



SCHOOL YEAR 2020/21- NEWSLETTER NO 15

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy Easter break to all at Aldborough Primary School. In just three weeks the children have quickly settled back into routines, making the most of being with their teachers and friends again. As Headteacher since September 2017 it is with great pride that I bid a final farewell to our incredibly special community. Together we have risen to many challenges, the Aldborough Hare production 2018, the Royal Norfolk Show School Garden 2019, singing at the Royal Albert Hall and a global pandemic, to name just a few. It has been an absolute pleasure to lead a school blessed with such a talented, caring and dedicated team and awesomely interesting children. I have no doubt that Aldborough pupils will continue to thrive, always asking questions, being inquisitive about the world around them and being kind to one another. I leave with a multitude of happy memories and know that I will always smile when I think of this very special school.

Thank you for your amazing support and please be sure to say Hello if you see me around.

Very best wishes and thank you, Mrs Alison Read

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Aldborough Working Together



MISSION X: THE ALDBOROUGH SHOOTING STARS – Mission X is organised by ESA and encourages students to train like an astronaut by completing physical and scientific activities. Mrs Cuthill led the project across the school as a fun way to improve the knowledge of why fitness is so important. The children learnt about the importance of the circulatory system, core strength, bone density and building muscle through resistance training. Children have found out about the Apollo 11 and why Neil Armstrong was so important. They have performed their own space walk just like Tim Peake learning about the impact of zero gravity on the human body we have discovered what the ISS is, where it can be found and why it is so important for Science research.

Well done to Mrs Cuthill and all learners involved in this term's Science project that has successfully brought a whole school sense of 'oneness.' Everyone's enthusiasm, energy and passion has been totally inspirational. As of Wednesday night, Aldborough's awesome team had become one of the top ten highest scoring teams internationally.



BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK 2021: To celebrate British Science week children across the school found out about insects. After learning all about the features of an insect, the real challenge came - to make an insect from just paper. No glue or tape was allowed. With resilience, creativity, engineering and teamwork the children successfully achieved this goal. It was very difficult choosing the winning entries to represent our school. Can you see the compound eyes? These have now been entered and waiting to be judged-Good Luck Aldborough, you amazing team!



RED NOSE DAY – Last Friday a brilliant £208.86 was raised for Comic Relief to support their incredible charity work across a range of communities. The classrooms were a sea of red with staff and children dressed in red clothing, plus a special Red Nose cupcake was available for all – thank you Tracy and Kerry. It was really good team effort to raise much needed funds to support those in need. Thank you.

SPRING WREATHS – During the final week of the Spring Team the school has been decorated with wreaths created by each class, as well as a Forest School one and a couple of handcrafted wreaths. They all look absolutely beautiful. Added to this, we were all wow-ed by the very creative wreaths made at home for our competition. A huge well done and thank you to those who participated. Prizes were handed out today! If you haven't seen them already, take a look at our Facebook page.



LAPTOPS/CHROMEBOOKS – Thank you to Aylsham Rotary who have provided additional Chromebooks for Aldborough families to keep at home to support their child/ren's learning. Their appeal for laptops has been absolutely amazing and we cannot thank them enough for their support. If your child is struggling to access a device at home please do let us know by emailing: office@aldborough.norfolk.sch.uk and we will see what support is available.

FOODBANK DONATIONS – Our Easter egg wall in the hall has been steadily growing throughout the last week. We are very pleased to share that Cromer Foodbank will be receiving 84 Easter eggs to hand out with their food parcels this Easter holiday. Your support and kindness is very much appreciated.



If you aren't already aware, Aldborough Primary is able to issue Foodbank vouchers to families in need; please don't hesitate to contact us if you need some help. All support is provided confidentially.

FOREST SCHOOLS – Down in the Forest School area there has certainly been a lot of work taking place building an extensive seating area with pallets. It looks great! A massive thank you to Mr Rhodes for his time and hard work. Apparently the area became a castle for the children within minutes of him completing the project. Thank you Mrs Stanbury, our Forest School Leader, for continuing to plan and develop the area for the benefit of all the children in the school to enjoy. Another thank you to all of those who have collected and delivered pallets – I'm sure that more construction work is planned in the future...



