



SCHOOL YEAR 2020/21- NEWSLETTER NO 13

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are all thrilled that all children will be returning to school on Monday 8th March; it has been far too long since we have all been together. If someone had told me on March 20th 2020 that we would be experiencing a third lockdown now I probably wouldn't have believed them! It is refreshing to feel that winter is now coming to a close, warmer, lighter days are ahead of us and we can spend the next week getting prepared for whole school reopening. Everyone at Aldborough Primary cannot wait to welcome our families back to the playground in just 11 days.

Very best wishes, Mrs Alison Read

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



Aldborough Working Together



NEW ZOOM ASSEMBLIES – Thank you to everyone who joined us for Monday's zoom assemblies. It was incredibly uplifting to see the children's faces and hear their voices even if many of them were much quieter than they would normally be at school. Hope you can join us again via zoom on Monday 1st March with a whole school celebration assembly planned for Friday 5th March @10am. Invite to follow via email. (Pets can attend!)

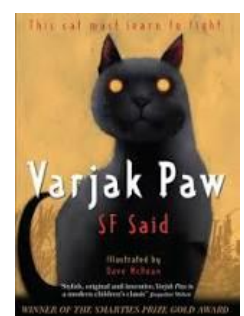
FOODBANK DONATIONS – Together, during March, can we collect 100 Easter Eggs to donate to Foodbank? Our Easter Egg wall will be built in the hall (designated quarantine area) with a totalizer for the children to see progress towards our target. Making a difference to the lives of others is always important, but even more so at the moment. Please help us to support Foodbank. All donations will be gratefully received.

REMOTE LEARNING – In just seven days remote learning on Purple Mash will come to an end. As many of you breathe a sigh of relief, please remember to keep your child's login details safe. Should there be a bubble closure or a need for self-isolation, teachers will provide remote learning via Purple Mash.

A huge well done to the children, the teaching staff and all the parents/carers whose IT skills have grown immensely during the last couple of months. Everyone has most certainly been taken out of their comfort zone, working together to solve numerous problems. Thank you for your patience and support throughout.

READING BOOKS – Please remember to send all reading books back to school, especially those that were provided during lockdown. For those children who have had Group Reading books at home, please make sure that you have finished reading the book and return it to school. Thank you.

LAPTOPS – If you have been loaned a laptop from school during lockdown, please return it to the school office at your earliest convenience. Many thanks.



VILLAGE CARE – Thank you to Village Care who beautifully packed and delivered Valentine cupcakes baked by our very talented Tracy and Kerry to local residents of the village. We received a number of thank you emails from recipients who clearly enjoyed this unexpected tasty treat. Another thank you to Village Care for supporting the school's purchasing of additional reading books for our younger children in the school. As we welcome all pupils back to the school very soon, these additional reading resources will be incredibly helpful. They will help us as we work together to support and drive a love and confidence in early reading. Younger children will be able to apply their phonics skills to a wider range of good quality books.



RSHE (Relationship, Sex & Health Education) – As all children return to school there will be a whole school focus on promoting positive relationships, mental and physical health. Opportunities to play outdoors will be maximised upon, with time devoted to exploring emotions and feelings. All classes will have afternoon playtime and Forest School sessions will focus on team building, emotional resilience and opportunities to enhance speaking and listening skills. To learn more about the ethos behind Forest School please visit the website. Mrs Stanbury, our Forest School Leader, is also more than happy to speak to parents about activities planned and the positive impact Forest School has on children's mental well-being.



Aldborough Information



STAGGERED START/END TIMES – When all children return to school on Monday 8th March staggered times introduced last year will continue as usual, however Class 5 pupils will now start the day at 9:00am and finish school at 3:15pm. Wherever possible, Class 5 pupils should continue to enter school grounds via the gate by the tennis courts, heading straight to class with no need to wait on the playground for the bell to ring.

ATTENDANCE – The DfE have announced that from Monday 8th March it will be mandatory for all pupils to attend school. Please do contact the school if you have any concerns or questions so that we can support all children's regular attendance at school.

ALDBOROUGH AFTER SCHOOL CLUB – As from Monday 8th March ASC hours will return to normal, being available from 3:15pm until 4:30/5:30pm depending on your needs. Please email enquiries/bookings to afterschoolclub@aldborough.norfolk.sch.uk Further information and booking forms are available on the school website. We really hope that families will make increased use of our ASC facilities during the summer term. There will be plenty of outdoor play and art activities available with ASC staff working hard to plan and provide activities requested by the children attending. Tracy will continue to provide tasty snacks.

BREAKFAST CLUB – As from Monday 8th March Breakfast Club will be available daily from 8am in the dining room. Children will continue to be supervised in their KS bubbles, with strict H&S procedures in place. When dropping children off at Breakfast Club there is no need to sign them in or enter the dining room, however if you do need to pass on a message please don't hesitate to speak to Tracy or Kerry. Pre-booking is advised to guarantee a place, however children can attend on the day without the need to pre-book. Breakfast Club costs £4 a session with a variety of food items available until 8:30am. Payment is via your child's account on Pupil Asset. Please see Breakfast Club Policy on the website for more details.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS (FSM) – Edenred E-Vouchers have been provided for children eligible for FSM not attending school for the first two weeks of this Spring Term. Please check your email inbox on Friday 26th February (this coming Friday) when one E-voucher (£30) will be issued for each child.

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.

SNACKS – As from Monday 8th March snacks will be payable via your child’s account via the School Shop on Pupil Asset. For those who have already paid without their child being in school, payments will be carried forward. If you have any queries please do contact Mrs Knight via the office email.

Going forward we have split snack payment into two payments until the end of the school year.

w/c 8th March – 18th May (41 days) £20.50; w/c 19th May – 21st July (41 days) £20.50

REMINDERS

- All children should bring a named water bottle to school;
- Parents/carers to wear a face mask on the playground at drop off/collection;
- PE kits should be in school – plain white top, dark plain shorts and a change of footwear;
- Change of outdoor footwear required for children playing on the field/trim trail;
- No jewellery (except for stud earrings) or nail varnish to be worn.



THE
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COMMUNITY
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(FAMILIES)

It takes a Whole Community to Educate a Child

We are delighted to offer parents/carers the opportunity of joining a free online session delivered via Zoom. The session will be led by our Social, Emotional and Mental Health Officer, Sara Dale.

Zoom can be accessed on a computer, smart phone or tablet.

Managing Anxiety

Tuesday 9th March 9.15am - 10.15am

This FREE online session is specifically designed to offer support to those who struggle with a variety of anxiety related concerns and symptoms. During the session you will learn a variety of coping strategies.



Please book your place by contacting Monica Harding our Family Learning Co-ordinator: mharding@aylshamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk or telephone/text 07780 887348.

DATES LIST 2020/21

MARCH	
Mon 8th	All pupils return to school – 9am start Class 3, 4 & 5 and siblings in Class 1 & 2; 9:15am Class 1 & 2
Thu 11th	Class 3 Forest School (3 weeks)
Fri 12th	Class 1 & Class 2 Forest School (ongoing)
Mon 22nd	Class 5 Forest School Day
24th	Easter Egg wall collection by Foodbank
26th	End of Spring Term
29th	Easter Holidays begin
APRIL	
Mon 12th	Summer Term 1 begins
May	
Thur 27th	Tempest Photography in school
w/c 31st	Half Term
JUNE	
Mon 7th	Summer Term 2 begins
JULY	
Wed 21st	End of Term/End of school year

