



SCHOOL YEAR 2022/23- NEWSLETTER NO 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

The backdrop is painted, the carols are being learnt and the angel costumes have emerged from the cupboard.....Christmas is about to arrive at school!

One of the many joys of working and learning in a primary school is that the magic of Christmas is all around us (from the middle of November onwards!) As a school community we are very mindful that this Christmas might be a little different for some of our families so with that in mind we are working hard to give the children a fortnight of Christmas memories. Thanks to the enthusiasm of The Friends and the huge generosity of a 'Secret Santa' we hope to give the children an Aldborough Christmas to remember, complete with a visit from the North Pole.

So dust off your Christmas Pyjamas, join us at the Christmas Fayre, come and learn alongside the children at our Christmas Family Learning Day and sing along with the children as they learn our Christmas songs; come and feel the magic that your children share with us every day.

As for the news of the new baby.....we are still waiting!

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

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



Aldborough Working Together

CHRISTMAS APPEAL – We are once again supporting the North Norfolk Foodbank Christmas Appeal. Throughout December, we will be collecting chocolate treats such as bars of chocolates and packets of biscuits. As a community, we can help to put the smiles on the faces of all children this Christmas. Thank you for your generosity.

EATON VALE RESIDENTIAL – Our year 6 children enjoyed the most wonderful residential trip to Eaton Vale Outdoor Pursuits Centre. It was a pleasure to see them learning new skills and working effectively to build themselves into a team which will be of such great benefit to them throughout their final year at Aldborough. The children were a credit to the school throughout the trip with one member of the Eaton Vale staff coming into work on her day off in order to spend the final day with our children. We are delighted that we have been able to secure Eaton Vale for next year. Thank you to the year 5 parents who have already paid the deposit.

MR HALL-GALLEY - Unfortunately, Mr Hall-Galley was taken ill on Monday evening and this resulted in a short stay in hospital. He is now at home resting and recovering with his family. I am sure that you will join the staff in sending him all our best wishes for a speedy recovery. He assures me it was nothing to do with being over-excited when England scored 6 goals!

PE KIT - A gentle reminder that all children need their PE kit in school at all times. It should not be taken home at the end of the week. PE kit is a white T-shirt, black or navy shorts and black or navy track suit bottoms/leggings and trainers. The children should wear a sweat shirt for outdoor PE. It is not safe for children to do PE in jeans, Boots or denim skirts and sadly this means that some children are not able to take part. As always, the health and well-being of the children is our number one priority.

READING BREAKFAST –Thank you to all of the KS2 parents and carers who were able to join us for our Reading Breakfast. It makes such a difference for the children to see that you are interested in the reading that they do at school. **NEXT WEEK WE ARE CHANGING THINGS AROUND AND READING BREAKFAST WILL BE FOR CLASS 2 ONLY. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING CLASS 2 PARENTS FROM 8.30 ONWARDS ON WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 30TH.**

AYLSHAM COMMUNITY TRUST – As you all know we are part of the Aylsham Community Trust. This means that through the Trust we are able to offer support to families through parenting advice, adult learning, Social and Emotional support for the children and our Family Learning Days. The Trust is a charitable organisation and as such it relies on fundraising. Therefore, we now have a donation box at the front Office for any donations that families feel that they can make. This could be anything from pennies to pounds.....and beyond! Thank you for your support in ensuring that this vital service for our families continues.

FAMILY LEARNING DAY – Parents and Carers are invited to join us for our Christmas Family Learning afternoon on Tuesday 6th December. Doors open at 1.45 p.m for signing in and activities will start at 2.00p.m. The afternoon will run until 3.00 p.m when parents and carers will be invited to wait on the playground while the classrooms are tidied.

SCHOOL NATIVITY – We are delighted to be able to invite the Class 1 and 2 parents to see our school Nativity on Tuesday 13th December at 9.30 a.m. Places will be limited to 2 seats per family.

VILLAGE CARE CAROLS – On December 13th some of our C2 children will be singing some of their Christmas songs at the Village Care Christmas Lunch. We are delighted to be able to share this event with the village community once again. As this is a local visit we will not be sending out permission letters.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH – School Christmas lunch will be on Thursday 15th December, see the attached leaflet with full details. This will also be CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY.

NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS – Thank you to everyone who supported Bingo and Chips. It was a great community evening – the first time that we have had a social evening in school

since 2019! Leanne and her team did a wonderful job at organising the event. If you ever have time to spare to help with The Friends' events, it would be greatly appreciated. All the money that is raised by The Friends goes directly to the children and in these difficult financial times it helps us immensely to receive their donations.

Please see below the dates of class cake sales, children's Christmas pyjama day 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.

VILLAGE CARE WARM HUB – Village Care have started a Warm Hub in the Community Centre for anyone in the village needing a warm space, or who would just like to enjoy a social gathering during the Winter months. The Warm Hub is open every Tuesday from 10.00 a.m until 4.00 p.m. The Village Care team are looking for volunteers who might be able to help serve tea and coffee from 10.00 – 1.00 or 1.00 - 4.00. This is a great opportunity for the village community to work together to support each other. If you have time to spare and you would be interested in volunteering please speak to Mrs Bearman.

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.

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.

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 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.

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>	
Thursday 30th November	<u>CLASS 2</u> Reading Breakfast 8.30 a.m.
	<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)
Friday 9th December	Class 3 and Class 4 trip to West Runton Beach
Saturday 10th December	Friends Christmas Fayre 11.00 a.m.- 2.00p.m.

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 + a special visitor from the North Pole.
16th December	<u>Last day of term</u> Carols around the tree 2.30 p.m. Invited guests only.
	<u>JANUARY 2023</u>
Wednesday 4th January	First day back at school for the children