



SCHOOL YEAR 2019/20 - NEWSLETTER NO 4

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have very much started the second half of the autumn term with a flurry of trips, visitors and lots of outdoor learning – the children have made the most of every opportunity with their great questions and impeccable manners. As the panto and nativity rehearsals begin, Class 4 are excited about their performance at the Royal Albert Hall next Wednesday – come to think of it, the staff are excited too!!!

Very best wishes for a great run up to Christmas, Mrs Read

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Aldborough Working Together



FAMILY LEARNING DAY – We hope that those who joined us for the Firework/Bonfire themed Family Learning Day last Thursday enjoyed the afternoon of activities. From making scarecrow witches to creating elaborate spider webs, to chromatography and pumpkin making using lots of glue, wool and balloons, it proved to be yet another busy, fun afternoon for pupils and their families. Special thanks to Monica and Eleanor from AHS who provided the refreshments...especially the extra biscuits!

Well done to everyone who carved a pumpkin for the competition on Thursday – they looked awesome! Congratulations to those who won prizes (kindly provided by The Friends) – same time next year?!



NORFOLK CHILDREN'S BOOK DAY – What a brilliant morning Year 6 were treated to yesterday on their visit to The Norwich School. Award winning authors Peter Bunzl, Tony De Saulles and M.G. Leonard delivered personalised, engaging presentations, sharing their motivation and inspiration for writing with the children. We all particularly enjoyed being taught how to draw sea creatures and bees by Tony, a contributor to the famous Horrible Science books. Thank you to The Norwich school – we loved it!

CRUCIAL CREW – To add to an already busy Thursday, Year 5/6 took part in workshops at Crucial Crew last Thursday morning, learning all about how to stay safe. Representatives from the fire service, RNLI, police, NHS, St John's Ambulance and Matthew Project delivered workshops. It was a great opportunity for the children to speak with people from such valuable organisations, asking a wide range of very sensible and incredibly useful questions.

KS2 CROSS COUNTRY – On Monday afternoon our Aldborough Hares were all amazing at the North Norfolk schools cross country event at Blickling. Jane Steed has clearly coached them well as their effort and determination in each race was commendable. Their support for each other was second to none, making us all very proud of each and every runner. Congratulations to the 5 runners who came in the top 10 in their race, qualifying for the county cross country final on Wednesday 4th March at Holkham Hall. Well done everybody – you should be very proud of yourselves – we are!

FOREST SCHOOL APPEAL – Do you have any old cutlery, kitchen utensils and pots and pans? If so, we would very much appreciate taking them off your hands for our forthcoming Forest School mud kitchen. Please speak to Mrs Stanbury or drop them off at the office. Thank you.

ALDBOROUGH 'ANGELS' – Next week children will be bringing home a wooden angel to be decorated for the village's Christmas celebration event at the Community Centre, just like they did beautifully with the stars last December. Decorated angels should be returned to school by **Friday 29th November**. Everybody is warmly invited to visit the angels on display at Aldborough Community Centre at the Christmas Carol Service on Sunday 15th December, 11 – 11:45am. I am sure that they will all look beautiful and make everyone smile at this special time of the year.



Aldborough Information



ROYAL ALBERT HALL TRIP – Please be advised that parents/carers travelling on the coach on Wednesday 13th November will be able to leave their cars at school in the top car park. The gate will be open from 8am. The coach leaves school at 8:30am, along with the coach transporting the children.

VISITOR LANYARDS – Something or someone has been eating the red lanyards given to visitors at the school...or maybe they are simply sitting in cars, kitchens or coat pockets. If you come across one, we would be very pleased to have it returned to school. Thank you.

PAYING DINNER MONEY – Thank you to everyone who has paid dinner money into the office using the envelopes provided popping them into the secure Reception Postbox. Mrs Knight has done a super job totalling amounts paid in, however it would greatly support her if your child's name is written on the envelope.

