



SCHOOL YEAR 2019/20 - NEWSLETTER NO 8

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Life at Aldborough continues to be fun and busy – we wouldn't want it any other way! It was especially pleasing to share all the great learning that is taking place with our VNET Education Adviser last week, who spent a morning observing lessons, talking to children and looking at their work. She confirmed what we already know: lessons are fun and interactive; children are both challenged and supported, being proud of their achievements and keen to share them with an adult. It is a pleasure to lead a school that strives to provide the best academic and social education for our young leavers – they are just great and make us so proud!

Best wishes, Mrs Read



Aldborough Working Together



AUSTRALIAN BUSHFIRES FUNDRAISING – A massive well done to the group of Year 5 pupils who instigated and led the fundraising initiative to support Australian relief efforts following the devastating bush fires that have destroyed habitats and threatened the survival of species of animals in this area. An amazing £321 was raised from the koala colouring competition, animal themed dress up day and koala cake sale. Thank you so much.

ALDBOROUGH HARES FUNDRAISING – Congratulations to the avid runners who braved the cold over Christmas to complete a fundraising run at Blickling. They raised a fantastic £220!!! Thank you to Jane Steed for her time and commitment leading the Aldborough Hares so brilliantly.

FOREST SCHOOL 2019/20 – Thank you to Mr Rhodes who kindly volunteered his time, skills and materials to build a bird table with Class 5 during this week's Forest School. It has been an absolute pleasure to watch Forest School opportunities grow and flourish at Aldborough. Mrs Stanbury, along with other staff and volunteers, has dedicated both time and energy planning and delivering fabulous outdoor learning opportunities. Learning outdoors is so beneficial for children's confidence and communication skills...plus it is lots of fun!

Spring focus: Pond area development – Can you help with native pond plants? Have you got time to spare? If so, we would love to hear from you.

FRIENDS BINGO & CHIPS NIGHT – Well done to everybody that supported this fun evening last Thursday, from donating prizes to playing games. Mr Caston proved himself to be a great Bingo Caller...and he enjoyed it rather a lot too!

THERAPY DOG – Class 2 parents will have received a letter about Mrs Dowding and Ozzie (our new Read2Dog Therapy Dog) who will be joining the children on Tuesday afternoons. With their being a dog in the school, please do let us know if your child has an pet allergy. A risk assessment has taken place, however it is very useful to know if any children may have any issues with Ozzie being in school. As you can see from the photograph, Ozzie looked incredibly smart in his PAT uniform.

As a brief introduction to this new venture, Mrs Dowding has kindly written a few words to tell us more about Ozzie: 'Ozzie is a 6 year old Labrador cross who is registered with Pets as Therapy. I would like to bring him into school under the PAT Read2Dogs scheme. The idea is that



children have individual time reading with Ozzie and me as part of their regular reading time in class. Ozzie is a calm, gentle, friendly dog who is used to children and enjoys being with people. Children will be encouraged to relax with Ozzie and read to him. He will always be on a lead and under control, accompanied by me and with another member of staff present during the session. I am looking forward to bringing him into school.'

STEPPING STONES QUIZ – Super-Dooper Quiz Night, Friday Feb 28th, 7pm, Aldborough Church Rooms – The brilliant Norwich based Quizmaster 'Brendo' brings his super quizzing skills to Aldborough in support of our pre-school. Expect fun rounds including music challenges and competitive art creation! Includes delicious and warming chilli (hot or not, meaty or veg) so come hungry! £10 donation per player, including food, operating a BYOB policy, with no corkage charges. Teams of up to 6 players. Anyone not in a team will be welcomed to form new teams on the night or prior as needed.



