



SCHOOL YEAR 2021/22- NEWSLETTER NO 7

Dear Parents/Carers,

It seems impossible to believe that this is the penultimate newsletter of the year. It only seems like yesterday that we were welcoming Reception 2021 into school and yet next week we will be meeting Reception 2022 on their first visit to school. I know that as we head through the last 4 weeks of term it will be a time of reflection for many (20 plus years' worth for some!) However, this next week our eyes are all on the autumn term and the children's transitions for September 2022. Many of our Year 6 children will be visiting their high schools if they haven't done so already. Their thoughts will turn to tutor groups, school buses, and school uniforms! The children in Reception to Year 5 will be looking ahead to their transition day on Thursday June 30th. It has always been traditional on that day for the children to meet their teachers and classmates for the coming year and we are thrilled that (post Covid) we are able to return to that tradition. Some children will be moving into different classes whereas others will be remaining in their existing class (remember that all children spend 2 years in a class at two different times over their years at Aldborough). Some teachers will be moving into different year groups too and some will be staying in their present class. There will be new staff and children joining us in Key Stage 2 so there will be new families to get to know and new faces to smile at! Friendships, learning, inclusion and individuality are at the heart of all the decisions that are made about transitions and we thank the parents and carers in advance for supporting us. If you know that your child might feel anxious about change, then please prepare them for next Thursday, as we will also be doing here in school. There are exciting times ahead!

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

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Aldborough Working Together



PLAYGROUND PICK UP/ DROP OFF – A gentle reminder that school drop off in the morning starts at 8.50 a.m. or when a member of staff arrives on the playground. Recently, a few children have appeared in the classroom before 8.45 a.m. when the teachers are still preparing their day or having a meeting as we do on a Tuesday before school. This does not apply to Year 6 children who often arrive independently.

We have always asked that children stand with their parents when they are waiting for school to start or at the end of the day. Our story area in the corner of the playground should not be used as a climbing area for younger children. We ask that all parents take responsibility for their pre-school children who are waiting for older siblings so that any further accidents can be avoided. **Please be aware that school gates are locked at 9.00 a.m. for the safety of the children in school. If your child arrives at school after that time please bring them to the Office in person via the side gate.**

DOGS LOVERS – We are a school of dog lovers. The staff alone have over 15 dogs between us (apart from Mr Caston who loves his cats!) However, we are aware that not everyone loves dogs as much as we do and some children and adults are scared of them and find them difficult to walk past (Mrs Bearman is the same with pigeons!). With that in mind, we have always been a dog free school. Please could we ensure that dogs are not brought onto the playground and that they do not wait next to the gate where everyone has to walk past them as this is causing distress to some families. Thank you for your support in this.

SUMMER CLOTHES – Please could all families ensure that summer clothes are appropriate for the age of the children and activities at school. We know that children like to look fashionable, however, ‘belly tops’ and ‘hot pants’ are not conducive with a comfortable day at school. Nail varnish has never been allowed at school and nor has jewellery other than one pair of stud earrings.

SUNSHINE AND SANDALS!! – As the weather gets better, the children should have sun hats in school with them for their playtimes and lunchtimes. WE HAD MANY CHILDREN WITHOUT HATS LAST WEEK WHEN THE WEATHER WAS SO HOT. 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. **If children wear open-toed sandals for school please ensure that they are also wearing socks to protect their toes during playtimes. Children are not allowed to wear flip flops to school or Crocs.**

CLASS TRIPS – We have several class trips coming up over the next few weeks. Class 1 will be visiting the beach at West Runton for a day of ‘rock pool rummaging and wild art’. Class 5 will be stepping back in time to spend the day as Tudors at Kentwell Hall and in a few week they will be heading off for their activity week at PGL. 4 of our Year 6 children will be returning to Gresham School in July having won the first round of the STEAM competition in the Dyson Building. Our thanks to the parents for supporting these activities, for the Friends who pay for the transport for all of our trips and to Mrs Knight in the Office who works tirelessly to ensure that all the organisation is in place.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB – We will not be taking any further bookings for Thursday July 21st at ASC.

PENTATHLON – Thank you to everyone who came and supported the Pentathlon yesterday. We really appreciate all the support that we have from the parents and carers – we couldn’t do it without you. Thank you to the Friends for organising the jugs of water and the ice lolly sale and a huge thank you to the staff who gave up their lunch time to set up the activities - especially to Mrs Morgan who organised the whole event for us.

SWIMMING – Year 3 will be swimming at AHS for the next three weeks of the Summer Term. Please make sure that the children have their full kit with them, including a swimming hat, every Monday.

PUPIL ASSET ACCOUNTS – Please could all parents settle their accounts before July 22nd. This is particularly important for our Year 6 parents.

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.**

COLD LUNCHES – From September we will be piloting cold lunches as well as hot lunches for Key Stage 1. There will be choice of sandwiches which will need to be pre-booked a week in advance with Tracy on a Monday morning in the kitchen. We will send out more information about this towards the end of term.

THE FRIENDS - Thank you to The Friends and all the parents/carers who are involved in the many activities that are arranged to support the children at school. The fundraising is magnificent and so is the sense of community that we are enjoying once again. A special thank you for the gift mugs which were completed last week – what a mammoth task that turned out to be! We really appreciate all of your efforts and support. The cake sales continue as planned - Get baking Class 1 – you are up next! The class dates are as follows:

July 15th – Class 1

FOREST SCHOOL – Please make sure that the children have appropriate clothing for their Forest School sessions. **Children need boots or sturdy shoes even in the Summer months. The children cannot wear sandals or Crocs for Forest School.** 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.

<u>DATES LIST 2021/22</u>	
	<u>JUNE 2022</u>
Fri 24th	Class 2 Cake Sale
Mon 27th	Class 1 trip to West Runton
Tues 28th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class 5 trip to Kentwell Hall • 1.30pm – 3.00 p .m Reception children 2022 to visit • 6.00p.m – 7.00p.m Reception 2022 Parent's meeting
Wed 29th – Fri 1st July	Year 6 Induction days AHS
Thurs 30th	Transition day for all classes including new Reception children
	<u>July 2022</u>
Mon 11th – Fri 15th	Class 5 PGL Trip
Fri 15th	Class 1 Cake Sale

Mon 18th	Class 5 barbeque. Year 6 children only. 3.30-5.00 (parents to collect children at 5.00 p.m)
Tues 19th	Sports Day all parents welcome 1.30 p m (weather permitting)
Fri 22nd	Year 6 Leaver's Assembly – Yr 6 parents welcome 2.30 p m
	<u>SEPTEMBER 2022</u>
Tues 6th September	First day back of the Autumn Term for all children.

