



SCHOOL YEAR 2021/22- NEWSLETTER NO 3

Dear Parents/Carers,

When moving to Cromer 3 and a half years ago, I was told that I was moving to 'the gem of the Norfolk coast'. My neighbours – Sheringham people originally – then told me that Sheringham was actually the gem of the Norfolk coast and so a friendly rivalry began about which town sparkled the most. However, anyone who knows our school community will know that the real gems of North Norfolk are the ones that can be found at Aldborough Primary School. These gems are precious to us because they are the people who have shaped our school over many years. Their glowing example of commitment and creativity can be felt in every nook and cranny of our school. However, all good things must eventually come to an end. Sadly for us, but happily for them, three of our most precious gems are leaving us for a well-earned retirement. Mrs Hall will retire at Easter and Mrs Taylor and Mrs Morgan (yes she is finally going!!) will retire at the end of the Summer term. Their organisational skills, compassionate support and outstanding teaching have influenced the way our school runs every day and have enabled hundreds of children over the years to become the adults that they are today. The sparkle that they bring to our school is immeasurable; their wisdom is a shining example to all; their friendship towards so many of us is invaluable. They really are the jewels in the Aldborough crown and we will miss them terribly!

*Wishing you a sparkling weekend,
With Best Wishes,
Mrs Bearman and the Aldborough Team*

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



Aldborough Working Together



TOILETS – Should any parents or pre-school children need to use the toilet while waiting for the children at pick up time, please come and speak to the Office. Please do not use the toilet in the Parent Waiting Area as this causes a safeguarding issue during school time. Many thanks for your co-operation.

SOCKS! SOCKS! SOCKS! – We have been asked by the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital if we can support their Easter Appeal for socks! Their patients are sometimes rushed in and are in nightwear or underwear, sometimes people have had their clothes cut off them or they have blood on them and sometimes people come in who have been living on the street. Not everyone has the support of people who would care for them. It is really important to get people up and out of bed as soon possible as this is important to their recovery. Being able to dress and avoid what is known as ‘pyjama paralysis’ is an important part of this. To be out of bed you need SOCKS! It would be fabulous if every child at Aldborough could donate one pair of socks (clean, preferably new) so that we could give the hospital 130 pairs of socks. What a wonderful way to say thank you for everything that the NHS has done for us over the last 2 years. Please send your socks to school before Wednesday March 30th.

BOOK SALE – Thank you to everyone who supported the Book Sale earlier this week. It was fabulous to see the children so engaged with new books and stories throughout the day and to have the parents back in school to share their enthusiasm. Thank you to The Norfolk Children’s Book Centre for organising the sale for us and for their friendship towards APS throughout the year. The Book Centre is open all year round and Marilyn and her team are always happy to let the children browse the books or to offer recommendations.

LOAN A LAMB WEEK – This year we are delighted to have been given the opportunity to take part in the ‘Learn about Livestock - Loan a Lamb week’. Our lambs and accompanying ewes will be arriving at school on March 21st and will stay with us until March 25th. The children will have the opportunity to learn how to feed the lambs and how to take responsibility for their care. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to feel part of a rural community and we are very grateful to Mr and Mrs Smith for their very generous donation and support with the project.

HEALTHY SNACKS AND LUNCHES – Please ensure that the snacks and packed lunches that the children bring to school are healthy. We work very hard as a school to support health and well-being and the contents of some lunch boxes make consistent messages difficult for the children to understand. Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

FRIENDS’ CHAIRPERSON – We are delighted to inform you that Mrs Leanne Lewis has volunteered to become chairperson for The Friends of Aldborough Primary School. We are very grateful that Leanne has taken up this challenge which will benefit everyone’s children. The Friends’ team have lots of ideas to kick start our fundraising for 2022. We are sure you will all be ready and willing to support in any way that you can, so if she walks towards you with a clip board please don’t walk away! Good luck to Leanne and the Committee – we are ALL here to help you in any way we can.

SSH TOP SECRET! – On Friday March 25th The Friends’ Gift Shop will once again be open. Please could the children bring £3.00 in an envelope for each gift. Many thanks to The Friends for organising this special event for us just before such a special weekend. (Don’t forget you will also need 50p for the C4 cake sale on that day – what busy Friends we have!)

CAKE SALES – Wow Class 5!! What an amazing start to the cake sale season. Thank you to all the parents/carers and children who provided cakes for the sale and to those who bought the cakes. A huge thank you to Leanne and her team for organising the sale, including the

costume sale. The combined sale raised an incredible £182.50!!! Get baking Class 4 – you are up next! The class dates are as follows:

March 25th – Class 4
April 29th – Class 3
June 24th – Class 2
July 15th – Class 1

You will note that there is not a cake sale on May 27th – watch this space for more exciting news for that day!

READING CHALLENGE- Over the Easter holidays The Friends will be organising a Reading Challenge. Start thinking about who you might ask to sponsor you. More details to follow.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES – We are delighted to invite you to class assemblies once again. The last class assembly (other than C5) took place on March 12th 2020 and we have really missed sharing the children’s learning with you. Please see the list of dates at the end of the newsletter!

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 for after half term are as follows:

C1: Wednesday
C2: Tuesday
C4: 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 now has 3 ‘Mental Health First Responders’ on site to help members of our community should they have a need. 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.

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 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 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>	
	FEBRUARY 2022
	MARCH 2022
Fri 11th	Class 3 Assembly. C3 Parents invited 2.40 start
Fri 18th	Class 2 Assembly. C2 Parents invited 9.10 start
Fri 25th	Class 1 Assembly. C1 Parents invited 9.10 start FRIENDS’ GIFT SHOP Class 4 Cake Sale after school
Mon 28th	Class 3 trip to Bure Valley Railway
Wed 30th and Thurs 31st	Parents’ Evenings
	APRIL
Fri 1st	Class 4 Assembly. C4 Parents invited 9.10 start
Fri 29th	Class 3 Cake Sale
	MAY 2022
	JUNE 2022

Sat 11th	AHS Cluster Family Learning Day
Fri 24th	Class 2 Cake Sale
	July 2022
Mon 11th – Fri 15th	Year 6 PGL Trip
Fri 15th	Class 1 Cake Sale