



SCHOOL YEAR 2022/23- NEWSLETTER NO 5

Dear Parents and Carers,

*'And so this is Christmas, I hope you have fun
The near and the dear ones, the old and the young'*

We have certainly had fun at Aldborough this Christmas! A huge thank you to all of our 'near and dear ones' who made all the events possible this Christmas. 'The old (!) and the young' enjoyed the Christmas Family Learning Day, the School Christmas Fair, the KS1 Nativity and a delicious Christmas lunch. We have sung carols at the Village Care Christmas lunch, enjoyed an online Christmas Pantomime and shared our own Christmas songs around the Christmas tree. It has been the season of festive pyjamas and parties and we have even managed a Christmas trip to the beach for two classes! We couldn't have done it without the support of the whole community – Thank you.

'... And so this is Christmas, for weak and for strong'

A special thank you to those unsung heroes in our community who have worked so hard to support our families who are finding Christmas more of a struggle this year. We are humbled by your generosity of spirit. We all need a 'Secret Santa' in our lives every now and then.

Our final thoughts of 2022 go to those families who cannot be together this Christmas. We hope that soon we will be singing the end of this Christmas song, united with our friends and families around the world.

*'... And so this is Christmas (war is over), And what have we done
Another year over (war is over), And a new one just begun'*

*Wishing you a very Happy Christmas
and a peaceful and healthy New Year,
With Best Wishes,
Mrs Bearman and the Aldborough Team*



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Aldborough Working Together

THANK YOU - The whole Aldborough team would like to thank you for the many gifts, cards and good wishes. Your generosity is unbelievable and very much appreciated.

ICE – As the weather get colder, please talk to your children about the dangers of playing near ice covered water. Together we can help to avoid further tragedies.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL - Thank you to all the families who sent donations towards our Christmas appeal for the North Norfolk Foodbank. Your support will bring smiles of joy this Christmas to many children. What fabulous lessons you are passing onto your children about care, community and respect. Thank you.

COST OF LIVING CRISIS – We are continually mindful of the impact that the cost of living is having on families at present. As a school community this year we have been able to provide extra support in terms of Christmas boxes, extra warm clothes, subsidised trips, pre-loved Christmas jumpers and signposted parents to further help with heating bills. Thanks to the generosity of a 'Secret Santa' every child will have a gift to open under the Christmas tree this year. Should you ever need our assistance in supporting your children with any of our Christmas related activities please ask and we will do whatever we can to help.

POPPY APPEAL – Thank you for everyone who supported the poppy appeal in November. We raised an amazing £96.97.

FAMILY LEARNING DAY – Thank you to all the Parents and Carers who were able to join us for our Christmas Family Learning afternoon last week. We all enjoyed seeing you and the children so engaged in their activities and kicking Christmas off to a flying start. Family Learning Days 2023 will take place on **Tuesday 28th March and Tuesday May 23rd**. Save the dates in your new 2023 diaries! Our Family Learning Days are organised by the Aylsham Community Trust – please see below for ways that you are able to support them in supporting us.

TRIP TO NORWICH CASTLE – Classes 3 and 4 will be going on a trip to Norwich Castle to learn about the Ancient Egyptians. The trip will take place on Thursday 12th January. We are continually looking at ways to support families financially through these challenging times. With that in mind, School fund will cover the cost of the trip (thanks to the money raised at the Pentathlon last year). The cost of the coach will be covered by The Friends who pay for all the coaches when children go on trips. Without the support of school fund and the Friends we would be asking for a contribution of £10.10 (£5.00 for the trip and £5.10 for the cost of the coach). **As you can see, the fundraising by The Friends is vital in keeping the cost of trips down.**

SWIMMING – Year 4 will begin their swimming sessions on Monday 9th January. Please ensure that all children in Year 4 (C4 and C3) have their swimming kit with them every Monday. This includes swimming hats for all children.

LOST PROPERTY – At the end of each half term we are taking at least two black sacks full of lost property to local charity shops. This doesn't need to happen if children's names were in their clothes. Please find a way to identify the children's clothes and coats as we are spending so much time sorting this out.

ACTIVITY CLUBS – Clubs will resume after the February half term. Thank you to the staff for giving up their time to support the children in their different interests.

NEW YEAR SNACKS – If you would like your KS2 child to have snacks in the New Year, please pay for these before the new term starts using your Pupil Asset account.

SCHOOL PAYMENT ACCOUNTS – Now we are at the end of term, we would be most grateful if you would settle any outstanding payments to your child's school account as a matter of urgency. It is always difficult to rush things through right at the end of term. Thank you, we really do appreciate your support in this.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB –The Spring booking forms for After School Club are now on the website for anyone wishing to book for next term. Thank you for those already received.

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. Please ensure that the children bring their PE kit back to school on January 4th.

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.

NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS – Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Fair last Saturday. It was a great community event which raised an amazing £1075.31! Leanne, Jo and Georgina (+helpers/staff) did a wonderful job at organising this special day. 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. **A special thank you for the pre-loved Christmas jumper sale which gave all children at school the opportunity to take part in our Christmas jumper day at a very low cost.**

Please keep your eye on The Friends of Aldborough Primary School Face Book page for ways in which you can help. 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.

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 and nut free. 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.

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 Spring half term are as follows:

C1: Wednesday

C2: Thursday

C3, C4 and C5 will have some individual Forest School sessions through the Winter/Spring. 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 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.

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 refer to the Foodbank 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>JANUARY 2023</u>
Wednesday 4th January	First day back at school for the children
Monday 9th January	Swimming starts for Year 4
Thursday 12th January	Class 3 and Class 4 trip to Norwich Castle
Friday 27th January	Class 2 Cake Sale
	<u>FEBRUARY 2023</u>
Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February	<u>Half Term</u>

