



SCHOOL YEAR 2020/21- NEWSLETTER NO 18

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may be aware, this week is Mental Health Awareness Week with a focus this year on nature. We have had some interesting conversations with the children about the importance of spending time with nature and being outdoors. It made us realise how lucky we are to have our forest school to learn from and our dens to develop our skills in. How much better it is for our well-being to be outside again in the sunshine. Learning to negotiate and compromise in a den is so much more exciting than through a computer game at this time of year. Mrs Cuthill surprised us all with a whoop of delight upon hearing that we are once again allowed to sing in school this week. Another great activity for our mental well-being. We hope that the combination of the wonder of our natural world and the sound of singing around the school will reinforce the return of the feel good factor at Aldborough. In the words of the great Michael Morpurgo,

'We want you and yours to be happy again. Only then will all be well. Sing, sing, sing. Our song is your song, your song is our song.'

Wishing you a tuneful and happy weekend,

With Best Wishes,

Mrs Bearman and the Aldborough Team



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



Aldborough Working Together



ARTS WEEK – Arts Week will take place from May 24th to May 28th. As part of this week, we are excited to be welcoming back 'The Shakespeare Schools Festival'. Mrs Morgan has been excited about this since January 2020! The festival team will be working with Class 3 and Class 4 on Tuesday 25th May. On Wednesday 26th May, alongside World Book Day, Mrs Cuthill will be leading a 'Sing Up' day for some classes. We hope that the children across the school will have the opportunity to share some new experiences related to the arts in general.

WORLD BOOK DAY – Don't forget to get working on your costumes for World Book Day on Wednesday May 26th. We are looking forward to seeing the children (and staff) in their outfits. Dust off your hats, hunt through your wardrobes, and let's celebrate this lovely day in style.

CLASS PHOTOS - Tempest Photography will be in school on Thursday 27th May to take class photos. Hairbrushes on the ready if it is a windy day.

PLAYGROUND – We are pleased to announce, that in line with the national easing of restrictions, **parents will no longer be required to wear masks on the playground from May 17th**. We would appreciate you maintaining your social distance for the time being. If you need to talk to a teacher on the playground, please continue to wear a mask before approaching them. Please ensure that your children continue to stand with you on the playground before school rather than running around. We are still restricted by Covid guidelines which means that the bubbles of children we have in place do not mix. Children who are 'stopped and dropped' are monitored by the staff on duty that day. At the end of the day, we would be most grateful if you could keep access in and out of the gate clear for all parents to maintain their 2 metres distance.

Class 1 & 2 parents – Parents who arrive with children between 9.00am and 9.15am please wait with your child on the playground until they go into class. Please do not stop and drop.

APPS ON MOBILE PHONES AND DEVICES – We have had a few reports recently of children using apps and games on their mobile phones and devices which are not age appropriate. Please spend some time discussing this with your children and ensuring that all necessary precautions are taken to ensure that the children are using the internet safely. It is always better to be safe than sorry.

SCHOOL EMAILS – Please could all parents double check that the school email address has been added to their safe sender auto list. We have had a few cases of school emails going straight into SPAM folders by mistake.

PARKED CARS – Thank you to everyone for their vigilance when moving between the parked cars. Could we also ask that you park carefully when dropping and collecting the children. Unfortunately, a parent had their car damaged whilst parked on Alby Hill at school drop off time.

PARENT'S EVENINGS – Thank you to everyone who helped to make parent's evening successful. We enjoyed seeing you all back in school and really appreciated the way that you worked with our time schedules and sanitizing routines.

BOLWICK HALL – The annual fundraiser at Bolwick Hall is due to take place again this year on Sunday 30th May. Please come along and support the school whilst enjoying a cup of tea with some cake in the beautiful gardens. Full details and timings of the event will be confirmed nearer the time.

BAGS FOR SCHOOL COLLECTION – We will be raising money for school again through the Bags for School collection. Please sort out any clothes that you no longer need and put them into a black bag or paper bag. Bags of clothes can be brought into school on Monday 7th or Tuesday 8th of June. Any bags brought in on Wednesday 9th of June must arrive before 9.00a.m. ready for collection.



Aldborough Information



MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT – Aldborough Primary now has ‘Mental Health First Responders’ on site to help members of our community should they have a need. We recognise that it is not always easy to be a parent/carer, especially with the added pressures of the COVID pandemic and this is a way for the school to support parents and carers who may be struggling. Maybe you just need to offload to someone who will listen in a non-judgmental way, or maybe you just don’t know where to turn and need someone who can help guide you to services and other agencies who can help. If you think we can help you in anyway please do not hesitate to contact either via email: office@aldborough.norfolk.sch.uk or phone 01263 761264. Confidentiality is guaranteed.

ALDBOROUGH AFTER SCHOOL CLUB – Please email enquiries/bookings to afterschoolclub@aldborough.norfolk.sch.uk Further information and booking forms are available on the school website. There will be plenty of outdoor play and art activities available with ASC staff working hard to plan and provide activities. Tracy continues to provide tasty snacks.

SCHOOL PUPIL ASSET ACCOUNTS – If your child has a school lunch or attends any school club, please keep payments for these up to date on a regular basis.

SCHOOL SNACKS – If your child has a morning drink and snack provided by the school and you have opted to pay in instalments for this term, the 2nd instalment is now due. This is payable within the school shop via their Pupil Asset account. (2nd Half term snacks £20.50 from Thursday 19th May). If you have paid for the full term no payments are required. If you have any queries regarding this please contact the office.

BREAKFAST CLUB – Breakfast Club is available daily from 8am in the dining room. Pre-booking is advised to be guarantee a place, however children can attend on the day without the need to pre-book. PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE DOORS TO BREAKFAST CLUB WILL NOT OPEN UNTIL 8.00a.m

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.

FOOD BANK- If you aren’t already aware, Aldborough Primary is able to issue Foodbank vouchers to families in need; please don’t hesitate to contact us if you need some help. All support is provided confidentially.

<u>DATES LIST 2020/21</u>	
May	
w/c 24th	ARTS WEEK
Tues 25th	Class 3 & 4 Shakespeare workshops
Wed 26th	WORLD BOOK DRESS UP DAY
Thur 27th	Tempest Photography in school
Sun 30th	Bolwick Hall Fundraising Tea
w/c 31st	Half Term
JUNE	
Mon 7th	Summer Term 2 begins
Mon 7th – Wed 9th	Bags for School clothes collection
JULY	
Wed 21st	End of Term/End of school year



*Are you feeling fed up, bored, overwhelmed or lonely?
Why not take a break? Make a coffee and join Monica and Eleanor
and a small group of parents/carers for a coffee and chat via Zoom?*

Take a Break

Drop in coffee morning via Zoom

Every Wednesday at 10am from

28th April until 26th May.



We are looking forward to seeing you!

**To book a place contact Monica Harding our Family Learning Co-ordinator:
mharding@aylshamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk or telephone/text 07780 887348.**

When you sign up you will receive all the information you need to join via Zoom.