



SCHOOL YEAR 2022/23- NEWSLETTER NO 7

Dear Parents and Carers,

When we re-wrote the school values eighteen months ago, we pondered long and hard about which values we wanted Aldborough to instil in the children and whether or not we needed to include 'Kindness' as a key value. After much debate, we concluded that kindness didn't need to be a separate value as it was at the heart of all our values:

'Individuality, Respect, Pride, Community'

When we are talking to the children, we promote the kindness that is shown to every individual and to the many different ways that individuality may be expressed. The kindness which leads to mutual respect and tolerance towards those who are different to us in an ever-changing and diverse world. The kindness that we show to ourselves as we celebrate our successes and take pride in our achievements and the kindness that is shown in our school community which is the beating heart of our school. As we reach the end of Mental Health Awareness Week, it is worth reminding the children and ourselves that kindness begins with the understanding that we all struggle at times.

Let's be kind; it costs us nothing, yet means so much.

*Wishing you all a happy half term full of moments of kindness,
With Best Wishes,
Mrs Bearman and the Aldborough Team*



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Aldborough Working Together

HALF TERM HOLIDAYS – What a long half term it has been (even though it has only been 5 and a half weeks)! We are sure that you are all ready for a holiday. The staff of course will be doing their planning and preparation for the next half term, but I am sure that you will all respect their family time by not sending them any direct emails over the holiday time so that

they can have a good rest. **As always, all emails to staff should come through the Office and staff email addresses should not be used directly.**

JOB OPPORTUNITY - We are looking for someone to join our After School Club team from mid-March onwards. The rate of pay is approximately £10.78 an hour and contracts run for 39 weeks of the year (term time only + 1 week). The vacancy will be for 9 hours a week (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday) If you are interested in becoming part of the staff team or if you know anyone that this might suit, please contact the Office for further details. This opportunity will be subject to the necessary background checks.

SEND AFTERNOON – Thank you to all the parents and carers who either attended our SEND afternoon or who asked for details following the event. It was a very informative afternoon which has really helped the staff to focus more directly on the individual learning needs of the children. Thank you to Mrs Gale for organising the afternoon and sharing the vital piece of information that the ‘children only spend approximately 16% of their time at school’! I am sure that many of you went away and checked as I did....and it is true!

WORLD BOOK DAY – Thursday 2nd March – We hope that as many children as possible will join us in promoting their favourite books and characters by dressing up for World Book Day. Please do not feel under pressure to buy a costume for the children if you don't already have one. A single prop, a homemade costume put together from existing outfits, or even a character's name safety pinned to a jumper will all add to the fun of the day. The most important aspect of World Book Day is that parents and carers talk to their children about the books they like to read and the characters they enjoy.

SCIENCE WEEK – We are very excited to be preparing for Science Week which will take place from Monday March 13th to Friday March 17th. The children will be taking part in a variety of activities from assemblies to collaborative learning experiences and whole school investigations. Be prepared to answer unusual questions about food, farming, the ecosystem and food chains!

PARENTS' EVENING CHANGE OF DATE – Please note a change of date for the second parents' evening in March. See the dates list at the end of the newsletter for further details. Sign up sheets will be available for parents and carers after school from March 13th to March 16th in the Parents' Waiting Area.

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.

NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS –The next event needing your support will be the Class 1 Cake Sale on February 24th. 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. Club notifications slips have been sent home with the children today. 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.

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.

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>FEBRUARY 2023</u>
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>
Thursday 2nd March	<u>World Book Day Dressing Up Day</u>
Friday March 10th	Class 3 Assembly. C3 parents/carers welcome. 9.05am start.
Monday March 13th – Friday March 17th	Science Week
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 Thursday March 30th	Parents' Evenings
Friday March 31st	Class 2 Assembly. C2 parents/carers welcome. 9.05 am start.
Friday March 31st	Last day of term
	EASTER HOLIDAY
Tuesday April 18th	First day of the Summer term