



## SCHOOL YEAR 2022/23- NEWSLETTER NO 10

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*As I write this, I am awaiting the arrival of my parents who are coming to Norfolk for Coronation weekend. My Dad proudly tells me (and anyone else who will listen) that King Charles III is the fifth monarch in his lifetime. The first 3 kings were all in the year of Dad's birth, 1936, then the late queen was monarch for 70 years and now we await the coronation of our new king. It is a fitting time for families and communities to pause, reflect, celebrate and eat quiche and cake together. We have marked the occasion in our own way at Aldborough. The Village Care group gave us a lovely morning of memories when some of us joined them on Tuesday. They shared their photos and memorabilia from the 1953 coronation and explained how it was celebrated at Aldborough School. Thankfully, paste sandwiches are a thing of the past, as is rationing, but we all liked the idea of races on the Village Green. Thank you to all of you who took part in our 'Great Coronation Bake-Off'. The children enjoyed their tea party together along with a little bit of extra playtime to unite our school community. Many classes have had Coronation themed lessons and activities – what Class 1 don't know about King Charles isn't worth knowing! Look out for our Coronation tree which we planted today; we think King Charles would approve! We hope that you all enjoy your family weekend together and that memories are made which will last a lifetime – just like my Dad!*

*Wishing you all a crown, cake and quiche filled celebratory weekend,  
With Best Wishes,  
Mrs Bearman and the Aldborough Team*



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### ***Aldborough Working Together***

**DEAR YEAR SIX....**On Tuesday 9th May, SATs week will begin for you all. The hard work that you have put in over the past year is incredible but we know that there is so much more to you, which makes you special and unique. Throughout your time here at Aldborough Primary School, it has become clear that you are talented, kind, funny and resilient; you make us smile every day and we are all extremely proud of you. There is no doubt that you will become our future scientists, authors, actors and athletes, or even the back end of a pantomime horse if you fancy that! You are truly 'unstoppable' and you all have a lot to be

proud of! You have matured into individuals who will have incredible adventures, careers and lives ahead. Rest, relax and enjoy your weekend – the best is yet to come!

**THANK YOU** – It has been a tricky time in education in recent weeks. Thank you to all the staff who always work so hard to keep our school running smoothly and continue to provide the children with such a rich and varied curriculum and positive school experiences. We are proud of the children **but we are also very proud of you**. See below for details of some of the exciting events the staff are organising for the children.

**INTERNET SAFETY** – We are sure that you were all as horrified as we were to read the latest statistics regarding the number of children involved in unsafe use of the internet. Most worrying of all was that much of this activity started with unsupervised use of devices in bedrooms. With that in mind, Mr Caston has updated the advice on our website on internet safety. There is useful advice about parental controls and how you can enable your children to keep themselves safe when they are online. This can be found under the ‘Learning’ section and it is entitled ‘On-Line Safety’. Thank you to Mr Caston for his hard work on keeping us up to date.

**BIG IT UP 4 BIG C!** – On Friday May 19<sup>th</sup> we are asking all the children who are able to ‘Wear it Blue’ for the Norfolk Big C cancer charity. We are delighted to be supporting this local charity who offer so much support for those who need it. The children can wear anything that they like as long as it is blue – anything goes from a whole blue outfit to a blue scarf or even wig! In return we ask for a £1.00 donation, or whatever you are able to give. It would be lovely to turn Aldborough blue for the day to support such an amazing, local charity!

**OCEAN-FRIENDLY SCHOOLS AWARD** – We are aiming to be the first school in Norfolk to be awarded the ‘Ocean-Friendly Schools Award’. We are working closely with the Marine Conservation Society who have already visited Class 2 and Class 3 to talk to them about the many positive activities we can take part in to protect our sea and beach area. Thank you to Mrs Gale for inspiring us all to get involved; I am sure that you will be hearing more about this project from your children (see below).

**FAMILY LEARNING DAY** - Our next Family Learning Day will be on **Tuesday May 23<sup>rd</sup>** and it is entitled ‘Commotion in the Ocean’. We do hope that you will be able to join the children in learning about how we can work together to protect our local sea and beach areas. Doors will open at 1.45pm for a 2.00pm start. 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.

