



## SCHOOL YEAR 2020/21- NEWSLETTER NO 22

*Dear Parents/Carers,*

*We made it...almost! Who would have thought back in September that we would have had the past year coming our way? We predicted a year of hand washing, face masks and bubbles, but we hadn't anticipated more remote learning, curtailed activities and staff changes. As always, the Aldborough children, parents and staff have coped with all of this with their usual resilience, hard work and good humour. Thank you to everyone for getting us to this point, especially in light of the last few days.*

*To our community groups – The Friends of APS, The Aldborough Players and Stepping Stones Nursery – thank you for your friendship and support which have been invaluable. To our school volunteers, thank you for your time and dedication, we wouldn't be without you. Thank you to our Governors who have supported the school through this difficult time and kept us on the straight and narrow! To all the Aldborough parents, thank you for your patience and understanding, not to mention your time spent home schooling, you have been amazing. To the Aldborough children, thank you for making us smile every day and for keeping our feet on the ground, even on the days when we wanted to run away! To all the staff team, thank you for all the extra hours that you have worked, the new roles you have taken on and the sacrifices you have made with your own family time. Thank you for the tea, the tissues and your wisdom. We got here together!*

*Our final thank you goes to the parents and children in Year 6. To the Year 6 parents, thank you for supporting the school over the past years and for sharing your children's journey with us. To be part of your children's lives has been a privilege and has given us memories which we will treasure. Finally, thank you to our Year 6 leavers for everything that you have brought to Aldborough Primary School. Your time spent here will always be with us. There will be mountains ahead for you and the path might not always be smooth (as we discovered today), but we know you have the skills to be successful and the perseverance to keep going. Good Luck to you all, we will miss you.*

*'Kids, you'll move mountains...  
... You're off to great places!  
Today is your day!  
Your mountain is waiting,  
So...get on your way!' (Dr. Seuss)*

*Wishing you happy holidays ahead,  
See you back on September 6<sup>th</sup>,  
With Best Wishes,  
Mrs Bearman and the Aldborough Team*

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



***Aldborough Working Together***



**FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS** – Free School Meal vouchers have now been allocated for the summer holidays. If you are expecting some, please keep your eye on your emails.

**START OF THE AUTUMN TERM** – The Autumn Term will start for all children on Monday September 6<sup>th</sup>. All children will start at 9.00 a.m. Children should not be dropped on the playground until 8.45a.m. The only exceptions to this are the children who attend Breakfast Club and those children who arrive by bus.

**SWIMMING** – Swimming will be starting on Monday September 13<sup>th</sup> at AHS. The first group will be some of the children in Y6. If your child is in the first cohort, you will be contacted by the Office.

**SCHOOL PAYMENT ACCOUNTS** – Now we are at the end of the school year, we would be most grateful if you would settle any outstanding payments to your child's school account. Thank you, we really do appreciate your support in this.

**MUSIC LESSONS** – If your child would like to continue with their musical instrument lessons in September, please let the office know via email. If we have any budding musicians who would like to start musical instrument lessons, we can offer sessions for guitar, flute, clarinet and saxophone. Please email the office for further information. All lessons will begin again during the week of September 13<sup>th</sup>.

**SCHOOL LUNCHES** - Please be aware that school lunches will cost £2.40 per day from September.

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUB** – Please could all parents who need to book places in After School Club, use the After School Club email address rather than the office email address. Most days we have over 100 emails arrive in the Office in-box and we would hate to miss a booking. **Please collect children from ASC as close as possible to the hour or half hour i.e. (4.00, 4.30, 5.00. 5.30) Charges are made for a full hour (i.e. if you collect at 4.45 you will be charged the full hour up to 5.30). Many thanks for your continued support.**



***Aldborough Information***



**MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT** – 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](mailto:office@aldborough.norfolk.sch.uk) or phone 01263 761264. Confidentiality is guaranteed.

**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. PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE DOORS TO BREAKFAST CLUB WILL NOT OPEN UNTIL 8.00a.m

**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.

**FOOD BANK** - 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.

<b><u>DATES LIST 2020/21</u></b>	
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	
<b>Mon 6th</b>	First day of term for the children
<b>Mon 13th</b>	Swimming starts for allocated children