



## SCHOOL YEAR 2020/21- NEWSLETTER NO 7

Dear Parents/Carers,

Winter is certainly upon us, with a definite need for thick coats, gloves and hats. We have continued to be fortunate to use the whole school grounds for playtimes so let's hope that can continue for a while yet. Please help us to build the children's independence by encouraging them to do up their own coats or even begin to learn to tie shoe laces. Independence is such an important skill for our young learners; sometimes it may be easier to do a job ourselves but this doesn't help the children in the long run. We have Maths week throughout the school next week so there will be plenty of opportunities for independent investigations and practical activities. In the coming weeks our school Christmas tree will be delivered. Our plan is to erect it on the front playground for all to see, adding lights and homemade decorations to it. There were some fabulous ideas on the Aylsham Trust email so maybe have a go at a few at home.

Very best wishes, Mrs Alison Read

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



### Aldborough Working Together

**GROUP READING** – Well done to Class 2, 3, 4 and 5 who have returned to Group Reading superbly. Each class now has their weekly timetabled slot which is working really well and providing valuable time to share and discuss books. The more reading that parents/carers can do at home the better – it's proving rather tricky to fit in individual reading so all support is appreciated.

**WHOLE CLASS BAKING** – The Learning Street has been smelling rather lovely in recent weeks. Class 2 have baked their gingerbread bears, followed by Class 3 baking biscuits yesterday. Baking is such a good cross curricular learning opportunity (rather exhausting too with a whole class!) and the children are so motivated to take part. Best of all, we all get to share their tasty offerings!

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUB** – Each week it has been lovely to see more and more children joining and enjoying ASC with our new members of staff settling into new routines brilliantly. Displays of art work produced are now proudly on display with children keen to tell us all about the games that they have played.

**ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY** – A big round of applause to today's Star Learners and recipients of the KS1/KS2 Kindness Cup. Friday Achievement Assembly is certainly a highlight of the week with everyone keen to wave and cheer each other. It has been particularly great to see how pleased siblings are when their brother/sister is awarded with the trophy or cup – just wish we could bottle the children's smiles; they really give everyone a lift at the end of a busy week.

**PURPLE MASH ONLINE LEARNING** – Mrs Cuthill in particular has been sharing Science activities on Purple Mash during lesson times to develop children's familiarity with the online learning platform. Tasks may be set by Mrs Cuthill for children to try at home if they want to give them a go. Class Teachers are still developing their knowledge and experience using the site should they need to set work in the event of a bubble or school closure or in the event of self-isolation. Please don't expect homework to be set on Purple Mash by Class Teachers, or for them to provide additional work.



**PARENT CONSULTATIONS** – Thank you for your amazing support during the telephone or online Parent Consultations. Nothing beats speaking face to face, however hopefully everyone made the most of opportunities to talk about their child's learning. Teachers were thrilled to receive such positive feedback; it gave them a real lift. A special thank you to those who have emailed teaching staff to share your positive thoughts and comments.



**FRIENDS FUNDRAISING** – Have you received your child's personalised mug order form? Have you received the email about ordering Aldborough Primary water bottles? If not, check your child's bag and your own inbox. The Friends of Aldborough Primary are doing an amazing job of trying new and inventive ways to fundraise in this strange world that we find ourselves in. If you can, please help us to raise much needed funds to purchase the outdoor classroom.



## *Aldborough Information*



**WATER BOTTLES** – Please remember to send your child into school with a named water bottle. Following H&S guidelines water fountains are currently out of use, therefore children without their own water bottles only have access to cups in class. This presents an increased risk of cups being shared, along with additional washing up for already busy staff.

Why not buy an Aldborough Primary water bottle and support The Friends of Aldborough Primary School at the same time?! Please see the email sent home yesterday with the attached link to their new website.

**DROP OFF/COLLECTION** – Children in Class 1 or Class 2, with siblings starting at 09:00, must arrive on time if they are to start school at 09:00 as well. Teaching staff are only available to collect them from the playground just before 09:00 and 09:15. Should you be running late, please wait on the playground with your child until a member of staff comes to collect them at 09:15.

