



SCHOOL YEAR 2022/23- NEWSLETTER NO 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have had a happy start to 2023. Despite the chilly weather there is a warm atmosphere here at school and our new year has been filled with fun, purpose and learning. The Learning Street is bustling with Art, Science and Reading, the Forest is full of laughter and collaboration and our swimming team are bursting with pride following their success at the AHS cluster swimming gala. What a great place Aldborough is to learn and grow.

Parents and carers often ask what they can do to help to continue to support the children in their learning. The staff are unanimous in their answer to this question: Hear your children read as often as possible and help them to practise their multiplication tables. With those two skills, children are so much happier in their learning. If you are still looking around for a New Year's Resolution (or if your existing ones have run out of steam!) then please make reading and times tables your goal with the children – it really does make a huge difference.

*Wishing you warm and restful weekend,
With Best Wishes,
Mrs Bearman and the Aldborough Team*



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



Aldborough Working Together

SWIMMING GALA – Thank you to all of the children who took part in the AHS cluster swimming gala this week. You were a credit to the school not only for your swimming and sportsmanship, but also for your behaviour and good humour. We are very proud of you. Thank you to Mrs Astley and Mrs Smith who accompanied the children and who put so much of their time and effort into our swimming sessions.

TEACHERS' INDUSTRIAL ACTION – Our school will not be disrupted by the teachers' strikes which you will have heard about in the media. Should this situation change at any point we will keep you informed.

TOYS – Some children have started to bring toys into school. These include small toys which can be attached to bags. This is causing considerable concern in the classroom as the

children are constantly arguing and swapping the toys. Toys are not allowed in school and we would be most grateful if you could support us in this.

COST OF LIVING CRISIS – We are continually mindful of the impact that the cost of living is having on families at present. If you are a UK tax payer, please follow this link to access support with child care costs <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

UPCOMING TRIPS – On Wednesday February 1st Class 5 will be going on a trip to Pensthorpe Natural Park and on Thursday 2nd February Class 2 will be going to the Henry Blogg Museum and the beach in Cromer. Thank you to Mrs Gale for organising these trip to support the Science curriculum. **The cost of the coach will be covered by The Friends who pay for all the coaches when children go on trips – until their money pot runs dry!** Without the support the Friends we would be asking for a contribution from parents for the cost of the coach which would be an additional £5.00 per child. **As you can see, the fundraising by The Friends is vital in keeping the cost of trips down.**

NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS –The next event needing your support will be the Class 2 Cake Sale on January 27th. Please get baking!
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.

CLUBS – Clubs will resume after the February half term. Mrs Knight will be sending out the club options over the next couple of weeks. Thank you to the staff for giving up their time to support the children in their different interests.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES – We are delighted to invite parents into school for class assemblies this term. Please see the dates list below for assemblies and parents' evenings.

FAMILY LEARNING DAY – 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.

EARRINGS, HAIR AND NAIL VARNISH – If your child is in the year group for swimming, please ensure that their earrings are, or can be, removed on that day. Children try to tape up their earrings but the tape comes off in the swimming pool which causes a hygiene issue. There is a similar problem on PE days when children must remove their earrings. Staff are not allowed to help children remove their earrings, or put them back in and many children tell us that they cannot do this for themselves. Please teach your children how to remove their earrings if they are wearing them for school. **CHILDREN ARE ONLY ALLOWED TO WEAR ONE PAIR OF STUD EARRINGS FOR SCHOOL.** 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. **SOME CHILDREN HAVE TO BE ASKED TO TIE THEIR HAIR UP EVERYDAY.** 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.

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. As always, the health and well-being of the children is our number one priority. Please ensure that the children have their PE kit in school with them at all times.

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.

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. **If your child is in KS2 and has a school snack, please pay in the school shop in Pupil Asset.**

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 families in need to the Foodbank; please don't hesitate to contact us if you need some help. All support is provided confidentially.

<u>DATES LIST 2023</u>	
	<u>JANUARY 2023</u>
Friday 27th January	Class 2 Cake Sale
	<u>FEBRUARY 2023</u>
Wednesday 1st February	Class 5 Science trip to Pensthorpe Natural Park
Thursday 2nd February	Class 2 trip to Henry Blogg Museum and Cromer Beach
Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February	<u>Half Term</u>
Friday February 24th	Class 5 Assembly. C5 parents/carers welcome. 9.05am start.
Friday February 24th	Class 1 Cake Sale
	<u>MARCH 2023</u>
Friday March 10th	Class 3 Assembly. C3 parents/carers welcome. 9.05am start.
Friday March 17th	Class 1 Assembly. C1 parents/carers welcome. 9.05am start.
Friday March 24th	Class 4 Assembly. C4 parents/carers welcome. 9.05am start.
Monday March 27th Wednesday March 29th	Parents' Evenings
Friday March 31st	Class 2 Assembly. C2 parents/carers welcome. 9.05 am start.
Friday March 31st	Last day of term
	<u>EASTER HOLIDAY</u>
Tuesday April 18th	First day of the Summer term