



SCHOOL YEAR 2021/22- NEWSLETTER NO 4

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a wonderful half term we have had. Our school values of individuality, respect, community and pride have been at the heart of so many of our activities. Here are a few of our highlights from this half term:

The individuality of our children was evident through their lovely costume ideas on World Book Day and the book choices that they made at the Book Sale. Meanwhile, the teachers were hard at work developing a new PE curriculum which will support individual skills and personal development. We learnt that Mr Caston could do many things whilst balancing on one leg! Classes 2 and 3 both went on trips where they showed the respect towards others that we so value at Aldborough. 'Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Responsible' are now buzz words around the school and form the basis of our new Behaviour Policy (see below for further details). Year 6 showed their respect for each other through their purple Epilepsy Awareness day. We learnt that purple face paint, hairspray, flowers and borrowed dresses can help everyone to feel valued and included.

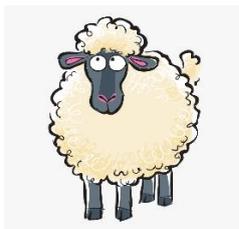
Cake Sales, Gift shops and socks (!) were all wonderful examples of how our school community works together for the benefit of everyone. It was lovely to see some new faces supporting The Friends and we hope that all parents feel part of the team. Our children experienced life as part of a rural community through our wonderful Loan a Lamb week and humbled us all with their contributions as global citizens to our Ukrainian Day. We learnt that one small school in North Norfolk can change lives across the world if we work together.

We were bursting with pride through our class assemblies as the children celebrated their work and shared it with everyone. British Science Week, World Maths Day and finally parents' evenings gave us even more ways to express our pride in our children and our school. We learnt, as sung to us by Class 1 in their assembly,

'You're amazing, just the way you are!'

*Wishing you all an egg-citing, Easter holiday,
With Best Wishes,
Mrs Bearman and the Aldborough Team*

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Aldborough Working Together



MRS HALL – Yesterday we said a sad good-bye to Mrs Hall. After 15 years in the Office she is off to enjoy her time walking her dogs and pottering in her garden with maybe the odd weekend away (in term time!) thrown in. We wish her and Mr Hall a very long and happy retirement and we say a huge thank you again to Mrs Hall for everything that she has done for us at Aldborough. You are one of the Aldborough family Alison so we expect to see you popping in for a cup of tea regularly!

NEW FAMILIES – We have 3 new families joining us after Easter. I am sure that they will be feeling very nervous and that you will all give them a friendly welcome on the playground or when you see them around the school.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES – We are hoping to recruit a Higher Level Teaching Assistant and a Part Time Teacher in September. Please see further details in the ‘News’ section on our website.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB JOB OPPORTUNITY – We will have a job opportunity in our After School Club starting at the beginning of May. The rate of pay is approximately £9.26 an hour and contracts run for 38 weeks of the year (term time only). If you are interested in becoming part of the staff team please contact the Office for further details. This opportunity will be subject to the necessary background checks.

We are sorry to say that after Friday 29th April we will no longer have the staff to cover After School club on a Friday. Therefore from week commencing 2nd May there will be no Friday After School club.

SUNSHINE!! – As the weather gets better, the children should have sun hats in school with them for their playtimes and lunchtimes. As we move into the Summer term the children will also need sun cream on each day. Sun cream should be applied before school by parents and then the children should be taught how to apply sun cream themselves should they need a top up during the day. Please do not send sunglasses into school with the children. We cannot guarantee their safety and this causes distress to the children when accidents happen. A sun hat with a brim should do the job of keeping the sun out of the children’s eyes. Please ensure that the children have full water bottles (water only please) to keep them hydrated.

SOCKS! SOCKS! SOCKS! – Thank you to everyone who donated socks for the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital Appeal. There will be 140 warm pairs of feet in the hospital (of various shapes and sizes) thanks to our school community.

LOAN A LAMB WEEK – We had an amazing week with our visiting lamb and ewe, Ebony and Ivory, as part of the Learn about Livestock project. We could not have anticipated the engagement from the children and the learning that we all gained during the week. We are always looking for different ways to enrich our curriculum, especially in relation to being part of a rural community. We are so grateful to Mr and Mrs Smith who introduced us to the project and ensured that we were able to take part.

BIKEABILITY – Just a reminder that Year 5 will have their Bikeability sessions starting on Monday 25th April to Thursday 28th April. All the children who are taking part will need their bikes and helmets with them each day. The children can leave their bikes at school overnight in as safe a place as possible, but this will be at the owner’s own risk.

SWIMMING – Year 4 will have another chance to go swimming next half term. All the children in year 4 will need their swimming kit with them from Monday April 27th onwards.

BEHAVIOUR POLICY – There is no doubt that the pandemic has not only affected children’s mental health, but also their behaviour. As a result, we have re-written our behaviour policy

to reflect a whole school, restorative approach to children's behaviour. The new behaviour policy can be found on the school website and we would encourage all parents and carers to read through it in order to support the approach taken by the school. You may find the following excerpt from the policy useful:

'As a school, we expect that parents/carers will do everything they can to help their child relate cooperatively to adults and other children. Parents/carers will accept some responsibility for their child's behaviour in school. Firm but affectionate guidance, which parents/carers provide in the home, is most likely to produce the attitudes on which good behaviour in school may be based. We aim to work together as a team with parents/carers and children in order that inappropriate behaviour may be challenged. If a child's behaviour causes concern, parents/carers will be informed and their cooperation sought.'

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. **If your child has a school snack, please pay in the school shop in Pupil Asset.**

CAKE SALES / GIFT SHOP - Thank you to all the parents/carers and children from class 4 who provided cakes for the sale and to those who bought the cakes. Another huge thank you to Leanne and her team for organising the sale and the Friends' Gift Shop which was also a huge success. It was lovely to see some new faces in the Friends' team – please spread the word about the fun you had! Get baking Class 3 – you are up next! The class dates are as follows:

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!

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. (see under **AFTER SCHOOL CLUB JOB OPPORTUNITY regarding Friday’s club**)

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>	
	<u>APRIL 2022</u>
Wed 20th	Children return to school
Mon 25th – Thurs 28th	Bikeability for Year 5
Mon 25th	Swimming starts for year 4
Fri 29th	Class 3 Cake Sale
	<u>MAY 2022</u>
Mon 9th – Thurs 12th	Year 6 SATS week.
Thurs 26th	Family Learning Day – parents/ carers invited (1.45 onwards)

Mon 30th – Fri June 3rd	HALF TERM
	<u>JUNE 2022</u>
Sat 11th	AHS Cluster Family Learning Day
Fri 24th	Class 2 Cake Sale
	<u>July 2022</u>
Mon 11th – Fri 15th	Year 6 PGL Trip
Fri 15th	Class 1 Cake Sale

