



## SCHOOL YEAR 2020/21- NEWSLETTER NO 14

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a delight and a privilege it has been this week to watch the children play together again. Their joy at being back with their friends makes all the hard work at home and school worthwhile. Thank you so much for working with us, wearing masks on the playground, asking questions when needed, enabling a smooth return to school for all. It has been super to catch up with so many of you. Teaching staff have appreciated hearing all about the children's Remote Learning projects, catching up on news from home. Normality may not have truly returned but we are certainly on the right road. No doubt there will be many tired children after their first full week back at school – I know that teaching staff are ready for a very well deserved weekend rest. An early night I think...



Very best wishes, Mrs Alison Read

Please go to: [www.aldborough.norfolk.sch.uk](http://www.aldborough.norfolk.sch.uk)



### Aldborough Working Together



**RED NOSE DAY** – Next Friday is Red Nose Day raising much needed funds for Comic Relief. We are inviting everyone to wear red clothing to school on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March with a suggested donation of 50p per child. The school kitchen have also kindly offered to make special Red Nose cupcakes, one per child, to be given out before the end of the school day. Each cake will cost £1.



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All money should be sent into school in an envelope with the child's name and the amount enclosed detailed on the front of the envelope. Participation is completely optional.

**SPRING WREATHS** – Before the end of term each class will be creating their own Spring Wreath to decorate their classroom door. As you can imagine, the creative juices are definitely flowing throughout the very artistic team that we have at Aldborough. I imagine that they will be very bright and colourful. The Forest School/Science team have decided to make one too, no doubt using the many natural materials we have outdoors at present. Keep an eye on the school Facebook page where we will share photographs of the completed Spring wreaths.



**SPRING WREATH COMPETITION** – Following on from children making a Spring wreath together in school, we are inviting children and their families to enter our Spring Wreath competition, with prizes for all that enter and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes for the winners. The theme is Spring (this could include Easter). All entries should arrive at school by the end of Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March. We would love it if lots of children entered, helping us to make the school a real celebration of Spring and positivity.



**READING BOOKS** – Village Care have generously donated money to enable the school to purchase further phonics based reading books for Class 1 & 2 children. A huge thank you to them for their kindness. Thank you to those in Class 5 who have returned copies of Varjak Paw to school. If yours is still at home please send it in asap so that a class set is available for use at a later date. Many thanks.



**LAPTOPS** – If you were loaned a laptop during lockdown please return to school by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January. Thank you to those who have already returned theirs. They will remain in school and be available should a bubble have to close and remote learning take place again.

**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.



**FOREST SCHOOLS** – Until Easter Class 3 will participate in Forest School sessions on Tuesday afternoons. After Easter Class 4 will be having Forest School every Tuesday afternoon until May half term. Class 1 & 2 continue to enjoy weekly Forest School sessions on Fridays with Class 5 experiencing a full day of Forest School every half term. This is planned to take place on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.



**ICE CREAM VAN** – On the morning of Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March Mrs Read has arranged for the ice cream van to visit Aldborough Primary School as a special thank you and goodbye from her. If you do not wish your child to have an ice cream/lolly then please let the office know by emailing [office@aldborough.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@aldborough.norfolk.sch.uk). Last time Bill's Ices visited the school it was such a lovely treat for some of the children who were in school on the day that he came.



## *Aldborough Information*



**PE KITS** – We have made a few changes so please be aware that:

- Class 1 & 2 require PE kits in named bags, plain shorts & t-shirt. These can be left in school. Their PE kits will always be needed on Tuesdays. Forest School takes place on Friday.
- Class 3 & 4 should come to school dressed in their PE clothes with appropriate footwear on Mondays and Fridays.
- Class 5 should arrive dressed for PE on Wednesdays and Fridays, with appropriate footwear.

**SPARE CLOTHES** – Miss Redford has made an appeal for any spare trousers & underwear suitable for children in younger children in the school should there be a need for them to get changed. If you have any pairs of wellies that your child has outgrown then we would love to receive them too.

**START/END OF THE SCHOOL DAY** – Thank you to everyone who has worn masks on the playground as well as maintained social distancing using the 2m spaced yellow dots. With lockdown remaining in place it is crucial that parents/carers avoid waiting in front of entrance points to the school where people have to pass them. Please continue to help us to keep everyone safe.

**DOGS** – Any parents/carers bringing their dogs with them to collect their child/ren should wait in a space away from the school gates, preferably close to the car park area. For safety reasons teachers are unable to send children in Class 1 and 2 outside of the school premises to meet their parent/carer, therefore we politely request that all parents of these children be on the playground. Aldborough is a school of animal lovers, however we do recognise that not all people are and that some people are frightened of dogs with some children suffering from allergies. Your support here is much appreciated.

**LATERAL FLOW DEVICE TESTING** – Please be advised that all school staff are taking Lateral Flow Device Tests twice a week. Thank you to all staff who have participated in this voluntary testing. These tests are also available for families using the link emailed from the office last week.

**ALDBOROUGH AFTER SCHOOL CLUB** – Please email enquiries/bookings to [afterschoolclub@aldborough.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto: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.

**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.

**SCHOOL ACCOUNTS** - Thank you for any snacks payments made since the children have returned to school. If you haven't made a payment and think you need to, the payments are in the school shop options, £20.50 until 18<sup>th</sup> May or £41.00 until 21<sup>st</sup> July. If your child has Universal Free school meals (Class 1 & 2) and they would like a school snack you are required to pay for this. Refunds are not provided.

If you are unable to pay online Mrs Knight is happy to process card payments at school. She is available Tues – Thursday afternoons or Friday all day.

**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.

<b><u>DATES LIST 2020/21</u></b>	
<b>MARCH</b>	
<b>Mon 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Class 5 Forest School Day
<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	Easter Egg wall collection by Foodbank; Spring Wreath competition
<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>	End of Spring Term; Ice Cream van visit
<b>29<sup>th</sup></b>	Easter Holidays begin
<b>APRIL</b>	
<b>Mon 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Summer Term 1 begins
<b>May</b>	
<b>Thur 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Tempest Photography in school
<b>w/c 31<sup>st</sup></b>	Half Term
<b>JUNE</b>	
<b>Mon 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Summer Term 2 begins
<b>JULY</b>	
<b>Wed 21<sup>st</sup></b>	End of Term/End of school year



**THE AYLSHAM COMMUNITY TRUST (FAMILIES)**

**It takes a Whole Community to Educate a Child**



*Are you feeling fed up, bored, overwhelmed or lonely?  
Why not take a break? Make a coffee and join Monica, 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**

**until the Easter break.**



*We are looking forward to seeing you!*

**To book a place contact Monica Harding our Family Learning Co-ordinator: [mharding@aylshamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto: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.**



