



SCHOOL YEAR 2020/21- NEWSLETTER NO 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I can't begin to describe how happy the whole staff at Aldborough Primary School are to have the children back at school together. I think the children's faces say it all. You have all clearly done a sterling job during lock down and I very much hope that you have been able to take some time for yourselves this week. Life may not be quite what it was, but the children are happy and in a good place to learn.



Apologies for the length of this newsletter with so much reading and detail to absorb. I can assure you that the next one will be filled with many more photographs and details about the exciting activities the children are doing in the classes. We will also look to add more dates to the calendar!

Best wishes,
Mrs Alison Read

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Aldborough Working Together



ONLINE PAYMENTS – We're nearly there, thank goodness! Thank you so much for your patience and support whilst Mrs Knight has worked incredibly hard to get the online payment system up and running. Deleting and reinstalling the app seems to have solved the problem for a number of parents, however I am sure that teething problems will continue to appear so please don't hesitate to contact the office should you experience any problems. As from Monday teachers will have a list of which children have paid for snacks so if you would like your child to have one then please let us know (50p a day, £2.50 a week).

A massive thank you to Mrs Knight – maybe give her a wave next time you see her in the office as she is missing seeing everyone at the end of the school day.

STAGGERED DROP OFF/COLLECTION -Thank you so much for your continued support with the new timings and organisation in the mornings. Please continue to keep your children with you if you are waiting on the playground for the bell to go – it is only natural that they want to play with their friends at this time but they get plenty of time to do this during the school day. When you leave via the black gates it has been fabulous to see social distancing in place with no 'bottlenecking' taking place. Thank you.

NEW CHILDREN - Welcome to Aldborough Primary to all of our new Reception children (and their families if they are new to the school), plus new children in Class 2 and Class 3 travelling locally and from as far as South Africa and California. We really hope that you have been made to feel very welcome indeed – we love meeting new people! Should you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to telephone, email or speak to a member of staff before or after school – Mrs Read is usually outside before and after school.



CONTACTING CLASS TEACHERS/VISITING SCHOOL – Building and maintaining a positive relationship between home and school is vital for the happiness and healthy development of your children. Even though parents/carers shouldn't be coming into school currently (unless there is an emergency), please do contact us if you need to speak to your child's teacher, however small the issue/concern may be. Visits to the school are possible via appointment, plus teachers are more than happy to speak to you via phone/Zoom.

Strong communication can prevent misunderstandings or small worries turning into bigger ones. We are here to help and support you as best we can.

SMALL GROUP/1:1 INSTRUMENT LESSONS – On Tuesday afternoon from the end of September KS2 parents can pay for a specialist music teacher from the Norfolk Music Hub to provide instrument lessons for their child/ren. Last year the guitar was added to the list of instruments available (saxophone, flute, clarinet) and seemed rather popular. Instrument hire is free for the first year of lessons. Should you wish your child to continue/start instrument lessons please contact the school office: office@aldborough.norfolk.sch.uk by Wednesday 16th September. Once we know numbers we can confirm with the Music Service.



Aldborough Information



EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS: 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 contact the office via phone/email. 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. If your child is in Class 3, 4 or 5 and they know who is collecting them at the end of the school day, then the office does not need to be informed. Only when changes occur is this necessary so we can alert the child.

With an increasing number of Year 6 pupils walking to the village after school (groups of 6 maximum from 14.9.2020), it is helpful for the school to be aware that you have given permission for them to do this. Their growing independence is great, however as nights grow darker, keeping school informed is helpful.

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.

COVID 19 SYMPTOMS - If your child is exhibiting symptoms of COVID 19 (new persistent cough, loss of taste/smell, temperature), then please **DO NOT** send them into school. You must keep them at home and obtain a COVID 19 test if symptoms persist or if you are concerned. We fully appreciate that this can make life very tricky, however putting other families and school staff at risk must be avoided at all costs.

