



## SCHOOL YEAR 2021/22- NEWSLETTER NO 6

*Dear Parents/Carers,*

*What an amazing end of term we have had. A huge thank you to everyone who made all the events possible this Christmas. We have enjoyed the KS1 Nativity, the KS2 pantomime and a delicious Christmas lunch. We have sung carols at the Village Care Christmas lunch, just missed out on watching a Christmas puppet show and shared our own Christmas songs around the Christmas tree. There has even been the odd gathering here and there for the children to enjoy together. We were determined to make Christmas at Aldborough happen this year and it has, but we couldn't have done it without the support of the whole community – Thank you.*

*The whole Aldborough team would like to thank you for the many gifts, cards and good wishes. Your generosity is unbelievable and very much appreciated.*

*For all our families around the world;  
Feliz Navidad!  
Wesołych Świąt Bożego Narodzenia!  
Tenha um Feliz Natal!*

*Wishing you a very Happy Christmas  
and a happy and healthy New Year,  
With Best Wishes,  
Mrs Bearman and the Aldborough Team*



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

**A PERSONAL NOTE OF THANKS** – I would like to thank everyone for their kind words, wishes, emails, cards and gifts following the Governor's announcement earlier this month. The support of the whole school community over the past two terms has been unbelievable and I can't thank you all enough. Leading the school forward is a great privilege and I feel incredibly proud to be part of the Aldborough story. Many thanks and best wishes for a wonderful 2022, Mrs B.

**GOODBYE** – We would like to say Goodbye and Thank you to Mandy, who leaves us today after 11 years for a well-earned retirement. She has kept us ship shape and tidy every evening

after school, keeping us entertained with her good humour. We will all miss her but wish her a long and happy retirement.

**CHRISTMAS APPEAL** – Thank you to all the families who sent donations towards our Christmas appeal. Your support will bring smiles of joy on Christmas morning to many children and dignity to their families at a time when they need it the most. What fabulous lessons you are passing onto your children about care, community and respect. Thank you.

**EMAILS AND PHONE CALLS** – When parents and carers email or phone the school we would be most grateful if you could always include the child's full name and class. This would help us enormously in getting messages to the correct place quickly and efficiently.

**ALDBOROUGH ANGELS** – The amazing Aldborough Angels will continue to be on display in the church porch throughout this week (St. Mary's Church, Aldborough). If you find yourself that way through the village, please do stop and have a look.

**PARENT PARKING** – Please be mindful of pedestrians when parking. We have had reports of parents parking on the path beside the bridge which caused pedestrians to have to walk out into the road. Our local police officers will be joining us once a month to say and hello and oversee any parking issues.

**TIKTOK** – We know that many children have devices on their Christmas lists this year. We also are aware that many children have their own TikTok accounts (age rating 13yr+ due to mature content). Should you choose to allow your children to access their own accounts, it is strongly advised that the settings are private and not public. We are aware of children with public accounts where over 1000 followers have access to the photos and videos that they post.

**YR 6 PARENTS AND FRIENDS** – A huge thank you to the Year 6 parents for providing the raffle prizes for the pantomime. The hampers were absolutely beautiful and we really appreciate the hard work of the families who put them together. Thank you also to The Friends who were at each performance selling raffle tickets and writing names on tickets – you are all amazing!

**TRIP TO NORWICH CASTLE** – Classes 3 and 4 will be going on a trip to Norwich Castle to learn about Ancient Civilizations. The trip will take place on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January. Parents are able to pay for the trip using the Pupil Asset account. All children received a letter outlining the day earlier in the term.

**SWIMMING** – Year 4 will begin their swimming sessions on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January. Please ensure that all children in Year 4 (C4 and C5) have their swimming kit with them every Monday. This includes swimming hats for all children.

**There will be an extra swimming session for year 6 on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January. Please could all year 6 children have their swimming kits with them on that day.**

**FRIENDS CHAIRPERSON** – At the pantomime we said good bye and thank you to Antonia so 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.**

**POPPY APPEAL** – Thank you for everyone who supported the poppy appeal in November. We raised an amazing £148.00.

**NEW YEAR SNACKS** – If you would like your child to have school provided snacks in the New Year, please pay for these before the new term starts using your Pupil Asset account.

**SCHOOL PAYMENT ACCOUNTS** – Now we are at the end of term, we would be most grateful if you would settle any outstanding payments to your child's school account as a matter of urgency. It is always difficult to rush things through right at the end of term. Thank you, we really do appreciate your support in this.

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUB** – The Spring booking forms for After School Club are now on the website for anyone wishing to book for next term.

**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



## *Aldborough Information*



**MORNING PLAYGROUND DROP OFF – 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.**

**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 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>JANUARY 2022</b>
<b>Thurs 6th</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>
<b>Mon 10th</b>	<b>C3 and C4 trip to Norwich Castle</b>
<b>Mon 10th</b>	<b>Year 6 swimming session</b>
<b>Mon 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year 4 swimming starts</b>
	<b>FEBRUARY 2022</b>
<b>Mon 14<sup>th</sup> – Fri 18th</b>	<b>Half Term</b>