**WARM CLOTHES** – Winter has definitely arrived! With doors and windows increasingly open, and outdoor play and lessons maximised upon, please send children into school in warm clothes. Layers are best. Currently Class 4 have Forest School on Thursdays. Class 1 and Class 2 continue to enjoy weekly Forest School on Fridays. On these days please ensure that children are appropriately dressed, with a change of footwear for outdoor use. Hat, gloves and maybe extra socks will help to keep the children roasting outdoors. All classes have their own welly racks outside their classrooms so boots can be left at school. Labelling your child's clothes greatly helps as we try to find them should they go wandering.

**CLOTHES/SHOE/WELLY DONATIONS** – Teaching staff have requested for donations of tracksuit bottoms, wellies and plimsolls to help them ensure that all children are suitably dressed for activities. If you have any to pass our way then please send them to the office in a bag. Many thanks.

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUB** – All information, including registration and booking forms can be found on the school website. Entry to the school site is via the gate by the tennis court (the front gates will be locked). Please make your way round to the front playground and ring the bell by Reception. A member of the ASC team will then bring your child out to you. It is a rather loud doorbell so we will be sure to hear it!

Should you wish to make an ASC booking please email: [afterschoolclub@aldborough.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:afterschoolclub@aldborough.norfolk.sch.uk) .We welcome bookings in advance and on the day (before 14:30). Payment to be made via Pupil Asset.

**ONLINE PAYMENTS** - A huge thank you to all regarding the online payments, it has made a real difference. As with all new systems we are all learning as we go along! If you have any queries regarding anything on your children's account please do not hesitate to email the office who will endeavour to help answer your query.

**BREAKFAST/AFTER SCHOOL CLUB PAYMENT** - For any parents whose children go to any of the school clubs the charges will now go directly onto your child's account in the same way a school lunch does. There is also the option to make a 'clubs top up' if you would like to pay for clubs in advance this is available through the school shop.

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH** – Christmas lunch is on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December. This is an 'opt out' event – Please see attached leaflet with full menu. We assume that all children will take part in this, however, if your child (YR3 – YR6) does not wish to, please make sure you email the office to notify the kitchen. This all helps with managing the catering numbers. The charge is £2.50 which will be added to your child's account in the usual way.

**FREE SCHOOL MEAL APPLICATIONS** – Have your family circumstances changed? If so your child/children may be eligible for Free School Meals. Money provided to the school can also be used to provide additional support for a child's learning or financial help with learning opportunities/resources. It is always worth making an application. Please go to: <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk> If you need help or have any queries, please contact Mrs Hall in the office who will be very happy to help you. All information will be treated confidentially.

### **DATES LIST 2020/21**

<b>NOV</b>	
<b>w/c Mon 23rd</b>	Maths Week across all classes
<b>Sat 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Deadline for ordering personalized mugs
<b>DEC</b>	
<b>w/c 7<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Image Musical Theatre 'The Snow Queen' online performance to be watched during the week
<b>Tues 8<sup>th</sup></b>	Class 1 & Class 2 Christmas Party
<b>Thu 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Christmas Lunch (opt out option – see Information section)
<b>Mon 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Class 3 & Class 4 Christmas Party Class 5 Forest School Day
<b>Wed 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Class 5 Christmas Party
<b>Fri 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Pyjama/Onesie Day Fundraiser – with hot chocolate, marshmallows and Christmas stories  Last day of Autumn Term
<b>Holiday 21<sup>st</sup> December - 1<sup>st</sup> January</b>	
<b>JAN</b>	
<b>Mon 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Spring Term Begins
<b>Thu 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Class 5/Year 6 National Child Measurement Programme
<b>FEB</b>	
<b>w/c 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Half Term

<b>MARCH</b>	
<b>Thu 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Class 1/EYFS National Child Measuring Programme
<b>2021/22</b> <b>TERM DATES (please see website)</b>	



  
 THE AYLSHAM COMMUNITY TRUST (FAMILIES)  
**It takes a Whole Community to Educate a Child**

  
**Christmas Decoration Project**

We would like to invite all parents/carers, grandparents, aunts, uncles, younger brothers and sisters to join us in our family learning community Christmas decoration project.

Throughout December we will be lighting up our community with a Christmas tree outside the school but we need your help to decorate it!

We hope to have as many handmade weatherproof decorations as possible.



