



SCHOOL YEAR 2019/20 - NEWSLETTER NO 12

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for continuing to share your children's experiences with us throughout the 'Easter break,' as well as engage with our many Facebook posts – we hope you've enjoyed them - I am incredibly fortunate to lead such a creative, inspiring team! Communication continues to be key to maintaining a strong sense of community and this becomes even more important the longer that we are apart. It goes without saying that we miss the children an incredible amount and no doubt they are starting to miss school and their many friends too. Thankfully, technology is there for us to communicate in different ways whilst we wait for school to reopen. Another 3 weeks of lockdown and we will see...



Take good care of yourself; stay well, stay safe, stay in touch.

Very best wishes, Mrs Read



Aldborough Working Together



CLASS LEARNING PACKS – Whilst many families have good quality internet access and technology available for all in the family, we are conscious that this is not the case for everyone. For that reason, as well as providing web links for online learning resources, we have taken the decision to continue to provide hard copies of worksheets and topic ideas.

Class Teachers have prepared new learning packs for pupils. (If you wish to return completed work from last half term there will be a box in Reception for them.) New packs can be collected from Tuesday 21st until Friday 24th April, from 9am until 2pm from outside Reception. Please note that access to the school will be via the gate on the front playground. We will of course be maintaining social distancing. Hand gel will also be available in Reception. If collecting the pack presents a difficulty then please contact the school office: office@aldborough.norfolk.sch.uk Messages can be left on the school answerphone 01263 761264, which is monitored periodically.



Many of the activities in the packs are focused on core Maths and English skills, whilst other activities are linked to the new topic. A new 'Learning at Home' grid with activities and weblinks to the new class topic has been prepared by each Class Teacher. A hard copy will be enclosed in the pack and a copy will also be available on the school website from Monday 21st April. A common Science topic has been set for all year groups linked to outdoor learning/habitat studies so perfect for those nature walks.

A DIFFERENT LEARNING CLASSROOM – During this time of lockdown/ school closure, please be reassured that we fully appreciate that just as the look of 'the classroom' has changed, so will what the learning looks like in practice. Keep reading, keep talking and asking questions, keep sharing thoughts and feelings, keep creating and exploring and keep playing. Where you can, keep using those number bonds, times tables and writing skills.



If children are able to use this time to learn to ride a bike, tie their shoelaces, use a knife and fork, learn to sew or cook or tell the time, then these are incredibly valuable life skills. Spending time as a family is precious for us all, greatly benefiting relationships, mental health and being in an excellent place to learn when we are back at school.

COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS – Thank you to those parents/carers who have already communicated with their child's Class Teacher via email (send to office@aldborough.norfolk.sch.uk). The many children's replies to their teacher's end of term letter were much appreciated. (We are hoping to have Purple Mash in place asap to support lines of communication between home and school.) Some teaching staff have already telephoned families and this will be extended over the next two weeks with all families being contacted. If you would like to request a call sooner rather than later then please don't hesitate to email the office. We want to support families in any way that we can during this tricky time.



FACEBOOK – Before Easter it was super to receive so many photographs of 'Learning at Home' activities from so many of you. Feedback from parents was overwhelmingly positive. We are all really missing the children so loved seeing and hearing all about what they are getting up to at home.

We will continue to share any photographs received each day (usually uploaded around 7pm) so keep them coming! Please send via the school's Facebook messenger or alternatively email them to: office@aldborough.norfolk.sch.uk School staff will continue to share videos of themselves doing a host of activities which we hope you're enjoying – they're certainly taking us out of our comfort zone!



THE BOOK SWAP ALDBOROUGH – Well done to the children who used their initiative to set up a secondhand book stall in the village, providing a central place to swap pre-loved books, as well as some magazines and games – they have even created their own Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/The-Book-Swap-Aldborough-111393840527429/> Coronavirus precautions: Any books brought to the 'Swap Shop' should be placed in the cardboard box next to the stall and left for 24 hours. All books taken from the stall must be wiped clean and the recipient should wash their hands thoroughly after handling the item.



EASTER ART COMPETITION 2020: Thank you for our Easter Art Competition entries – there may not have been many but they were all super duper. Congratulations to you all – it only seems fair that everyone who entered has won £10 to spend on books at Norfolk Children's Book Centre. Email your order to marilyn@ncbc.co.uk or give her a call.

