



SCHOOL YEAR 2020/21- NEWSLETTER NO 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a change in the weather! It seems that we have seen the end of the summer and school is well and truly immersed in autumn activities. From autumn pizzas to harvest poems, we are ready for the changing season. Here is a snapshot of our week – a handful of ‘Ps’ to be proud of:

C1 are our ‘Portrait Painters’, filling our library with vibrancy and colour,

C2 were our ‘Pirates and Pig farmers’; their laughter was heard throughout the forest,

C3 surprised themselves with their ‘Princess and the Pea’ story writing skills,

C4 are our ‘Palaeontology Popstars’; our school is full of singing and excitement as we prepare for our visit to Dippy,

After a long wait, C5 can finally class themselves as ‘Perfect Partners’ for our younger children and ‘PGL Adventurers’.

What proud parents and carers you all must be. What a proud school community we all are.

Wishing you a Ps-full weekend (sorry Mrs M!),

With Best Wishes,

Mrs Bearman and the Aldborough Team

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



Aldborough Working Together



ABSENCES – If your child is absent from school it is essential that you let the Office know either by phone or by email on each day of the absence. Please don't assume that because you told us on day one, it also covers any subsequent days. The Office staff are spending a great deal of time contacting absent children before we are able to report our daily attendance figures.

ALDBOROUGH HARES – We are delighted to announce that the Aldborough Hares Cross Country Club will be back up and running every Friday morning from Friday 5th November. The club will be open to KS2 children and will start at 8.30 on the school field. All the children who attend must have appropriate footwear and clothing and possibly a change of clothes for the day if the weather is bad. A huge thank you to Mr Cropper, who has volunteered for this challenge, from the whole Aldborough community.

HARVEST CELEBRATION – On Friday 15th October we will be holding our Harvest Celebration at 9.10 a.m in the school hall. We would love parents to join us. This year we will be collecting for the North Norfolk Foodbank to help people in crisis in our local area. Please see the flyer attached to the previous newsletter for the list of items that are needed the most. Any long date food items will be very welcome, but please do not send in any fresh produce.

FRIENDS – WOW! – How amazing are The Friends! Despite it being the Summer Holidays, they managed to raise a staggering £431. Thank you to everyone who supported the Village Yard Sale, The Mannington Fayre and supported the school through private donations. The generous donations that The Friends make benefit every family in our school community. As we work towards strengthening our community following the pandemic we would love more parents and carers to get involved with The Friends – see below.

AN INVITE FROM THE FRIENDS – The Friends would like to invite you for a cup of tea or coffee in the school hall immediately after The Harvest Celebration. It would be lovely to meet some of the new parents and to catch up with ‘old friends’. Community is at the heart of Aldborough so we hope as many of you as possible come for a coffee to celebrate being part of such a vibrant community.

SMARTIE TUBES – The children will be bringing home tubes of Smarties as part of The Friend’s fundraising ventures. Please follow the instructions on the tube – fill tube with coins and enjoy the Smarties. Thank you to the Friends for organising such a fun-filled fundraising challenge.

PARENT’S EVENING – We are very happy to be offering Parent’s Evening this half term. We look forward to discussing your children with you on Wednesday October 20th and Thursday October 21st. Please return your booking forms to the Office if you have not already done so.

EXTRA CLOTHING – As you will be aware, it is important that the classrooms remain well-ventilated. Doors and windows are kept open throughout the day to improve air circulation. As the weather changes, could you please ensure that the children have enough layers of clothes to stay warm during the day. Keep in mind that the children are sitting down for some of the day and that is when they feel the cold the most.

SINGING TO DIPPY – The children in Year 4 and Year 5 have been invited to sing to Dippy the Dinosaur at Norwich Cathedral on Wednesday 14th October. This is a lovely opportunity to not only see Dippy, but to take part in a live streamed singing session with the Cathedral choir and other local schools. Please make sure that the children have their black trousers or leggings ready for the big day and that all snacks are in a bag that can be thrown away.

FAMILY LEARNING DAY – We are delighted that the Family Learning Days are going to return this term. We will be working alongside the Aylsham Cluster to give the children and their parents and carers a fun-filled afternoon on Thursday 4th November. The theme for the afternoon will be ‘Fireworks’. Please keep the date free if you are able to come and support your children on that day. Further details to follow nearer the time.

FOREST SCHOOL – Please make sure that the children have appropriate clothing for their Forest School sessions. We have had some children without coats or wellies who are then very upset before their session. The days are as follows:

C1: Wednesday

C2: Tuesday

C3: Thursday (C4 will be on a Thursday after half term)

SWEETS IN LUNCH BOXES – Please do not send sweets into school for lunch or snacks. Tracy has an ever growing pile of Skittles wrappers – we always see the evidence! We do our best to instil in the children the benefits of a healthy diet.

ANNUAL CONSENT FORMS – Please make sure you have completed and returned these forms to the office. Thank you if you have already done so.



Aldborough Information



MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT – Aldborough Primary 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. Confidentiality is guaranteed.

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. 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.

<u>DATES LIST 2021/22</u>	
OCTOBER	
Fri 8th	Flu immunisations

Thurs 14th	Year 4 and Year 5 to sing to Dippy in Norwich Cathedral (Streamed live to parents)
Fri 15th	Harvest Celebration 9.10 a.m. in the School Hall – Parents invited
Wed 20th + Thurs 21st	Parent's Evenings
Thurs 21st	The Tempest performance C5 parents only 9.10 in the school hall
Mon 25th – Fri 29th	HALF TERM
November	
Thurs 4th	Family Learning Afternoon – Parents invited
Fri 5th	ALDBOROUGH HARES CROSS COUNTRY CLUB 8.30 a.m.
December	
Thurs 2nd	CHRISTMAS FAYRE 3.30-5.00
Tues 7th	Nativity Performance to Parents (C1 and C2 Parents only)
Thurs 9th	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Tues 14th Wed 15th	Christmas Pantomime Performance (KS2 parents invited)
Fri 17th	Carols around the tree in the School Hall – Parents invited (time tbc)