



SCHOOL YEAR 2017/2018 - NEWSLETTER NO 1

WELCOME BACK - A very warm welcome back to the new school year to all of our children and parents. I hope you all enjoyed the summer holidays and made the most of the sunshine and great outdoors. After just one week as the new Headteacher of Aldborough Primary, I feel so privileged to be leading such a special learning community, who really care and support each other.

During the first week the children and staff have returned full of enthusiasm ready for a fantastic year ahead. We are pleased to welcome ten new Reception children in Class 1, as well as Oliver, Maria and Lennon in Classes 3 and 4. We have an exciting, busy term planned so please take some time to look at the dates and events happening in the diary at the end of this newsletter.

*Very best wishes
Mrs Read*



Aldborough Office Requests



CONTACT DETAILS – Please look out for 2017/18 contact detail forms shortly being sent home. It is important that details are checked/amended so that we can update our records, including mobile numbers and email addresses. Thank you.

PARENT PERMISSION FORMS – We are kindly requesting that 2017/18 parent consent forms for local visits, food tasting, allergies/asthma, photograph use and internet use are completed and returned to the office by Friday 22nd September. Look out for them being sent home by next week.

DINNER MONEY – The cost of a daily school lunch, for those pupils in Key Stage 2 is now £2.20 as from 1 September. This will mean that a week's worth of lunches will be £11.00 and milk/biscuits per week £2.00 (40p per day). If you pay half termly the cost for this half term will be £70.40 for lunches and £12.80 for snacks. Money/cheques made payable to Aldborough Primary School.

PE Kits

Please ensure that children have a change of clothes to wear for PE, along with trainers/plimsolls.

It would be great if everyone brought in:

- a plain white t-shirt
- navy/black shorts

Remember to label them clearly with your child's name.

Aldborough Working Together



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Do you or a friend or relative have some time to spare? An hour, a morning or an afternoon would be fantastic. From sharing books with children, to building and creating, you will be providing valuable support for the school while having a great time yourself. Please pass on contact details to the office and we'll be in touch.

ALDBOROUGH GOUNDFORCE TEAM: On Saturday 14th October (weather permitting) we're inviting families and friends of Aldborough Primary to join us for a morning of tidying/clearing of our grounds. In return, we'll treat you to tea/coffee & bacon rolls. Many hands make light work, so hopefully you'll be able to join us. Please pass on your contact details to the office and we'll share further details.



Aldborough Class News



Class 1 Mrs Marshall

Welcome to Class 1! While Reception settle into school routines, Year 1s will enjoy Maths and English with Ms Goldsmith as well as continuing their excellent start to phonics. All children are set weekly spellings which will be tested on Fridays, so please practise these at home.

English: Reception children will start learning the letter sounds and start to write these down. Year 1 lessons will be linked to a variety of story books including *Suddenly!* and *Can't You Sleep Little Bear?*. We will be learning about diary accounts and the type of language used in them. Also, we will look at reasons for events in stories before moving on to work on poetry.

Maths: Reception children start their maths journey by looking at patterns, and numbers to 10, including addition and subtraction. Year 1 children will begin by working on numbers to 10 and then move onto addition and subtraction problems within numbers to 10. Later work, will focus on shapes and patterns.

Our main topics for this term are *Where I Live*, investigating the local area, *Materials*, *Autumn* and *Local Heroes* as well as *Christmas*. We will have some trips out to support our learning. News to follow.

Music: On a Wednesday afternoon Mrs Cuthill will be teaching music and movement. We will be learning nursery rhymes, harvest songs and counting songs. Movement to music will focus on moving safely around the room, keeping healthy and raising our heart beat. It would be really helpful if your child has laces they are able tie these on their own and if girls did not wear tights on these days. Towards the end of the term we will be listening to the finale from *The Firebird* suite by Igor Stravinsky. We will respond to this through *Dance*, music and art.