RETURNING SLIPS – Thank you to those who return permission slips for trips promptly. With the many varied trips provided this term we really do appreciate your time and support. Unfortunately it is becoming increasingly time consuming to obtain permission slips for all pupils by the deadline date given on the trip



letter. Therefore, it has been decided that once a deadline date has passed no further reminders will be provided. This may mean that a pupil is unable to attend a trip, something we really wish to avoid, so please, please return permission slips on time. Thank you.

TOILETS – Please be advised that during school hours, for safeguarding reasons, parents/carers should not be entering the children's toilets in the Learning Street. We have a disabled toilet in the Parent Waiting Area, and failing that, the staff toilet by the staffroom, for adult use. Thank you for your understanding.

NUT FREE SCHOOL – Please be reminded that Aldborough is a nut free school and as such packed lunches should not include food that contains nuts. We do have a child with a nut allergy in school.



Aldborough Class News



Class 1 Miss Redford

Thank you so much for all your efforts in helping to make the transition into school life as smooth as possible for your children. Class 1 will continue to build confidence and independence in school routines including the added expectation of reading records. At Aldborough, we believe it is extremely important that children read or are read to every day, so we would be very grateful if you could encourage this and record when this happens. Class 1 will continue to have Forest School on Monday afternoons and Science with Mrs Cuthill on Thursday afternoons. We ask that you keep PE kits in school all week as timetables can change.

English

In our English lessons, we will continue to read a range of story books including some Wintery favourites: *Stick Man* and *The Gruffalo's Child*. We will be focussing on the skill of retelling stories and will use some drama to develop an understanding of the different characters. We will also discover some books which tell us more about the world around us, some of which will link with our topic (Celebrations). Class 1 will continue to develop their phonics with daily sessions in groups. This will help them to develop their reading, writing and spelling skills. It also allows them to develop their confidence in communication through language.



Class 1 will continue to develop their knowledge of number and the mathematical terms learnt so far (more than, less than), and begin to use this knowledge to add and subtract. The children will continue to 'think aloud' using their speaking and listening skills to explain their reasoning and to record this in a variety of ways.



Humanities

Our topic this term is Celebrations. The first week was a busy one, involving Halloween celebrations as well as Diwali. We used the Story of Rama & Sita to help us to understand why some people celebrate the Festival of Light (Diwali). The children have started to create their own Divas (tealight holders) as well as firework paintings. Class 1 will continue to create some wonderful art with fireworks, when exploring Bonfire Night. Of course we still have another big celebration coming up in December which some of the children are beginning to get excited about!



PE

We will continue to work on skills to improve spatial awareness, balance, coordination and control. This will include ball skills such as rolling, catching, throwing, bouncing and kicking. Each week, Class 1 also get the chance to practice Yoga and/or Dance.

Maths

Class 2 Mr Caston

This half term Class 2 will be studying the Great Fire of London to learn how the fire destroyed such a large area of London. We will compare a map from 1666 to a map of today to see how the landscape has changed. We will begin with a week of Poetry work to use our knowledge of different word types to write fantastic firework poems ready for 5th November.

In English we will be working on writing our own story maps after learning to perform a version we write together as a class. Diary entries, hot seating and interviewing will see us become journalists from 1666. Our findings will be presented in a newspaper article.

In Maths year 2 will work on addition and subtraction word problems, length and measure and interpreting and constructing graphs.

Year 1 will be getting to grips with learning the properties of 2D and 3D shapes before tackling addition and subtraction problems within 20.

In P.E we will continue building up our co-ordination and throwing and catching skills before moving on to work on kicking skills.

Firework Art using oil pastels will see us create our own displays. We will then make some fire collages to represent the burning buildings



during the Great Fire using black and the colours of fire. All of the above will be accompanied by us learning how to sing 'London's Burning' as a round. This work will then be followed by us working with Class 1 to arrange and rehearse our Nativity production titled 'Prickly Hay'. This is sure to be a lot of work but also a lot of fun for the children, get ready to learn lots of very catchy songs!