NHS FUNDRAISING SUCCESS: Congratulations to our very own Aldborough 'mother and son' team who raised over £500 for NHS Charities Together by running 10km/5km around their garden. We are a very proud school – having run just a mile around my garden I appreciate just how hard this must have been!



Aldborough Information



KEY WORKER CHILDCARE PROVISION – Please do keep in touch with school regarding your childcare requirements by emailing: office@aldborough.norfolk.sch.uk providing at least a day's notice. A skeletal staff team is in place, however teaching staff are only making the journey to school if required to do so. If your child does require childcare, then they should bring a packed lunch, outdoor clothing and wear clean clothes each day they attend.



FREE SCHOOL MEALS (FSM) – Free School Meal provision (not EYFS & KS1 Universal Free School Meals) has extended to providing ecode vouchers which can be redeemed at a supermarket of your choice. Apologies for the delay in receipt of the ecodes – Edenred have been completely swamped by applications from schools. Due to delays with their system we have arranged for another food box to be available for collection with Learning packs next week. A special thank you to staff members who have put together the boxes as well as delivered the food boxes previously. Please contact the office if you feel that you may qualify for Free School Meals, which is linked to benefits/family income.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS SWEATSHIRTS – Ordered and awaiting delivery by the suppliers.

PGL YEAR 6 2020 – We have yet to receive any information from PGL regarding this year's Year 6 camp in June. The office will make contact with PGL next week and an update will be provided. We are conscious that PGL would need to cancel the residential themselves for families not to lose money.

NORFOLK CHILDREN'S BOOK CENTRE – If you would like to send friends/family books NCBC can do that for you. They have 60,000 books there - and lots more being delivered every day. They can send a surprise selection or can advise you. Postage is £2 and free if you order 4 books or more. UK only. Email for advice, or to order on marilyn@ncbc.co.uk.

FREE CELEBRITY CLASSES FOR KIDS IN LOCKDOWN

9:00	PE WITH JOE WICKS YOUTUBE.COM/THEBODYCOACH
10:00	MUSIC WITH MYLEENE KLASS YOUTUBE.COM/MYLEENESMUSICCLASS
11:00	SCIENCE WITH MADDIE MOATE YOUTUBE.COM/MADDIEMOATE
11:30	DANCE WITH OTI MABUSE YOUTUBE.COM/OTIMABUSEOFFICIAL
13:00	MATHS WITH CAROL VORDERMAN THEMATHSFACTOR.COM
14:00	HISTORY WITH DAN SNOW TV.HISTORYHIT.COM
15:00	ENGLISH WITH DAVID WALLIAMS WORLDOFDAVIDWALLIAMS.COM
17:30	FOOD TECH WITH JAMIE OLIVER CHANNEL4.COM/KEEPCOOKINGANDCARRYON



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Coronavirus Update

In response to the ongoing situation, we have decided to make PhonicsPlay free to use during this period. Children can use the site at home without their parents needing to subscribe. To access our resources all you need to do is log on using the following details.

Username: march20
Password: home

Our aim to ensure that existing subscribers aren't disadvantaged and will seek to make sure that after the school closures are over and the site returns to normal, that existing subscribers have additional time added to their subscription. If you haven't already discovered www.phonicsplaycomics.co.uk you may also find these free decodable




Aldbrough Primary

Username
student23575
Password
school1234

www.discoveryeducation.co.uk

Beginning Monday 20 April, BBC Bitesize will publish daily online lessons for all ages. We'll also have a new dedicated TV channel full of learning content, podcasts on BBC Sounds and loads of educational videos on iPlayer.



NEVER ALONE

- www.nspcc.org.uk (child abuse)
- www.refuge.org.uk (women's shelter)
- www.mind.org.uk (mental health)
- www.victimsupport.org (rape help)
- www.cruse.org.uk (bereavement support)
- www.ncdv.org.uk (domestic violence)
- www.wearehourglass.org (elder abuse)
- www.childline.org.uk (children's wellbeing)
- www.samaritans.org.uk (crisis aid & suicide)
- www.womensaid.org.uk (domestic abuse)
- www.mensadviceline.org.uk (men's domestic abuse)