CLASS 5 FOREST SCHOOL DAY – On Monday Class 5 had a brilliant day in the woods. The first couple of challenges were to make a mouse nest and keep it warm, then build a free standing structure on which a tennis ball could balance.

After break there was cooking hash browns on the fire then games, climbing, whittling and other fun activities. All in all, a well deserved day of outdoor learning.

ICE CREAMS – Finally, as a special thank you from Mrs Read all children enjoyed an ice cream together today, creating another special memory with their friends. If you sent money in to pay for the ice cream, please be sure to take it out of your child's bag. Building memories is something we pride ourselves on at Aldborough Primary and Mrs Read will be leaving with many, many happy ones spent with the children at Aldborough. As we look ahead to the summer term, let's keep seizing those opportunities, make the most of each day and continue to strive to be the very best we can be while enjoying time with others.



Aldborough Information



INSTRUMENT LESSONS – In the summer term Mr Nick Williams, our peripatetic music teacher from Norfolk Music Hub, will return to Aldborough to teach instrument lessons on Friday afternoons. Lessons will commence from Friday 23rd April (not the first week back) running for 12 weeks for children who previously had instrument lessons in the autumn term.

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING – In these uncertain times good mental health has never been more important. Over the last two weeks Aylsham Trust has provided valuable Mental Health First Aid training for Mrs Knight and Miss Redford. Consequently, Aldborough Primary now has 'Mental Health First Responders' on site to help members of our community should they have a need. We recognise that it is not always easy to be a parent/carer, especially with the added pressures of the COVID pandemic and this is a way for the school to support parents and carers who may be struggling. Maybe you just need to offload to someone who will listen in a non-judgmental way, or maybe you just don't know where to turn and need someone who can help guide you to services and other agencies who can help. If you think we can help you in anyway please do not hesitate to contact either via email: office@aldborough.norfolk.sch.uk or phone 01263 761264. More information to follow next term. Confidentiality is guaranteed.

CLASS 4 – From the start of the Summer Term Mrs Bearman will continue to teach Class 4 every morning except Wednesday. In the afternoons Mrs Meyrick will teach Class 4, except for Wednesdays when Mrs Cuthill will teach Class 4 all day, just as she has done this term. Mrs Gowers will continue to support Class 4 with additional afternoon time with them built into the timetable for her.

SNACKS – If your child/ren attended school during the January lockdown and had school snacks, payment for these will end this Friday. If you would like them to continue having school snacks please pay in Pupil Asset; School shop option - SNACKS APRIL –JULY £33.50 for the term or SNACKS APRIL – MAY £13.00 which goes up to 18th May in line with other pupils. As always if you need any help regarding payments please speak to Mrs Knight who is always happy to help. Email: office@aldborough.norfolk.sch.uk or phone 01263 761264 Thank you.

ALDBOROUGH AFTER SCHOOL CLUB – Please email enquiries/bookings to 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.

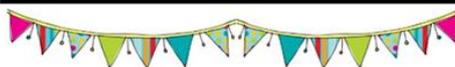
FSM APPLICATIONS – Have your family circumstances changed? If so your child/children may be eligible for Free School Meals. Money provided to the school can also be used to provide additional support for a child’s learning or financial help with learning opportunities/resources. It is always worth making 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.

<u>DATES LIST 2020/21</u>	
APRIL	
Mon 12th	Summer Term 1 begins
Fri 23rd	Instrument lessons begin (12 weeks)
May	
w/c 24th	ARTS WEEK TBC
Tues 25th	Class 3 & 4 Shakespeare workshops TBC
Thur 27th	Tempest Photography in school
w/c 31st	Half Term
JUNE	
Mon 7th	Summer Term 2 begins
Wed 21st	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.



Virtual coffee morning
WEDNESDAY @ 10:00

We are looking forward to seeing you!

To book a place contact Monica Harding our Family Learning Co-ordinator:
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.