Class 3 Mr Care

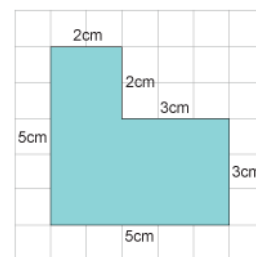
Mr Care would like to say thank you to the parents for their kind wishes and cards after the birth of his son. Now it's time for the always-

exciting run up to Christmas. After wrapping up (intentional Christmas pun) our Romans topic we will be starting a new topic on Winter. To accompany our new topic, we will use *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis as our key text this half term.



In English this wonderful story will give us the chance to write setting descriptions, diary entries, character portraits, poetry and instructions. It should also allow for some exciting drama opportunities! We will be learning to use a range of subordinating conjunctions and fronted adverbials to add detail and description to our writing. As well as this we will be learning to use the first three letters of a word to check its spelling in a Dictionary. Please try this at home if possible.

In Maths we continue exploring strategies for addition and subtraction, including column method. We will begin with subtraction strategies and counting forward and backward on a number line to find the difference between two numbers. We will then move on to shape, length and perimeter. Times tables will continue to be tested throughout the term. Remember, Year 4s are expected to know their 1x to 12x tables by the end of this year!



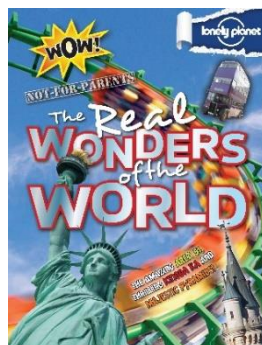
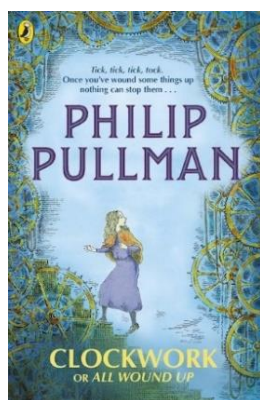
Class 4 Mrs Bearman

This half term Class 4 will be joined by Miss Chestney and Mrs Hall- Galley from UEA who will be sharing some of the teaching with Mrs Bearman. In our topic this half term Class 4 will be investigating the question, 'Who are our European Neighbours?' We will be using our geographical skills to identify and locate countries in Europe using an atlas. We will be learning about the



features of other European countries alongside their flags and currencies. We will be learning about the capital cities of Europe and the important landmarks within these. To fit in with our trip to the Royal Albert Hall we will be looking in detail at the city of London and comparing it with the city of Paris. Finally, the children will carry out an in-depth study of a European country of their choice. In RE we will be thinking about the Jewish festival of Hanukkah and we will link this to other winter festivals of light, in particular how Christmas is celebrated in other European countries. Our Art will be inspired by city landscapes. The children will have the opportunity to work in different mediums to produce city sky lines from around Europe.

In English, we will be continuing our work on biographies and autobiographies before beginning a unit on travel writing. We will be learning about the persuasive language used in travel books before writing our own travel log for a European destination. We hope to improve our use of possessive and personal pronouns, and expanding our sentences using subordinating conjunctions and embedded relative clauses. We will then be continuing our exploration of significant authors as we look at the writing of Phillip Pullman and write our own graphic novel, we hope to also turn our graphic novel into a film script. Our key texts will be 'The Real Wonders of the World – The Lonely Planet Guide' and 'Clockwork' by Phillip Pullman.



In Maths we will be expanding our learning about place value before consolidating our understanding of addition and subtraction in relation to decimals, especially hundredths. We will be focusing on measurement, converting between different units of measurement before turning our attention to time and time intervals. Our number work will focus on division and addition and subtraction of fractions. Multiplication tables are now used in all aspects of our curriculum and the children should be

practising these as often as possible at home and in school.

In PE we will be covering hockey skills in our outdoor sessions. In preparation for the Rugby World Cup Final, our indoor sessions will focus on dance and compiling our own version of the Hakka. Mrs Cuthill will continue to teach Science and this term the topics will be Electricity and Sound. Finally, in Music we will be working towards our performance in the Royal Albert Hall in November with additional rehearsals and workshops to make sure that we are performance ready.

