



SCHOOL YEAR 2022/23- NEWSLETTER NO 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy half term we have had! The new children in C1 and across the school have become part of our Aldborough family, as have their parents and carers. How lovely to see the reception children arriving at school with big smiles on their faces knowing that the day ahead will bring new learning and friendships; what a difference 7 weeks make. The children in the other year groups have settled into their new routines with their teachers and Aldborough is once again the vibrant, happy learning environment that we are all so proud of. Our forest school rings with laughter; the learning street buzzes with activity and learning; the classrooms are full of energy and thinking; the display boards are bursting with colour and our reading breakfasts have given our community a sense of unity once more.

We are already looking forward to all the new challenges that the next half term will bring. We know that it will involve the year 6 residential trip, a family learning afternoon, some singing for Village Care, Christmas pyjamas and jumpers and most likely a few donkeys and angels with even a new baby to look forward to.....beyond that....who knows! We look forward to finding out together.

*Wishing you a restful and happy half term,
With Best Wishes,
Mrs Bearman and the Aldborough Team*

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



Aldborough Working Together

JEWELLERY, HAIR AND NAIL VARNISH- The only jewellery allowed in school is one pair of **stud earrings**, which need to be taped up for PE. This is for the health and safety of the children. For your child's comfort and hygiene please ensure that all long hair is tied up every day and that children can actually see through their hair. Children are not allowed to wear nail varnish for school, nor are they allowed fake tattoos. We value the children's individuality at

Aldborough and we keep any 'school rules' to the minimum, however, we would be doing them a disservice if we did not keep them safe and did not prepare them for the future 'rules' that they will encounter at secondary school and throughout life.

EATON VALE RESIDENTIAL – Our year 6 children will be heading to the Eaton Vale Activity Centre for their residential trip from October 31st to November 4th. Mr Hall-Galley and Mrs O'Leary will accompany the children for the duration of the trip. Thank you to everyone who has supported the trip; parents, teachers and Mrs Knight in the Office who has been buried under trip paperwork since July! **DON'T FORGET YOU WILL NEED A PACKED LUNCH ON MONDAY 31ST OCTOBER.**

CLASS 4 – Miss Redford hopes to be with us until Friday November 4th when she will finally be able to put her feet up and wait for the arrival of her baby. It goes without saying that we wish her well and that we too are eagerly awaiting the news of the baby's safe arrival. Mr Lloyd-Edwards has been in school this week getting to know the children in C3 and C4 and he will be joining us again for part of the week beginning October 31st. We are delighted that he will be joining our team in C4 for Miss Redford's maternity leave and sharing his many talents with the children of Aldborough.

TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHY – Tempest Photography will be in school on Thursday November 10th to take individual and sibling photographs. If you have younger children who attend Stepping Stones and you would like your children photographed together, please wait on the playground at 8.45 when you drop the older children.

SWIMMING – Year 5 will be swimming next half term. Your child will have brought home a letter earlier this week with all the details that you need. Swimming starts for year 5 on Monday October 31st. Please ensure that the children have their full kit, including a swimming hat, with them on that day.

READING BREAKFAST – Thank you to all of the KS2 parents and carers who were able to join us for our Reading Breakfast. We look forward to seeing you for more early morning reading over the next half term. The dates for our next KS2 reading breakfasts are:

- Wednesday November 9th
- Wednesday November 30th

PARENTS' EVENING – Thank you to all of the parents and carers who came to share the children's learning at Parents' Evening. It was the first time in two and a half years that we could have a totally normal evening (C3 aside!) and it was lovely to see you enjoying the children's books and displays around the school. Having the chance to talk to you about your children brings us together as a community. Sharing the proud moments in your children's lives is our greatest joy.

The re-scheduled Parents' Evenings for Class 3 will take place on Monday 31st October and Thursday 3rd November using the same appointment times as previously allocated.

HARVEST CELEBRATION – Thank you to all of our families who donated items for our harvest celebration. Mr Bearman and a fellow volunteer took 8 crates of food/cupboard items to the North Norfolk Foodbank where it will be distributed to families in need between now and Christmas. Should any of our families need any support from the Foodbank this Winter please come and speak to the Office or see details below. All support is offered in complete confidence.

CLUBS – We are delighted that extra-curricular clubs will be starting after half term. Your child should have brought a letter home this week outlining the clubs that they can attend. We had a huge uptake so not all children got a place in all the clubs that they signed up for. We will rotate the numbers on a termly basis so that the children have a chance to try out a variety

of clubs. **Please note that Dodgeball Club will start on Wednesday 9th November and Music Making will start on Monday 14th November.**

NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS – Leanne and her team are very excited about the new term and all of the fundraising ideas that they have. Please see below the dates of class cake sales, children's Christmas pyjama day, the Bingo and Chips evening (a very welcome return for this event!) and the Christmas Fayre. Please keep your eye on The Friends of Aldborough Primary School Face Book page for more information. Thank you as always to The Friends for their enthusiasm and energy and for all of the parents and carers for supporting the different events.

HEALTHY SNACKS, LUNCHES AND BIRTHDAY TREATS – 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. It would be much appreciated if birthday treats, which are shared with the class, are also sugar free and consistent with children's health and well-being. Please avoid sugary lollipops in particular. Thank you for your continued support in this matter. **If your child is in KS2 and has a school snack, please pay in the school shop in Pupil Asset.**

COLD LUNCHES – We are now piloting cold lunches as well as hot lunches for Key Stage 1 and EYFS children. 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. From Monday October 3rd onwards there will no longer be a choice for hot dinners i.e. when chicken curry is on the menu there will not be the option of plain chicken. If your child does not like chicken curry they should pre-order sandwiches with Tracy.

FOREST SCHOOL – Please make sure that the children have appropriate clothing for their Forest School sessions this half term. **Children need boots or sturdy shoes and gloves and hats. The children cannot wear sandals or Crocs for Forest School.** The days for the Autumn half term are as follows:

C1: Wednesday

C2: Thursday

C3, C4 and C5 will have some individual Forest School sessions through the Winter. Parents will be informed of these dates.



Aldborough Information



MORNING PLAYGROUND DROP OFF – IF YOU ARRIVE AT SCHOOL BEFORE 8.45 OR BEFORE THE MEMBER OF STAFF ARRIVES, PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CHILDREN UNATTENDED ON THE PLAYGROUND.

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT – Aldborough Primary has 2 '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.

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. The team continue 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 Knight 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> | |
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| | <u>OCTOBER 2022</u> |
| 24th – 28th October | HALF TERM |
| | <u>NOVEMBER 2022</u> |
| 31st Oct – 4th Nov | Year 6 residential trip – Eaton Vale |
| Thursday 10th November | Individual and family photographs – Tempest Photography |
| Friday 11th November | Friends Bingo and Chips Evening |
| Friday 25th November | Class 3 Cake Sale |
| | <u>DECEMBER 2022</u> |
| Friday 2nd December | Children’s Christmas Pyjama day |
| Tuesday 6th December | Family Learning Day – all parents welcome. 2.00p.m. start (doors open 1.45pm) |
| Saturday 10th December | Friends Christmas Fayre tbc |
| Tuesday 13th December | C1 and C2 Nativity Performance 9.30 a.m. C1 and C2 parents invited. |
| Wednesday 14th December | Christmas Party Day |
| Thursday 15th December | Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day |
| 16th December | <u>Last day of term</u> Carols around the tree 2.30 p.m. Invited guests only. |