Reminders: Please can you make sure that children have book bags, PE kits and wellies in school every day. It is useful if the PE kits could

contain spare pants and socks, as well as tracksuit bottoms and a jumper in case your child needs to change clothes during the day.

Group Reading will take place on Wednesday morning, and if anyone can spare an hour on Wednesdays please let me know – sharing a book with a small group of children and is a really special time at Aldborough. I am really looking forward to working with your children this year and getting to know them better.



Class 2 Mr Caston

In class 2 this half term we will be stepping 'Into the Wilderness.'

English: We will be using drama to support our writing based around texts including *'Where the Wild Things Are'* by Maurice Sendak and *'Into the Forest'* by Anthony Browne. Our non-fiction texts will teach us about the Saguaro Cactus and how to survive in the wilderness!

Maths: We will be continuing with Maths Mastery and will study Numbers within 100 and addition and subtraction of two-digit numbers. We will then move onto tackling addition and subtraction word problems.

Humanities: We will be learning about the different biomes of the world including Ice Sheet, Tundra, Forest, Grassland and Desert. Using maps and atlases to identify their locations will make us experts! This term Class 2 will be finding out who Ranulph Fiennes is and all about his explorations. Comparing his journeys to those of Christopher Columbus will be very interesting.



Art/DT: We will design and collage a set of paper plate habitats and study the work of Henri Rousseau. With Ms Goldsmith we will be learning all about playgrounds and we hope to have a visit to The Green to look at the design, materials and safety of the different pieces of equipment.

Class 3 Mr Care

English: Our topic for this half term will be the Romans. We will be focusing on story writing and using the book *Across the Roman Wall* as our inspiration (coupled with plenty of drama work). We will use this to learn about writing descriptively, settings and characterisation. We will also be learning to write postcards and letters.

Maths: We will be following the national curriculum for Year 3 maths, the term will begin with work on numbers within 100 and consolidating our understanding of base ten. We will be learning to use known facts (doubles, times tables, 1 more/ less, number bonds, etc) to help improve our mental calculation. We will be using bar models to represent addition and subtraction problems.

Humanities: We will be learning about The Roman Empire, Boudicca, Hadrian's Wall and Pompeii. We will also be learning about the life of a Roman soldier and having a Roman day at the end the topic.



Art/DT- We will be researching, designing and making our own Roman mosaics out of clay, as well as shields later on in the term.

Science: we will be learning about light and will be investigating shadows and reflection. It would be great if children can bring their own torch for these lessons and if they have anything interesting they would like to share for show and tell in this topic Thursday afternoon is the time to bring it in. Children will learn how to present information in tables, graphs and diagrams. There will be lots of opportunity for learning new spellings of scientific vocabulary.



We are very much looking forward to an exciting year in Class 3!

Class 4 Mr Barnard

English: Using 'The Arrival' by Shaun Tan, we will be interpreting this visual book through drama, letter and diary writing and group discussion. The book will be the focus for our artwork in the later part of term after we have created our own Picasso portraits which will be displayed in the learning street. Will you be able to name all thirty when they are up? Group reading will include weekly supported home reading as well as other book related tasks. Children will receive weekly spellings to be completed for Tuesday tests and occasional maths homework to support their learning.

Maths: This term will be focussing on number. We will look to *Progress to Success* with our knowledge of number bonds, 10, 100, and 1000 more than a given number. We will also be revising the written methods used for the four operations (crib sheets for the methods we look to use can be provided to help you support at home if required). We will also be using a fitness circuit and the results produced to P2S with our knowledge of data and statistics.

Science: We are investigating forces and I'm looking forward to some exciting experiments around gravity, buoyancy and air resistance.

PE: Gymnastics is on Tuesday mornings and then on Friday afternoons the Year 5's will be practising Football with Mr Barnard while the Year 4's will be learning hockey with Mr Care. Please ensure your child has the required kit.

Humanities: Our topic is the Tudors and I look forward to sharing learning around how the Tudors came to power (Battle of Bosworth) and then all about Henry VIII and his interesting life.

