



SCHOOL YEAR 2022/23- NEWSLETTER NO 11

Dear Parents and Carers,

In our Key Stage 2 assembly last week we reflected on the emotional moment when Kevin Sinfield carried his friend Rob Burrow over the finishing line of the Leeds Marathon. Anyone who saw it could not fail to be moved by the feelings of friendship, support, care and love shared by these two friends. We reflected on how we all may need someone to help us 'over the line' at different points in our lives.

We are so grateful for all of the people who show those same values towards our school and who help us and our families to get 'over the line'. Village Care, The North Norfolk Foodbank and our very own Friends of Aldborough Primary School all support our children and families in numerous ways. As a school community, they pick us up and carry us when we need it the most and they do it with dignity and compassion. You are all amazing and teach us lessons that can't be taught in the classroom but are found all around Aldborough Primary School. With that in mind we were delighted to support the Norfolk Big C Cancer Charity 'Wear it Blue Day'. The children learnt the value of supporting others in their community at difficult times in their lives. We know that some of you have been taking part in your own charitable challenges over the last couple of weeks and we salute your efforts. As the children sing in one of their favourite assembly songs,

*'We'll find out what we're made of
When we are called to help our friends in need'*

Thank you for sharing the values of our wonderful school and for helping us to pass these on to the children. We are not all in a position to raise millions of pounds but in our own way our children, our families and those who share their friendship and support with us are helping to change lives for the better. In the words of the inspirational Kevin Sinfield,

'If we all try to be a better friend from time to time the world will be a better place to live in.'

*Wishing you all a lovely sunny half term break,
With Best Wishes,
Mrs Bearman and the Aldborough Team*



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Aldborough Working Together

THANK YOU – We want to say a huge THANK YOU to the committee members of The Friends of Aldborough Primary School. The Friends' committee work tirelessly to fund raise for the children. We know that many of you support The Friends and we are very grateful for your time and efforts too. The latest triumph was the open garden at Bolwick Hall which raised an amazing £1,600!! Who knew that quite so much chocolate cake would be needed to help us over the line!

MULTIPLICATION TEST – The children in Year 4 have been working hard to prepare for the national multiplication test which will take place in after half term in June. Knowledge of times tables and the related division facts are essential for success in the Year 5 curriculum and we hope that parents will continue to support their children in practising their times tables through the half term holiday.....and beyond! Along with a secure level of reading, knowledge of times table really is the greatest way you can help your children as they move through the school.

WORLD CHOIR PROJECT – On Wednesday we took a choir of 17 children to the Connecting Cultures World Choir Project at the Theatre Royal in Norwich. We enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of live music from around the world and our children performed their 4 songs impeccably. We were so proud to be represented by the children who sang their hearts out and shone like stars in the way they behaved. Thank you to all the children who were involved and to Mrs Cuthill and Mrs Knight for organising such a wonderful event.

COMMOTION IN THE OCEAN – Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our Family Learning Afternoon earlier this week. As always, it was a lively and entertaining afternoon that we enjoyed sharing with you. The afternoon formed part of our bid to become the first school in Norfolk to be awarded the Ocean-Friendly School's Award – with Chris and his crab on our side we have to be in with a good chance! Thank you to Mrs Gale for inspiring us to keep our beautiful costal environment safe and protected.

FAMILY LEARNING DAY AHS – On Saturday June 10th Aylsham High School will be holding their annual Family Learning Day from 10.00a.m.- 2.00p.m. The staff from our school will be there organising our own activity stand and we would love to see you there. This day is the perfect opportunity for our present yr 6 children, who are transitioning to AHS, to enjoy an informal day and meet their new teachers.

SWIMMING – Named children will have received a letter for extra swimming sessions on Mondays after half term. It is essential that your child takes part in these extra lessons in order to meet the national curriculum requirements. If you have received a letter, please make sure that the children have their full kit with them, including a swimming hat, every Monday. Earrings should not be worn to school on swimming days.

CLUBS – Clubs will start again after half term. The children should have letters in their bags today with slips to return immediately after half term. Please also check emails for club information. Thank you to the staff for giving up their time to run the clubs and to Mrs Knight for organising them all.

DOGS ON THE PLAYGROUND – We are a school staff of dog lovers (although Mr Caston much prefers a cat – or a chicken!) and we love to see your dogs outside the school gates. However, we are a dog free school inside the school gates which includes dogs carried in arms. Thank you for supporting us in this by not bringing dogs through the school gates.

BIG IT UP 4 BIG C! – Thank you to everyone who was able to support the 'Wear it Blue' for the Norfolk Big C cancer charity. We were delighted to be supporting this local charity who offer so much support for those who need it. We raised an amazing £127.00 THANK YOU.

SUMMER PRODUCTION – The excitement is building towards the KS2 Summer Production! What a Knight! 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 17th July at 1.45 pm. The two evening performances will be on Tuesday 18th July and Wednesday 19th July at 6.00 pm and all KS2 children will be involved. All ticket information will be with you nearer the time.

SPORTS DAY – Sports Day will be on Monday July 10th at 9.00 a.m. (or as soon as we can get the children out onto the field). Fingers crossed we won't be in the middle of a heat wave this year!

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 –CLASS 3 WILL BEGIN THEIR FOREST SCHOOL SESSIONS ON TUESDAY AFTERNOONS AFTER HALF TERM. 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:

C3: Tuesday

C1: Wednesday

C2: Thursday

CLASS 5 WILL HAVE FOREST SCHOOL SESSIONS ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:

Monday 12th June

Tuesday 27th June

Thursday 20th July (packed lunch needed) The afternoon will include a pizza party.

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 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. **OUR WHOLE SCHOOL TRANSITION DAY WILL BE ON THURSDAY 29TH 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. **Please 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 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>JUNE</u>
Monday 5th June	1st day back of Summer Term 2
Saturday 10th June	Aylsham High School Family Learning Day. 10.00-2.00
Monday 12th June	C5 Forest School Day
Sunday 25th June	Aldborough Village Fayre
Tuesday 27th June	C5 Forest School Day
Wednesday 28th June – Friday 30th June	Year 6 Transition days AHS
Thursday 29th June	Aldborough Transition Day

	<u>JULY</u>
Monday 10th July	<u>SPORTS DAY 9.05 a.m. start</u>
Monday 17th July	Summer Production performances
Tuesday 18th July	1.45 p.m.
Wednesday 19th July	6.00 p.m. All KS2 children
Thursday 20th July	6.00 p.m. All KS2 children
Thursday 20th July	C5 Forest School day including pizza party (packed lunch needed for all children)
Friday 21st July	Last day of term
	Leavers' Assembly 2.30 p.m. Year 6 parents only