



## SCHOOL YEAR 2020/21- NEWSLETTER NO 8

Dear Parents/Carers,

After a super Maths week across the school, it's all tinsel and glitter as Christmas arrives at Aldborough. We may have had to make a few tweaks to keep everyone safe, but staff are continuing to work hard to make Christmas special for the children - although this year Tracy won't tell me anything about the festive cupcake design! It has certainly been a strange year for us all, a time to be grateful for the people that we have in our lives. As such, if you would like to share any messages with staff before the end of term please email or send a card into school. It can be incredibly uplifting when you're tired to receive heartfelt words and now would be a great time to do this if you felt that you had something that you wanted to say.

Very best wishes, Mrs Alison Read



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

### Aldborough Working Together

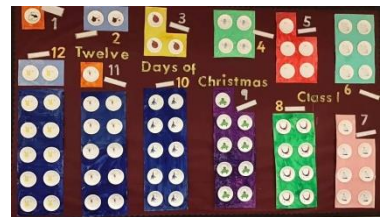
**MATHS WEEK** – Great Maths linked with art and design last week everybody!

**CHRISTMAS TREE** – Thanks to the many creative homemade decorations provided, our school outdoor Christmas tree is looking rather lovely. You have all surpassed yourselves with your handiwork and imagination using many natural resources. Children and adults alike have really enjoyed looking at your collaborative handiwork. After being left for a few days a group of Year 6 pupils had great fun decorating the tree, together with a little bit of adult help to reach the higher branches. Let's just hope that there isn't too much wind over the next couple of weeks...

**ADVENT** – Well done to Class 5 who have been incredibly busy making not just one Advent calendar this year, but two - one for their classroom door and another for Class 1 who would usually get to open the Advent doors in whole school assemblies. All children in Class 5 have beavered away sewing felt mice for Reception children to keep when it's their turn to open a door. Just goes to show that with a bit of creative thinking by Mrs Morgan, traditions can continue with a little bit of tweaking.

**FESTIVE FITNESS FRIDAY** – Along with many schools in the area, Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December will be a day for some Festive Fitness. Each class is being challenged to walk, run or even skip the perimeter of the playground and field at different times during the school day. It is hope that everyone will be able to cover a distance of 1km. The optional added extra is to wear Christmas hats, scarves, leggings, socks, etc...to make this a really happy festive occasion. Active Norfolk have launched a photo competition for the occasion and we really hope to submit an entry if we can.

**CHRISTMAS DOORS** – This year each class is decorating their classroom door with a prize for the best one. Mrs Morgan has set the standard with Class 5's Advent themed door complete with fairy lights. Look out for photographs of the doors next Friday on our school Facebook page



**CHRISTMAS CARDS** – It would be a real shame if children were unable to send Christmas cards to each other this year, however to do this we need to carefully manage this process in order to keep everyone safe. From Monday 7<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December Christmas cards can be delivered into the post box in the Learning Street. Please ensure that the recipients full name and class is written clearly on the envelope. (After the 10<sup>th</sup> no cards can be added to the post box.) Christmas cards will be delivered the following week from Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Your support working to these dates is much appreciated.

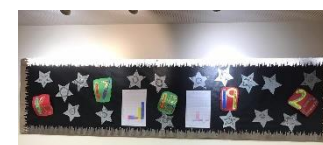


**KS1 NATIVITY** – The green screen has arrived and filming has started for the KS1 Nativity. This is a new experience for us all but the children are learning their lines, having fun and Mr Caston is busy being his IT genius self pulling it all together. More information to follow when it is ready for sharing.

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUB** – Fancy getting messy with the glitter and sequins?! If so, there will be plenty of craft work taking place at After School Club during the next two weeks, especially on Mondays and Thursdays. Children will have the opportunity to make cards and decorations as well as do some clay modelling and create jewellery and other objects. Please email [afterschoolclub@aldborough.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:afterschoolclub@aldborough.norfolk.sch.uk) to book a session. Further details are available on the school website.



**RECEPTION PLACES 2021** - If your child is 5 years old between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 31st 2022 then they can start school in September next year. Applications for Reception school places close on 15th January 2021. You can apply online using [fiso.norfolk.gov.uk](http://fiso.norfolk.gov.uk) and click on the **Submit a school admissions application** link. You will be able to login to your NEO account or create one. This account can be used to apply for further school admissions and apply for free school meals.



**FRIENDS FUNDRAISING** – As a result of the Smarties Challenge, Bags2School, water bottle sales, PTA Big Raffle and sale of mugs, the Friends of Aldborough Primary have raised a staggering £1,027.80!!!!!! Thank you to everyone who has organised online fundraising events and those who have supported the school so much. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a kind, generous school community. There is still time to order Aldborough Primary water bottles (great stocking fillers in the Read household this year!) Hopefully the new outdoor classroom can be ordered and installed by February half term.



