



SCHOOL YEAR 2022/23- NEWSLETTER NO 8

Dear Parents and Carers,

Despite the cold weather, we have so much to look forward to this spring. The daffodils are coming up on the front playground; year 6 know which secondary schools they will be going to and are looking ahead to new experiences; several classes are looking forward to their class assemblies; we have a Family Learning Afternoon on the horizon and there is a new king soon to be crowned. So much to look forward to!

'We live by looking forward, we learn by looking back.'

In the Key Stage 1 assembly earlier this week, the children also helped each other to think about some of the important things they have learnt by looking back. Here is some of the learning that they considered important – in their own words:

- *How to swim with no floats*
- *How to climb a climbing wall with my Daddy*
- *How long ago dinosaurs were about*
- *You don't always get what you want (but Daddy always gets a pudding!)*
- *How to save a life*
- *How to do karate*
- *How to boulder jump!*
- *The great fire of London and the gun powder plot*
- *Life isn't always fair*
- *How to do a jumping snap kick!*
- *How to swim in a big pool – no handed (!), just legs*
- *Seals have whiskers*

Oh to be six again! So much learning to look back on and so much more still to do.

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



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Aldborough Working Together

COMMUNITY SUPPORT – We have updated the information on our website regarding local organisations who are able to support families through different situations. Please refer to the Community link on the website for further information.

SCIENCE WEEK – We are very excited to be preparing for Science Week which will take place next week 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!

MEDICATION IN SCHOOL – Parents and carers are reminded that any medicine that comes to school must be handed in to the school office and the appropriate paper work must be completed. Please ensure that all prescription medication is in the original pharmacy container/packaging, which includes the child's name and the necessary dosage/instructions. If prescription medicines do not have this information then school staff are unable to administer the medication.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB – Yesterday we said good bye to Heidi from her role at After School Club. We thank her for her hard work and for all the fun that she has brought to the children at ASC. Details of our new member of staff will be released shortly once all of our paperwork is complete.

SWIMMING – Year 3 will start their swimming sessions on Monday 13th March. Please ensure that the children have their full swimming kit including a swimming hat with them. Children should not wear earrings on swimming days.

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS – March 31st is the end of our financial year. It would be helpful if all school accounts were paid in full by March 24th in order to help with our end of year accounts. Your help in this is much appreciated.

WORLD BOOK DAY – Thank you to all the parents and carers who helped the children celebrate World Book Day last week. The school was alive with book characters and laughter and we all enjoyed talking to the children about their favourite books. We really appreciate all the efforts that you went to.

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.

SSH – TOP SECRET – The Friends will be holding a gift shop on Friday 17th March to allow the children the opportunity to purchase a gift to show their appreciation for someone special in their lives. Any children wanting to buy a gift will need to bring £3.00 in an envelope on that day. Each child will only be able to purchase 1 gift unless requested in advance via an email to The Friends : friendsofaldboroughprimary@gmail.com

YEAR 6 TRANSITION DAYS – Now that the year 6 children have been allocated their school places for September some of the secondary schools have given us the dates for their transition days. The year 6 children who have been allocated places at Aylsham High School will visit on Wed 28th June, Thurs 29th June and Friday 30th June. The year 6 children who have allocated places at Sheringham High School will visit on Tuesday 4th July and

Wednesday 5th July. **PLEASE AVOID BOOKING ANY DAYS OFF SCHOOL AT THIS IMPORTANT TIME.** The secondary schools will be in touch with parents/carers directly with further information.

NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS –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.

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 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.

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>	
	MARCH 2023
Monday March 13th	Year 3 swimming sessions start
Monday March 13th – Friday March 17th	Science Week Parents’ Evening Appointment Sheets in the parents’ waiting area.
Friday March 17th	Class 1 Assembly. C1 parents/carers welcome. 9.05am start.

	Friends' Appreciation Day stall.
Friday March 24th	Class 4 Assembly. C4 parents/carers welcome. 9.05am start.
Monday March 27th Thursday March 30th	Parents' Evenings
Tuesday March 28th	Family Learning Afternoon. Gates open at 1.45 pm for a 2.00 pm start
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