Aldborough Information



STOP AND DROP – Thank you to everybody that uses 'Stop & Drop' in the mornings, stopping outside the black school gates by the front playground. Please help us to keep children safe - unfortunately a number of parents are stopping by the path next to the car park. This is causing a bottle neck on Alby Hill as some parents in cars are waiting and watching their children walk into school. Thank you

Please be advised that we are currently exploring the possibility of converting the gated land by the field into a visitor/parent car park. More information to follow.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – Please be reminded that if your child is on the register for Dodgeball and/or Musical Theatre Club but they are not attending on a given night, for safeguarding reasons please make the office aware of this. Many thanks for your support in this matter.

ATTENDANCE – current whole school: 95.81%

SEPTIC TANK PUMP DAMAGE – January at Aldborough started with the septic tank alarm being activated, a prolonged investigation into the source of the problem and a number of visits from Go Tankers. We have since learnt that the problem was caused simply by a piece of adult underwear that had been flushed down the toilet! Suffice to say, please please please do not flush any foreign bodies down the toilets.

PE/SPORTS CLOTHING – Hopefully all children now have a PE kit in school, including a sweatshirt and/or joggers for the colder winter PE lessons outside. We gratefully receive old PE kits/footwear that your child has outgrown – we can definitely put them to good use!

PLANT TO PLATE TOKENS 'GROWING LITTLE GARDENERS' – From January 18th tokens will be available to collect in the EDP, Norwich Evening News & North Norfolk News. Please leave in the PWA.

SCHOOL LUNCH/SNACK PAYMENT – Please send payments into school on Mondays. Many thanks.

AYLSHAM TRUST FAMILY LEARNING DAY – Can you help at Blickling on Saturday 25th April to help deliver Aldborough's family friendly workshop? The more the merrier! Please speak to the office.

PGL YEAR 6 2020 – The 4th interim payment of £39.50 is due by the 31st January. Year 5 parents please look out for a letter to register your commitment for the school to book PGL for 2021.



– Find them every day in the –



BENEFITS OF READING to your Child

Parents play an integral part in their children's education and helping them reach their full potential. Here are some benefits of reading to your children:

Helps them sleep.
Getting a good night's rest is important for developing children, and reading to them while they are in bed can calm their minds and bodies.

Improves communication skills.
When you spend time reading to children, they will be much more likely to express themselves and relate to others in a healthy way.

Creates new bonds.
With a majority of our days spent looking at computer, TV and phone screens, it's important to take a few moments to spend quality time with your children. Reading to your children also can build an emotional connection. It's a win-win.



Teaches them the basics.
Teaching children to read is like building a house – you need to have a solid foundation that you can build upon later in life.

Improves logical thinking skills.
Reading to children helps their ability to grasp abstract concepts, apply logic, recognize cause and effect, and use good judgment.

TERM DATES LIST 2019/20

JAN	
Fri 31st	Class 3 Assembly to parents
FEB	
Wed 5th – Sat 8th	Harry Potter and the Missing Script @Aldborough Community Centre, 7:30pm, buy tickets from the post office
Fri 7th	9:10 C1 Stay & Play; 9-9:30 Stop & Chat
Mon 10th	Class 3 trip to Walsingham (letter to follow today/tomorrow)
Thur 13th	New Age Kurling Taster: workshop for all
Fri 14th	Class 1 Assembly to parents
Sun 16th	FRIENDS BIG BREAKFAST (Community Centre) Tickets available to buy NOW!
17th – 21st	Half Term Break
Wed 26th	NO GROUP READING
Fri 28th	Class 5 pm @ Auden Theatre, Holt – Open Rehearsal for London Mozart Players Stepping Stones Super-Doooper Quiz Night, Friday Feb 28 th , 7pm, Aldborough Church Rooms
MARCH	
Wed 4th	County Cross Country Final@Holkham Hall
Thur 5th	8:30 Friends Bacon butties and secondhand book sale; a.m Y6 Dodgeball Tournament@AHS
Fri 6th	9:10 Stay & Play; 9-9:30 Stop & Chat
Fri 13th	Class 4 Assembly to parents
Wed 18th	Parents' Evening; Tennis workshops C2 -5
Thur 19th	Parents' Evening
Fri 20th	Class 5 Assembly to parents; Mother's Day Shop & Afternoon Tea
Mon 23rd	Aldborough's World Book Day – Dress Up – Norfolk Children's Book Centre (book sharing/sale using tokens)
Fri 27th	Class 2 Assembly to parents
Tues 31st	Family Learning Day p.m – Easter Bake Off
APRIL	