PSHE: We look to discuss topical issues and practise Mindfulness, an area of great interest.

Music: We will be studying *The Firebird Suite* by Igor Stravinsky. We will explore how composers use rhythm, tempo and dynamics to create variations on a theme and use these ideas to compose our own fanfare.

I look forward to meeting all my parents throughout the school year and hope your child enjoys their educational journey in Class 4.

Class 5 Mrs Morgan

English: The context for work will be Macbeth as the class are performing at the Shakespeare Schools Festival in November. As a result we will be using drama for writing and lots of the grammar and spelling work will be based on Macbeth. Writing arguments, short stories, newspaper articles and letters will give the children ample opportunity to become immersed in the play. As a break from Shakespeare, the children will share, for group reading, War Horse, Private Peaceful and Kensuke's Kingdom - all titles by Michael Morpurgo.



Maths: Following the national curriculum for Year 6 maths, with support for Year 5, the term will begin with arithmetic but there will be opportunities for problem solving and investigations too. Using familiar patterns in mathematics and learning how to explain outcomes algebraically will also be part of the first half of the autumn term work.

Science: Adaptation and classification will be the initial unit of work; Mrs Cuthill will lead science in the Autumn term.

Humanities: To begin the year the topic will be history and the class will study Scotland and the Scottish wars of independence. Later in the term, the topic will focus on key figures and events from the middle ages, particularly the Magna Carta, King Richard and King John.

Art: As well as mask making, faces of the weird sisters from, guess what? Macbeth, we will be looking at the print making of the Japanese artist Hokusai. Later in the term, to coincide with a major exhibition at Tate Modern, we will be studying the work of Modigliani.

Music: We will be studying The Firebird Suite by Igor Stravinsky, exploring how composers use rhythm, tempo and dynamics to create variations on a theme and use these ideas to compose our own fanfare. We will work as a class to choreograph a response to the finale music and have opportunities to perform to other classes in the school.

All the children will be lucky enough to continue French with Mrs O'Malley and music with Mrs Cuthill. On Friday for games we have a

specialist Karate teacher for the Year 6 in the Autumn first half term, as the pool at Aylsham High School is out of action due to refurbishment; the Year 5's will be having football with Mr Barnard. Tuesday P.E will be led by a specialist gymnast this term.



I think you'll agree-an action packed beginning to the school year 2017-2018 here in Class 5.

AUTUMN DATES LIST 2017

SEPTEMBER	
Mon 4 th , Tues 5 th	INSET
Wednesday 6 th	Term begins for children
Friday 8 th	KS2 Karate starts
Friday 15 th	Saxophone lessons start
Wednesday 20 th	Aylsham Cluster OPTIONAL ENGAGE TRAINING : EARLY HELP LOCAL OFFER – staff and parents – look out for details
Friday 22 nd	Jeans for Genes (charity donation); 8.30 MacMillan Breakfast morning – bacon rolls, tea, coffee, squash
Friday 29 th	Greshams Cross Country; PENTATHLON p.m – Fundraising for a stage extension
OCTOBER	
Thursday 5 th	Tempest Photography in– individual/siblings
Monday 16 th	Harvest Assembly for children
Thursday 19 th	Parent Meetings 3:30-8
Friday 20 th	INSET/ End of Half-Term
Monday 30 th	Back to school
NOVEMBER	
Monday 6 th	Macbeth, Norwich Playhouse 7pm
Monday 13 th -17 th	Anti-bullying Week
Monday 20 th	Road Safety Week
DECEMBER	
Monday 11 th	Panto 2pm – KS1 to watch and the Community.
Tuesday 12 th	Panto 7pm
Wednesday 13 th	Flu Immunisations R-Y4
	Panto 7pm
Thursday 14 th	9.30 KS1 Nativity dress rehearsal to school
Friday 15 th	9.30 KS1 Nativity performance to parents
Monday 18 th	Class Christmas parties: R –Y3 before play; Y4-6 after play
Tuesday 19 th	Christmas Carol Event End of Term