



SCHOOL YEAR 2020/21- NEWSLETTER NO 5

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wishing everyone a very happy, very healthy half term break. I think everyone well and truly deserves a good holiday after achieving so much during these trying times. We are lucky to have such a positive, supportive school community. It has truly been a very successful, happy time, re-establishing routines and learning behaviour, enjoying learning together again. Class 1 in particular have settled in quickly, growing in confidence and independence on a daily basis. A very special thank you to the amazing staff team at Aldborough who go the extra mile each and every day. Rest well before we start planning Christmas... Time for more creative thinking!



Best wishes, Mrs Alison Read

Please go to: www.aldborough.norfolk.sch.uk



Aldborough Working Together



PURPLE MASH ONLINE LEARNING – Today all children have come home with a letter and password to be able to log on to Purple Mash, a new online learning resource available to our children. Purple Mash provides a wealth of online activities covering the primary curriculum which teachers can assign to children should they be unable to come to school. In addition to this, Purple Mash offers a secure platform for sharing videos of teachers modelling lessons, with children and teachers being able to communicate with each other. Over half term it would be good to check that your child's login works, giving them a chance to explore the resources available. Further information will be available next half term as we develop our whole school use of this online resource.

SPOOKY STORIES DAY – On Monday 2nd November we will be celebrating 'Spooky Stories day.' Children (and staff) are invited to come to school dressed in costumes or maybe just wear dark colours. We will be sharing stories across the school, whilst also enjoying a 'Spooky Lunch' created by Kerry and Tracy – the specially designed menu looks fab!

PUMPKIN CARVING – Monday 2nd November is once again our annual Pumpkin Carving Competition with prizes for all who enter. Entries should be brought to the front playground in the morning (make sure your name is on your pumpkin somewhere) and they will be displayed in the school garden for all to see that week. We were all wowed last year so it will be great to see what creations come to school this year.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS – A massive thank you to Miss Redford and Mrs Morgan who have both provided Class 1 and Class 5 parents with an opportunity to talk about their child's learning via telephone/Zoom. This was a mammoth undertaking and I cannot thank all staff involved enough. Thank you to those parents who patiently waited for their call at the agreed allotted time – Mrs Morgan was whizzing between zooming and telephoning over 3 consecutive nights and deserves a medal!

Next half term Mr Caston, Mr Care & Mrs Bearman will be conducting Parent Consultation meetings with Class 2, Class 3 & Class 4 parents/carers over the first two weeks. Please contact the office if you have not made an appointment.

TOILETS – Great news, the new outdoor toilets by the PE shed have arrived! All being well, they will be ready to be used at the start of next half term. Special thanks to Mrs Hall who has led this project.

PLUMBER – Please contact the school office if you have the details of a qualified plumber that may be interested in being on our Premises Contractor List.

BAGS2SCHOOL – Wow, your bags of clothes raised a brilliant £120! Thank you so much for your support.

NORFOLK MUSIC HUB – NMH are delighted to offer a mix of online music workshops for young people across Norfolk over half term. Please just follow the link below.

<https://www.norfolkmusichub.org.uk/site/october-half-term-workshops/>



Aldborough Information



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS – Tempest Photography completed the photographs on Tuesday. They need to be left for 72 hours before sending home with children. Look out for them in bags at the start of next half term.

SNACKS/ PAYMENTS – Payment for next half term’s snacks is available at The School Shop (on Pupil Asset). At 50p a day for 7 weeks this works out at £17.50. **Children should not be bringing crisps or chocolate bars into school as a snack.** Please continue to contact the office should you experience any issues or difficulties on office@aldborough.norfolk.sch.uk. Mrs Knight is in the office Tuesday – Thursday afternoons and all day on Friday. Many thanks.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB – We are all very excited to be able to provide After School Club from the start of next term, Monday – Thursday 15:15 – 17:30 and Friday 15:15 – 16:30, welcoming all of the Stepping Stones ASC staff to the Aldborough team. (You should have received a letter with details last week.) This is all available on the school website. Please email: afterschoolclub@aldborough.norfolk.sch.uk to make a booking. We welcome bookings in advance and on the day (before 14:30). Payment will be made via Pupil Asset, with charges being added to accounts at the start of the following week of attendance at ASC.

NORFOLK CHILDREN’S CENTRE – From November 2nd NCBC are inviting Aldborough Primary parents as their first visitors back to the shop. Appointments can be made for one family/up to 3 adults at a time for 40 minute slots between 10:00 – 16:00. Strict cleaning will take place between each visit, with all visitors being required to wear a mask and sanitise their hands.

DATES LIST 2020/21

OCT	
Wed 21st	Last day before half term break
Half term 22nd – 30th October	
NOV	
Mon 2nd	Return to school: Spooky Stories Day , including a special Spooky Lunch – Children can dress up in spooky costumes for the day Pumpkin Carving Competition – bring to the front playground wall. Prizes!!! ** Tempest Photographs sent home **
Mon 2nd – Wed 4th & Mon 9th – Wed 11th	Class 2, Class 3, Class 4 Parent Consultations – Call or Zoom – 15 mins

Thur 12th	Launch of Aylsham Trust’s Family Learning Christmas decoration activity
17th	Annual Childhood Flu Immunisation Programme (see email sent last week – to be booked by parents/carers)
w/c Mon 23rd	Maths Week across all classes
DEC	
Thu 17th	Christmas Lunch
Fri 18th	End of Autumn Term
Holiday 21st December - 1st January	
JAN	
Mon 4th	Spring Term Begins
2021/22	
TERM DATES (please see website)	

