



SCHOOL YEAR 2021/22- NEWSLETTER NO 3

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a very busy half term it has been. It is difficult to believe how much we have packed into 7 weeks. It only seems like yesterday that we were standing in the playground in the sunshine welcoming our new C1 children and their parents to school and now they know their routines like clockwork. Year 6 are growing up and maturing every day (and becoming dedicated followers of fashion!) and all the children in between are developing their individual talents and personalities. Over the weeks, we have learnt, sung, created, performed, laughed, danced, swum and at times even cried, but we have done it together as a school community and that makes all the difference. In the words of one of our favourite assembly songs,

*“People need people,
We’ve seen this truth first hand,
The power of community,
A rainbow round the land.”*

Ask the children to sing it to you – it lifts our spirits whenever we hear it. We would like to thank you all for supporting us in so many different ways this half term; you have kept us all dancing. There is no doubt that the children and staff alike, are ready for a well-deserved half term break. Despite the falling leaves and the dark nights drawing in, we end the half term full of hope, positivity and enthusiasm and ready for the challenges and excitement of the Christmas term.

*Wishing you a restful, rainbow-filled half term holiday,
With Best Wishes,
Mrs Bearman and the Aldborough Team*

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



Aldborough Working Together



ROAD SAFETY - Significant concerns have been raised about children leaving the school unaccompanied by adults who make their own way back towards Aldborough. It has been reported that children are all over the road on foot and on bikes by the bridge instead of crossing the road onto the path. Anyone coming along the road in a vehicle that was travelling at 30mph, or who was not aware of the proximity of the school could well be responsible for a very nasty accident. PLEASE, PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE TRAFFIC AND THE CHILDREN'S WHEREABOUTS AT ALL TIMES.

ALBY HILL, WALK TO SCHOOL PATH - We know that it can get busy outside school, and we appreciate the logistics of getting small children to school, but we just wanted to remind

you that the yellow zig zag lines are there to keep the children safe and that it is illegal to park on them at any time. Parking on the yellow zig zag lines forces pedestrians out into the road and obscures walking children from the view of oncoming traffic. Some parents may not be aware that we have a **'walk to school path'** which can be found to the far side of the staff carpark. Please use this path to avoid the children walking between the parked cars near to the school gate.

WINTER VIRUSES - We are been extremely lucky with our Covid numbers to date, however, the school has had many cases of winter flu and colds. We are very grateful to all the parents who have proceeded with great caution when their child has shown symptoms of any winter viruses and carried out lateral flow tests. It is a good idea to keep testing daily for at least 4 days if your child has been in contact with a positive case. As I am sure you are aware this is an ever changing picture and our policies change accordingly. The health and well-being of our children and staff is our number one priority.

HEAD TEACHER RECRUITMENT – The Governors are actively seeking to recruit a new Head Teacher. Further details are available on the school website.

SWIMMING – Swimming will begin for Year 5 on Monday November 1st. Please ensure that all children in Year 5 have their swimming kits with them. Not all children will swim each week, but it is a good idea to be prepared for all eventualities.

ALDBOROUGH HARES – We are delighted to announce that the Aldborough Hares Cross Country Club will be back up and running weekly 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.

ABSENCE AND INFORMATION – If you are reporting a child's absence, please could all parents and carers leave a message on the school voicemail rather than via email. It takes 10 minutes for us to check absences via voicemail, whereas, it takes at least an hour to find the relevant emails in amongst all the other emails arriving each day. If you would like to give us additional information about the absence then please follow up your voicemail with an email.

Due to the huge amount of daily emails received in the office, please be aware that they are all read and dealt with as required, but you may not receive a response.

If your child is Year 3 and above please make your child aware of who will be collecting them at the end of the day. The office do not need to know this unless the plans have changed during the day and your child is unaware.

HARVEST CELEBRATION THANK YOU – Thank you so much for all of the donations that were sent in for our Harvest Celebration. We were very sad that the parents could not join us, but the children raised the roof with their singing – even when the backing track wouldn't play!

SMARTIE TUBES – Thank you to those of you who are munching your way through the tubes of Smarties. **Please could the re-filled tubes be sent back to school before November 4th.**

PARENT'S EVENING – Thank you to everyone who helped to make parent's evenings a success. Having the chance to talk to you about your children brings us together as a community. Sharing the proud moments in your children's lives is our greatest joy.

FAMILY LEARNING DAY – HAVING RECEIVED NEW GUIDELINES FROM NCC REGARDING PARENTS VISITS TO SCHOOLS, THIS EVENT MAY NOT TAKE PLACE FOR PARENTS. UPDATE ON RETURN TO SCHOOL AFTER HALF TERM. 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' and some of the activities will take place outdoors for all children. Please keep the date free if you are able to come and support your children on that day. **CLASS 4 PARENTS WILL NEED TO BRING OUTDOOR CLOTHING AS THE ACTIVITY WILL BE IN THE FOREST SCHOOL.**

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

C4: Thursday

SCHOOL SNACKS – If your child has school provided snacks and you pay half termly please make a payment for them in the School shop on Pupil Asset.

COLLECTIONS – We will be selling Remembrance Poppies and various items on behalf of the Royal British Legion on return to school in November.

We are collecting tokens for the EDP Archant 'Books for Schools' promotion, the box is in the Parents Waiting Area. Could we request that you count them and put them labelled into an envelope before putting them into the box – Thank you.

Morrisons also have a promotion 'It's good to grow', Collection for this is on their customer app. If you can put Aldborough as your chosen school this will help us to get some outdoor equipment for the children to use.



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.

FSM vouchers have all been ordered for the half term break. If you are in receipt of FSM please check your emails.

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.

FOODBANK ENERGY SUPPORT - From 1st November – 31st March the Foodbank are supporting families in need of help in regards to their energy supply. Please contact the office for details if this could apply to you.

| <u>DATES LIST 2021/22</u> | | | |
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| <u>October</u> | | Tues 14th Wed 15th | Christmas Pantomime Performance (KS2 parents invited) |
| Mon 25th – Fri 29th | HALF TERM | Fri 17th | Carols around the tree in the School Hall – Parents invited (time tbc) LAST DAY OF TERM |
| <u>November</u> | | <u>January 2022</u> | |
| Thurs 4th | Family Learning Afternoon – Parents invited 1.45 p.m. arrival | Thurs 6th | Children return to school |
| Fri 5th | ALDBOROUGH HARES CROSS COUNTRY CLUB 8.30 a.m. | Thurs 9th | Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day |
| Weds 10th | Tempest Photography Individual & siblings photos | | |
| <u>December</u> | | | |
| Thurs 2nd | WINTER FAYRE 3.30-5.00 | | |
| Tues 7th | Nativity Performance to Parents (C1 and C2 Parents only) TIME TBC | | |