## Aldborough Information



**CHRISTMAS LUNCH** – Christmas lunch is on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December. 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. **Please let the office know by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December if your child does NOT want a Christmas lunch. This is an 'opt out' event**

**FREE SCHOOL MEALS (FSM)** – Please be advised that for those families in receipt of Free Schools Meals, an order for Edenred online vouchers (£15 per child per week) has been made. These should be received via email on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> and Monday 28<sup>th</sup> December.

**FSM 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.

**ONLINE PAYMENTS** - Please keep an eye on the balance on your child's Pupil Asset account, especially those using school clubs. If you have any problems playing online, card payments can be made in the afternoons in the office Tues – Thurs each week or all day Friday.

**BREAKFAST CLUB** – From January 2021 a session at Breakfast Club will cost £4 per pupil. This includes a selection of food and drink. Charges will be added to your child's Pupil Asset account.

**REMOTE LEARNING** – Please be advised that in the result of your child/ren self-isolating, pupil led learning activities is provided on the school website for the first three days of isolation. Links to Oak Academy lessons have been selected by class teachers and are accessible via links. You will also find useful materials available and websites listed on here. After three days Remote Learning will be communicated via Tapestry for Class 1 pupils and Purple Mash for all other classes. Please ensure that you can access this remote learning platform using login details provided before autumn half term.



**SNACKS REMINDER** – We are a Nut Free School. If your child's snack bar says 'May contain nuts' please do not send it into school. We have a few children with Nut allergies and we need to keep them safe. Thank you for your support.

**THANKYOU GIFTS** – At this time of the year parents/carers often wish to say a special thank you to staff that support their children at school. If you feel that you wish to do this then please avoid homemade food and drink items, remembering that gifts will be 'quarantined' for 72 hours. Thank you.

**DATES LIST 2020/21**

DEC	
w/c 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Image Musical Theatre 'The Snow Queen' online performance
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> – Thur 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Christmas Cards can be posted in school during these 4 days only</b>
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>	Class 1 & Class 2 Christmas Party
Thu 10 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch (opt out option – email office) Wear Christmas colours/clothes/hats
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup>	Festive Fitness Friday event; p.m No instrument lessons with Mr Williams
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	Class 3 & Class 4 Christmas Party <b>Class 5 Forest School Day</b>
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Cards sorted and delivered
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	Integra online Christmas Maths Event for all classes during the day; Class 5 Group Reading; p.m Class 5 Christmas Party
Thur 17 <sup>th</sup>	No Group Reading in Class 4; <b>No Forest School in Class 4</b>
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	Pyjama/Onesie Day Fundraiser – with hot chocolate, marshmallows and Christmas stories - £1 suggested minimum donation to

	The Friends of Aldborough Primary School; <b>No Class 1 and Class 2 Forest School</b>  Last day of Autumn Term: <b>Class 1 &amp; Class 2 collection 13:00 (with KS2 siblings); Class 3, 4 and 5 collection 13:30 (see letter emailed home 27.11.2020)</b>
<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; Class 3 Forest School
<b>Fri 8<sup>th</sup></b>	Class 1 & Class 2 Forest School
<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>Mon 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Class 3 and Class 4 Shakespeare workshop in school
<b>2021/22</b> <b>TERM DATES (please see website)</b>	



**LOCAL AUTHORITY MESSAGE TO PARENTS/CARERS:** During the school holiday please can we ask that you follow all the national guidance. We have included some helpful bullet points and web addresses below. It is by everyone taking individual responsibility to follow this guidance that we can together manage a safe and secure return to education in the new year.

- If your child is unable to start the new term because of COVID-19 or any other illness please let the school office know in the normal way. School reopens 4th January 2021
- If your child lives in the same household as someone with coronavirus, your child must stay at home for **14 days** from the first day the person with coronavirus had symptoms or had their test.
- If your child develops Symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) they should remain at home for at least **10 days** from the date when their symptoms appeared (or from the date they received a positive test result).
- COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)) has information for households with possible coronavirus infection including easy to read guides in a number of languages.
- Guidance for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection who do not live with the person - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)) has information for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus infection including an easy to read guide.
- If your family is need of support to help you through a period of isolation, please see the Norfolk Assistance Scheme [www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk](http://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk)
- Some residents are also entitled to a self-isolation support payment of £500.
- Please remember; there are three simple actions we must all do to keep on protecting each other 1. Wash hands, 2. Cover face, 3. Make space

Although the festive season will be different this year as we all continue to try and keep each other safe and healthy. We do hope that you can all enjoy this period and we wish you a safe and happy new year.

**REMINDER: 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.**