



## SCHOOL YEAR 2021/22- NEWSLETTER NO 5

Dear Parents/Carers,

*Unusual events are beginning to happen around school this week!*

*I have just been joined on playground duty by a White Rabbit and someone calling herself 'Alice 3' and they told me that there is a Dancing Queen lurking in the Learning Street. During the course of our conversation we were joined by a couple of sheep and an array of angels who were eager to point out a donkey in the corner of the playground. It can only mean one thing – that we are only weeks away from our school Nativity and our Christmas pantomime. There is a feeling of pure joyfulness around the school as these events approach and we can't wait to share them with you in the coming weeks. This year we are hoping to spread our (angel) wings further afield to share some Aldborough joy with our village and wider community. In the words of the great poet Maya Angelou,*

*"We need joy as we need air,*

*We need love as we need water,*

*We need each other as we need the earth we share."*

*Please see below some of the different ways that we are hoping to share the joy that we experience each day here in school as we count down to Christmas.*

*Wishing you a joyful weekend,*

*With Best Wishes,*

*Mrs Bearman and the Aldborough Team*



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### ***Aldborough Working Together***

**CHRISTMAS APPEAL** – Christmas is such a magical time of year for so many families, but it can also be very stressful for some. We would like to work together to support the children and adults suffering domestic abuse in our local community who find themselves having to access the Women's Refuge over Christmas. We would be most grateful if you could donate any of the following items before Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December: toiletries for women and children, new books, new craft items (paints, pens, stickers) new toys. Please send any donations in with your child. Any support that you could give will make such a difference – thank you.

**ALDBOROUGH ANGELS** – On Friday December 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Mary's Church in Aldborough will be opening its doors to an array of angels made by the children at school as part of our Art/DT curriculum. We also hope to have some of our Aldborough Angels in other key places around

the village as we get nearer to Christmas. The church will be open from 4.00pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> for the angels to be viewed.

**PANTOMIME TICKETS** – Pantomime tickets are now on sale for Key Stage 2 parents only. Please double check your email inbox for further information regarding availability and timings. Please indicate your requirements on the emailed form and return with cash in an envelope to the school office by Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Please put your reply in the non-urgent post box in reception.

**SCHOOL NATIVITY** – We are delighted to be able to invite the Class 1 and 2 parents to see our school Nativity on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30 a.m. Places will be limited to 2 seats per family. We hope that as many parents as possible will stay after the Nativity to have Coffee with Friends in the school hall. There is no charge for the Nativity performance but there will be a raffle so please bring some change.

**VILLAGE CARE CAROLS** – On December 14<sup>th</sup> some of our upper KS2 children will be singing some of our Christmas songs at the Village Care Christmas Lunch. We are delighted to be able to share this event with the village community once again.

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH** – School Christmas lunch will be on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December. This will also be CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY.

**CHRISTMAS STALL** – Tracy and Kerry have been busy making jam, chutney and Christmas puddings. They will be selling their goodies after school on Friday December 3<sup>rd</sup> and again on Friday December 10<sup>th</sup>, if there are any left overs. The money raised will be for school funds. Please support them if you can and share the joy of a homemade Christmas gift.

**MORNING PLAYGROUND DROP OFF** – Thank you to all of the parents who have supported us in our new morning routine. It is creating a great sense of independence for our younger children. A member of staff will be out on the playground at 8.50 - 9.00 directing the children straight to their classrooms as we already do on rainy days. Another member of staff will be overseeing the gate near to the tennis courts. **IF YOU ARRIVE AT SCHOOL BEFORE 8.50 OR BEFORE THE MEMBER OF STAFF ARRIVES, PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CHILDREN UNATTENDED ON THE PLAYGROUND.**

**FRIENDS CHAIRPERSON** – As you will have seen on last week's newsletter the Friends of Aldborough Primary School are looking for a new chairperson to take over at Christmas if possible. The Friends have an invaluable role in supporting the children at school. Their hard work means that whenever the children go on a trip we rarely have to ask parents to contribute towards the cost of a coach, including the year 6 residential trip. Every penny that is raised by the Friends goes directly to the children. **PLEASE, PLEASE IF YOU HAVE ANY TIME TO SPARE GET IN TOUCH WITH THE OFFICE FOR AN INFORMAL CHAT.**

**CHILDREN IN NEED DRESS UP DAY** – Thank you for everyone who supported our Children in Need Dress Up Day. We raised an amazing £128.50

**READING HELP** – If you have any free time and enjoy reading you are just who we are looking for. Class 1 are in need of adults to come into school to spend some time reading with the children. If you are able to help us please contact the school office.

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUB HELP** – We are still looking for someone to join our ASC team on a Thursday after Christmas. Please contact the office for further details.

**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

### **NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS**

**COFFEE WITH FRIENDS** - We would like to invite the KS1 parents and the Stepping Stones parents to stay and have coffee (and maybe a mince pie) following the 9.30 performance of the Nativity on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Any donations will be gratefully received.

**SMARTIES** – Thank you to everyone who returned their Smartie tubes. If there are any more found under beds or inside drawers, please bring them back to school as soon as possible. The total so far is an amazing £293 – thank you, thank you.

**PTA RAFFLE** - We're very excited to be taking part in the Parentkind Big PTA Christmas Raffle for a second year! Tickets cost £3 each and give you an opportunity of winning up to £5,000, at the same time as raising funds for Aldborough Primary School. Buy your tickets now: [www.bigptaraffle.co.uk/support/aldborough-cp-school-nr11](http://www.bigptaraffle.co.uk/support/aldborough-cp-school-nr11)

**SANTA SACKS** - New for 2021, why not order someone special a Santa sack and raise even more funds. Just use the following link to find out more: <https://sforders.co.uk/JBZ12ASki>



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

**NURTURE AND WELL-BEING** – Nurture at Aldborough Primary School provides a short term intervention in a safe space in which children have the opportunity to enhance their education and learn alongside their peers. Children spend time in a small group engaging in learning activities outside the classroom environment, which compliments the school curriculum. During this time the children learn academically and socially, they develop and build confidence and resilience. Their self-esteem increases, they become responsive to others, they learn self-respect and take pride in behaving well and achieving. Should you need to discuss your child's needs in this respect, please contact the office who will be able to pass you on to our well-being champion.

**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.

**FOODBANK ENERGY SUPPORT** - From 1<sup>st</sup> November – 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

<b><u>DATES LIST 2021/22</u></b>	
<b>December</b>	
<b>Mon 6th</b>	Christmas Appeal items to school (please see above).
<b>Tues 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Nativity Performance to Parents (C1 and C2 Parents only) TIME 9.30  <b>FOLLOWED BY COFFEE WITH FRIENDS</b>
<b>Thurs 9th</b>	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
<b>Mon13<sup>th</sup> Tues 14th</b>	Christmas Pantomime Performance (KS2 parents invited) <b>(PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE TO FACILITATE AN EXTRA PERFORMANCE)</b>
<b>Tues 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Village Care carols at lunchtime (children will be informed)
<b>Wed 15th</b>	Christmas Party Day

<b>Fri 17th</b>	Carols around the tree in the School Hall – Parents invited (time tbc)  <b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b>
	<b>JANUARY 2022</b>
<b>Thurs 6th</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>