Class 5 Mrs Morgan

Although for the Year 6 the pantomime makes this half term very busy, lines to learn and late night practice, the decision to put the Year 5 together for the performance means they will have lots to learn too.

In English the term focus is poetry with writing opportunities wrapped around the Ballad of Lord Lovelace as well as some other popular.

Maths will be fractions decimals and percentages, ratio and proportion followed by geometry.

In humanities we are studying the Scottish wars of independence and also for RE Buddhism.

Art will be all about perspective leading to creating the pantomime backdrop and of course the advent calendar.

AUTUMN TERM DATES LIST 2019/20

NOV	
Thur 7 th	p.m Beauty and the Beast Theatre visit
Sun 10 th	Class 4 @Langley School 12:30 – 3:30 (coach leaves school at 11:30)
Mon 11 th	NCBC Book Sale & class story time
Tues 12 th	Class 3 Parent Evening 3:30-4:30
Wed 13 th	Class 4 @Royal Albert Hall coaches leave at 8:30 – remember to pack plenty of food/drink
Thur 14 th	Class 3 Parent Evening 3:30-8pm

Fri 15th	Children in Need – Spotty Face painting 50p from 8:30am; Friends 6:30 -9pm Family Quiz and Chips
Sat 16th	Friends Tesco bag packing 10-2
Tues 19th	YR-Y6 Flu Immunisation (see email)
Fri 22nd	Class 5 visit Cley Nature Reserve
Tues 26th	Class 1 (YR) heights and weights; Decorated Wooden Angels Collection – box in Parent Waiting Area
DEC	
Thur 5th	Last lunchtime football club for the term; 3:15 Christmas Fayre & Raffle – all welcome
Fri 6th	Class 1 Stay & Play; Stop & Chat; KS2 Panto dress rehearsal
Wed 11th	2pm Panto – refreshments
Thu 12th	9:30 KS1 Nativity dress rehearsal; Christmas dinner; 7pm Panto
Fri 13th	9:30 KS1 Nativity; 1:30 p.m Y2 'live' nativity@ Redwings;7pm Panto
Mon 16th	Christmas parties (all classes); Carol singing@Tesco's, Aylsham
Tues 17th	Aldborough Has Talent Show 11a.m
Wed 18th	p.m Aldborough Christmas Carols Celebration Assembly (parents invited)/ End of Term
JAN	
Mon 6th	Spring Term Begins; swimming starts for Class 4 Year 5
Thur 9th	Y6 dodgeball p.m with AHS students
Fri 10th	9:15 – 10:15 Stay & Play; Stop & Chat
w/c 13th & 20th Jan	Loan of VR headsets from Norfolk IT

Thur 23rd	Whole school mosaic making workshop; Bingo & Chips
FEB	h/term 17 th – 21 st
MARCH	
Wed 4th	County Cross Country Final@Holkham Hall
Thur 5th	World Book Day; 8:30 Friends Bacon butties and secondhand book sale; a.m Y6 Dodgeball Tournament@AHS
Fri 6th	9:15 Stay & Play; 9-9:30 Stop & Chat
Fri 20th	Mother's Day Shop & Afternoon Tea
Tues 31st	Family Learning Day p.m – Easter Bake Off
APRIL	
Wed 1st	End of Spring Term
Thur 2nd & Fri 3rd	INSET
Mon 20th	Summer Term begins; Bags2School
Sat 25th	Aylsham Trust Family Learning@Woodgate Nursery 2-4pm
MAY	Year 2 KS1 SATs month; w/c 11 th KS2 SATs week
2019/20 TERM DATES (please see website) Autumn Term: 4.9.19 – 18.12.19 (Half term 21 st – 25 th October) Spring Term: 6.1.20 – 1.4.20 (Half Term 17-21 st February) Summer Term: 20.4.20 – 21.7.20 (Half Term: 25 th – 29 th May) INSET DAYS: 2.9.19, 3.9.19, 2.4.20, 3.4.20	