Should your child have symptoms of COVID 19 whilst at school then they will be immediately isolated and you will be contacted to come and collect them straight away. It is essential that you are contactable and that your details are up to date.

COVID 19 TEST – If your child or a member of your household has a COVID 19 test then your child must not return to school until you receive a negative test result/the period of quarantining is completed. **If the test result is positive then you must inform the school immediately.** A copy of all COVID 19 test results should be emailed to the school office.

GOVERNMENT ADVICE – To support social distancing government guidance to parents is that the number of settings that their child/ren attends should be limited. They encourage children to only attend local clubs. Whilst at school, group gathering on the playground and on the way home should not take place. This includes walking in large groups (more than 6 people). Additionally, car journeys should be limited to family groupings if at all possible.

Thank you for your continued support – we know just how tricky this time is for all of us. Keeping school open, with children safe and learning is our priority. To do this, it is imperative health and safety precautions are adhered to by everyone.

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 must not include food that contains nuts. We do have children with a nut allergy in school.

DINNERS/SNACKS – The cost of a school dinner remains at £2.30 for children in Classes 3, 4 & 5. Please be reminded that playtime snack for all children costs 50p a day. Payment is via Pupil Asset.

BREAKFAST CLUB: Available daily from 8am via the front black gate. Booking ahead is helpful, however we are happy for children to ‘drop in.’ £3 a session, which includes breakfast items, which is payable via Pupil Asset.

SCHOOL BUS: Please can parents using this service ensure that the bus driver is aware if their child isn’t going to use the bus one day. This can save precious time. 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.

PARKING: The safety of our pupils is of paramount importance on the roads around the school at the start and end of the school day. Please help us to keep the children safe by parking considerately so that vehicle access is not restricted. Openings should not be blocked and the parking on the zig zag lines outside the school entrance should be avoided at all times.

PE KITS: On PE/Games days children should arrive at school wearing clothes appropriate for these activities eg. t-shirt, leggings/track suit bottoms, shorts, trainers, sweatshirt. No football kits please.

Class 1 & Class 2 Tuesday Class 3 & Class 4 Monday, Friday Class 5 Wednesday, Friday

Opportunities to learn outdoors will be maximised where possible this year so it would be helpful if children wore layers to school, with a pair of outdoor shoes/boots on their boot rack outside their classroom. Please don’t feel obliged to buy footwear especially for this – we simply want to avoid children having wet feet in school with less mud on the carpets!



FOREST SCHOOL CLOTHING: Waterproofs and boots for Forest School can be left at school. If children have Forest School then they should come to school dressed in layers, with warm clothing and a coat.

Thursday a.m Class 3 Friday a.m Class 1 Friday p.m Class 2

DEPUTY HEAD – Finally, please be informed that Mrs Morgan, whilst remaining a very valuable, extremely experienced and highly supportive senior teacher, no longer holds the position of Deputy Head at Aldborough Primary. I cannot thank her enough for her brilliant leadership support and hard work in this role over the last three years and am very happy that she continues to lead Class 5 .

DATES LIST 2020/21

SEPT	
Thur 17th	Class 3 Forest School a.m (every Thursday)
Fri 18th	Class 1 & Class 2 Forest School (every Friday)
Tues 22nd	Music instrument lessons begin p.m TBC
Fri 25th	Class 5 & Class 6 Chris Lubbe ‘Open Minds’ (Zoom)

Mon 28th	Tempest Photography (individuals – only siblings in school)
OCT	
Tues 13th	Bags2School (Friends Fundraiser)
Thur 15th	World Maths Day
Wed 21st	Last day before half term break
Half term 22nd – 30th October	

NOV	
Mon 2nd	Return to school
DEC	
Wed 18th	End of Autumn Term

Holiday 21st December - 1st January	
JAN	
Mon 4th	Spring Term Begins
2020/21 & 2021/22	
TERM DATES (please see website)	