' is the question that we will be answering. We will look at the different roles people had and differences between the rich and poor.

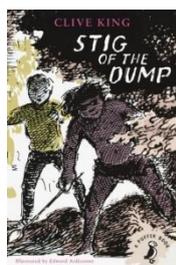
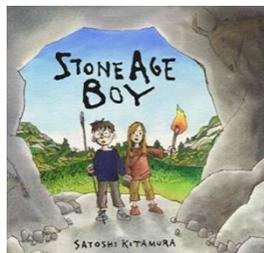


**ART/DT:** We will be drawing the exterior and interior of a medieval castle. We will also plan and construct 3D models of castles.

**PE:** We will be working on our gymnastic skills with the gymnastics coach on Tuesdays, as well as improving our co-ordination by improving our throwing and catching using a range of balls.

### Class 3 Mr Care

**ENGLISH:** Our topic for this half term is the Stone Age to the Iron Age. We will base most of our English teaching, reading comprehension and drama activities around the fabulous book *Stone Age Boy* by Satoshi Kitamura. We will also be reading the children's classic *Stig of the Dump* by Clive King in our story time each day. Descriptive writing and character descriptions will be created using an ever increasing range of vocabulary, before we write our own Stone Age stories. Children are being encouraged to speak in sentences, helping them to practice before they write.



**MATHS:** We will be beginning with number understanding, place value and calculation. Times tables will quickly be introduced as regular part of our maths lessons and the children will be expected to learn these at home as well as in school.

**HUMANITIES:** Next Tuesday we have our trip to Gressenhall to develop our learning on the Stone Age period. Children will use timelines to understand the sequencing of historical periods, as well as use different sources of evidence and research a topic using the internet. If your child has any topic related books at home then we would love to see them.

**ART:** We will be looking at the Perch Merle cave paintings, Stonehenge and Stone Age tools (among other things).



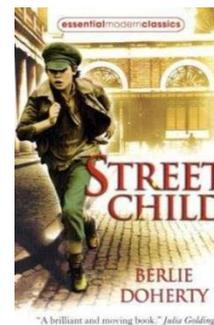
**SCIENCE/MUSIC:** This year science and music will be taught by Mrs Cuthill. Rocks and Soils is this term's topic which links in nicely with Stone Age Man.

PE will be gymnastics, taught by a guest instructor and football taught by Mr Care. We hope you are excited for this half term!

### Class 4 Mrs Marshall

Welcome to Class 4!

**English:** This half term the children will be studying the book 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty, exploring the text through drama, character description and dialogue. We will also be looking at biographies of some prominent Victorians such as Isambard Kingdom Brunel and Dr Barnardo. Group reading continues to be on a Wednesday and there will be homework to be completed each week, usually consisting of reading the text and an associated task. There will also be spellings to learn each week to be tested on Fridays.



**Maths:** We start the half term looking at place value of 4 digit numbers, rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. We will move on to addition, subtraction and multiplication solving one and two step calculations. Your child will also have weekly maths homework consisting of times table practice. This will be given each Friday. Using Rock Star Maths your child can learn times tables in a fun way so do ask if they don't have a login.

**Science:** This half term the children will be looking at forces with Mrs Cuthill, including weight, drag, pull and of course, a look at the life of Sir Isaac Newton and his work on gravity.

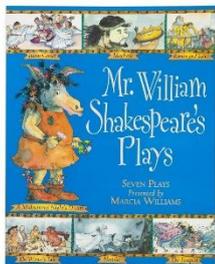
**Humanities:** We will be looking at the Victorian era, finding out what life was like for children in the countryside and the city and the impact of the railways on settlements. This work will continue in our DT session where we will be exploring bridges and bridge design linked to learning about Isambard Kingdom Brunel.

**PE:** Miss Gillespie will be teaching us gymnastics on Tuesdays. On Fridays the year 5's will be doing hockey, while the year 4's have outside learning with Mrs Stanbury. Please can you ensure the year 4 children have appropriate clothing for these sessions, as the children will be outside regardless of the weather.

I look forward to working with your children over the coming year.

## Class 5 Mrs Morgan

**ENGLISH:** In English the class writing, comprehension, drama and lots of reading will be based around the play Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare. There will be a performance around half term to which all parents will be invited.



**MATHS:** In Maths we are starting off with pattern and algebra though revision of times tables and the accurate and efficient application of tables to multiplication and division will be an important focus.

**HUMANITIES:** To fit with the English the class will study the geography and history of Italy so if anyone has any photographs or books they don't mind lending to the class that would be super.

As usual there will be French, music (whole class ukulele playing!) and this term gymnastics, games and for the year 6 swimming so they will be very busy with P.E.

**ART:** We are looking at the work of Kasimir Malevich, particularly the Athletes- which we are adapting to fit our Romeo and Juliet theme.



**SCIENCE:** This year science will be taught by Mrs Cuthill on Friday mornings. There will be a biology focus this term with children extending their learning on teeth, muscles and the skeleton.

### SUMMER DATES LIST 2018/19

SEPT	
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	6:45pm Bat evening, meet on the school field
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	Individual school photo's
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup>	Class 3 trip to Gressenhall
Thu 27 <sup>th</sup>	Level 2 Cycle training (Y6) volunteers needed
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OCT	
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Reception – Year 5 Flu vaccinations (nasal spray)
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	a.m Cross Country@Gresham;

	Class 1 Stay & Play
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup>	Family Learning Day@Blickling p.m
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	2:45-3:30pm Classroom Parent Book sharing afternoon. An opportunity for you and your child/ren to look through their work together.
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	p.m Scarecrow themed Family Learning Afternoon – If you have any suitable clothes for a scarecrow then we'd love to have them.
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup>	Class 1&2 trip to Norwich Playhouse –'The Gruffalo's Child'
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	p.m Year 5&6 trip to Crucial Crew (Internet Safety) – packed lunch needed; 3:30-8 Parents' Evening
Thu 18 <sup>th</sup> & Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	INSET – Half Term Holiday begins
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup>	Back to school
NOV	
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Class 1 Stay&Play
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Groundforce Day 10-1 (weather dependent)
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup>	Aylsham Cluster Parent workshop: Autism – practical tips for parents 9:15-11:45
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup>	Aylsham Cluster Parent workshop: Dyslexia – working memory 9:15-11:45
DEC	
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	Class 1 Stay&Play
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	2pm Panto
Thu 13 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas dinner; 7pm Panto
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	7pm Panto
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup>	End of Autumn Term
JAN	
Thu 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Spring Term Begins

### 2018/19 TERM DATES

**Autumn Term:** 6.9.18 – 18.12.18  
(half term 18<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018)

**Spring Term:** 3.1.19 – 5.4.19  
(half term 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019)

**Summer Term:** 23.4.19 – 24.7.19  
(half term 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019)