Wed 1st	Class 2 Easter Experience@Aldborough Church; End of Spring Term
Thur 2nd & Fri 3rd	INSET
Sat 11th	Stepping Stones Easter Egg Treasure Hunt, Alby Crafts, 10am-2pm
Mon 20th	Summer Term begins
Sat 25th	Aylsham Trust Family Learning@Woodgate Nursery 2-4pm – parent/carer volunteers required please (activity all set up so just help on the day)
Thur 30th	Bags2School collection
MAY	Year 2 KS1 SATs month
Friday 8th	Bank Holiday Friday (VE day)
11th - 15th	KS2 SATS WEEK
18th – 22nd	Whole School ARTS Week – 'Art in Nature' – in preparation for OPEN STUDIOS
Thur 21st	Tempest Class Photographs
Fri 22nd	FRIENDS COLOUR RUN p.m
Half Term	25 th – 29 th May
Sun 31st	FRIENDS Refreshments at Bolwick Hall p.m
JUNE	
Mon 1st	Return to school
Fri 5th	FRIENDS Freeze Pop Friday returns
Sat 6th	Trust Family Learning day@AHS & Open Studios Art Exhibition@Aldborough 10-2pm
Sun 14th	Aldborough Village Open Gardens day
15th – 19th	Year 6@PGL; Road Safety Workshops in school; Y4 & Y5 cycling
Sat 20th	Aldborough Village Fair
JULY	
Wed 1st – Fri 3rd	AHS Induction days for Y6 pupils
Wed 8th	Family Learning Day: Being Healthy
Fri 17th	Sports Day; Friends Summer Fair
Sat 18th	Aldborough Village Flower & Veg Show
Tues 21st	End of Term, End of School Year

THURSDAY 24th SEPTEMBER: 'The Two Johns' return visit – E-safety evening workshop for parents – Don't miss it!

2019/20 TERM DATES
(please see website)

Spring Term: 6.1.20 – 1.4.20
(Half Term 17-21st February)

BANK HOLIDAY FRIDAY 8th MAY
(NOT MONDAY 4th MAY)

Summer Term: 20.4.20 – 21.7.20

(Half Term: 25th – 29th May)

INSET DAYS: 2.9.19, 3.9.19, 2.4.20, 3.4.20

2020/21 TERM DATES

Autumn Term: 7.9.20 – 18.12.20

(Half Term 22nd – 30th October)

Spring Term: 4.1.21 – 26.3.21

(Half Term: 15th – 19th February)

Summer Term: 12.4.21 -21.7.21

(Half Term: 31st May – 4th June)

The Aldborough Players are proud to present

Harry Potter and the Missing Script

Aldborough Community Centre

Wednesday 5th - Saturday 8th of February 2020 at 7.30 pm

Tickets available from Aldborough Post Office
Wed: £5 Thur: £6 Fri/Sat: £7
Children half price all nights

Mischief Managed!

Warner Bros. Entertainment and J.K. Rowling are not responsible for this event but, subject to conditions, they have kindly granted us permission to use the HARRY POTTER trade mark and other materials.

THE AYLSHAM COMMUNITY TRUST (FAMILIES)

It takes a Whole Community to Educate a Child

Saturday 25th April 2020

GROWING DAY
2 pm - 4 pm

Woodgate Nursery & Tea Rooms, Aylsham

Woodgate Nursery & Tea Rooms and The Aylsham Trust Schools Friends and PTA groups will be offering families the opportunity of enjoying a variety of FREE activities such as grass animals and seedling planting.

No booking required - just turn up on the day and enjoy this FREE event!

Come along for half an hour or stay for the whole two hours.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.