**SUMMER PRODUCTION** – The excitement is building towards the KS2 Summer Production! Whilst the title is still under wraps (!) we thought you would appreciate knowing the performance dates for your diary. There will be a performance to C1 and C2 and any KS2 parents with pre-school children on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 1.45 pm. The two evening performances will be on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 6.00 pm and all KS2 children will be involved. All ticket information will be with you nearer the time.

**SANDALS AND SOCKS** - Just a quick reminder that the children are not allowed to wear open toed sandals for school unless they also wear socks.

**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, or sunhats as the weather improves. The children cannot wear sandals or Crocs for Forest School.** The days for the Summer half term are as follows:

C4: Tuesday

C1: Wednesday

C2: Thursday

C3 will have their sessions after the May half term and C5 will have some individual Forest School sessions through the Summer. Parents will be informed of these dates.

**PARKING AND SAFETY** – Some parents may not be aware that we have a ‘walk to school path’ which can be found to the far side of the staff carpark. Please use this path to avoid the children walking between the parked cars near to the school gate. **Finally, we continually ask that parents and children do not walk through the staff car park.** This is potentially extremely dangerous for the children and the drivers. We never think an accident will happen .....until it does!

**SCHOOL WEBSITE** – We are continually updating our school website to include information about the children’s learning in each term and in each class. Please do familiarise yourself with the website as it provides lots of information about the curriculum. **We are often asked to provide work for children who are going on holiday during term time.** This is not something that we do due to the pressure that it puts on teacher workload in addition to the additional workload involved with helping the children to catch up when they return to school. The website is an excellent source of information for those parents who wish their children to work during term time holidays. **AT ALDOROUGH WE ARE COMMITTED TO PROVIDING ALL CHILDREN WITH THE BEST EDUCATION POSSIBLE. IN ORDER TO DO THIS WE NEED ALL CHILDREN TO ATTEND REGULARLY AND PUNCTUALLY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.**

**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 28<sup>th</sup> June, Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June. The year 6 children who have allocated places at Sheringham High School will visit on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> 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. **OUR WHOLE SCHOOL TRANSITION DAY WILL BE ON THURSDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE.**

**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. **The next event that we need your help with will be Bolwick Hall Fundraiser on Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup>. Please come along and join us if you can or speak to the committee about different ways that you could help us.** 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.



## *Aldborough Information*



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**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.**

**ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL** - If your child is absent from school, please call the office number 01263 761264 at the earliest opportunity and leave a message. Please call each day of your child's absence, giving your child's name and reason. Please do not email, although we appreciate it can be easier for you to quickly do this, we cannot guarantee that the email has been received and therefore your child would be registered as 'Missing in Education', which then prompts Safeguarding measures to be taken. **Attendance is reviewed regularly.**  
**ATTENDANCE AT LESS THAN 90% WILL INSTIGATE ATTENDANCE INTERVENTION**

**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.

**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.**

**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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

<b><u>DATES LIST 2023</u></b>	
	<b><u>MAY</u></b>
<b>Monday May 8th</b>	<b>Coronation Bank Holiday, School Closed</b>
<b>Tuesday May 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday May 12th</b>	<b>Year 6 SATS week (please avoid any absence this week)</b>
<b>Monday May 15<sup>th</sup> onwards</b>	<b>Bikeability Week for Yr 5 children only</b>
<b>Friday May 19th</b>	<b>The Big C Wear it Blue Day (details above)</b>
<b>Sunday May 21st</b>	<b>Bolwick Hall Charity Fundraiser. Please see the Friends website for ways that you can help.</b>
<b>Tuesday May 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>'Commotion in the Ocean' Family Learning Day – all parents and carers invited. Doors open at 1.45 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday May 24th</b>	<b>World Choir Project – Theatre Royal Norwich. (selected children only)</b>
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Last day of Summer Term 1</b>
	<b><u>JUNE</u></b>
<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Aylsham High School Family Learning Day. 10.00-2.00</b>
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Aldborough Village Fayre</b>
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June –</b>	<b>Year 6 Transition days AHS</b>

<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Aldborough Transition Day</b>
	<b><u>JULY</u></b>
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b><u>SPORTS DAY 9.05 a.m. start</u></b>
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Summer Production performances (see above for details)</b>
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>Last day of term</b>