



SCHOOL YEAR 2022/23- NEWSLETTER NO 13

Dear Parents and Carers,

"How lucky am I to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard." -Winnie the Pooh

It seems impossible to believe that we are at the end of another school year! As the lights go down on the production, the pots and pans are washed in Forest School and even the endless pile of lost property finds a home, we have so many reasons to feel proud of our lovely school. Some of us end the year reflecting on years well-spent at Aldborough with eyes firmly fixed on pastures new and adventures ahead. Others are energised by the exciting times ahead at Aldborough and all the opportunities that the next school year might bring. Wherever you fall within those groups we thank you all for supporting us, we are so grateful to you all.

To our community groups – The Friends of APS, Stepping Stones Nursery and Village Care – thank you for your friendship and support which have been invaluable. To our school volunteers, thank you for your time and dedication, we wouldn't be without you. Thank you to our Governors who have supported the school through the school year and kept us on the straight and narrow! To all the Aldborough parents and carers, thank you for your support and understanding, you are always amazing. To the Aldborough children, thank you for making us smile every day and for keeping our feet on the ground; we learn more from you than you would ever know! To all the staff team, thank you for all the extra hours that you have worked, the new roles you have embraced and the sacrifices you have made with your own family time; you are fabulous.

Our final thank you goes to the parents and children in Year 6. To the Year 6 parents, thank you for supporting the school over the past years and for sharing your children's journey with us. To be part of your children's lives has been a privilege and has given us memories that we will treasure. Finally, thank you to our Year 6 leavers for everything that you have brought to Aldborough Primary School. Your time spent here will always be with us. There will be mountains ahead for you and the path might not always be smooth, but we know you have the skills to be successful and the perseverance to keep going. Good Luck to you all, we will miss you.

"So they went off together. But wherever they go, and whatever happens to them on the way, in that enchanted place on the top of the forest, a little boy and his bear will always be playing." —A.A. Milne

*Wishing you happy holidays ahead,
See you back on September 6th,
With Best Wishes,
Mrs Bearman and the Aldborough Team*



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Aldborough Working Together

THANK YOU – Today we say good bye and thank you to Mr Lloyd-Edwards. He has been a wonderful teacher for C4 and he has taught the children (and the staff) about lots of unusual things; who knew there was so much to learn about samurai warriors and healthy smoothies! We send Tom all our very best wishes as he leaves us for now, but we hope to see him back at Aldborough soon.

We would also like to say a big Thank you from all the staff, for all the lovely gifts, cards and messages from the pupils and their families. We do appreciate each and every one of them.

OCEAN FRIENDLY SCHOOL – We are delighted to announce that we are the first school in Norfolk (and only the 4th school nationally) to be awarded the 'Ocean-Friendly School Award'. Jenny Lumb from the Marine Conservation Society presented the award to the children at assembly on Thursday and the logo will soon be added to all of our letters. Thank you to Mrs Gale and Mrs Cuthill for inspiring us in this venture and to all the children who worked so hard on the project. We have elected 4 Ocean Ambassadors who will be keeping the good work going next year – congratulations to them all.

WEEKEND, EVENING AND HOLIDAY EMAILS – We respectfully request that parents are mindful that the holidays are family times for the staff. Over the holidays, the office email address will be monitored occasionally and emails forwarded to staff in case of any emergencies. We really appreciate your support in this matter.

INDUCTION EVENINGS – We know that parents and carers will have many questions about new classes in September. We are often asked about PE days, spelling lists, water bottles, toilets – the list is endless. With that in mind, we will be inviting all parents and carers from C2 – C5 to an induction evening immediately after school on Tuesday 12th September. The children are welcome to come along too. This will be a time for you to meet your child's new teacher and to ask any general questions which might not have been covered in the short presentation that the teachers will give. This will not be a time for individual discussions about settling in or progress. We are aware that some of you will have children in different classes and we are hoping that you will work together to disseminate important information for parents who are unable to attend.

YEAR 6 FUNDRAISING – Thank you to our Year 6 children who took part in a fundraising project called 'How to Grow £5.00. They raised a magnificent £140.40 which will be used to buy some flowers boxes for the front of the school. We will think of year 6 2023 whenever we are on the front playground!

COFFEE, COOKIES AND COUNTING WORKSHOP - TACT(Families) would like to invite all Reception, Year 1, 2 and 3 parents/carers to join us at our Coffee, Cookies & Counting maths workshop on Thursday September 21st at Aldborough Primary School from

1.30 p.m. – 3.00 p.m. This workshop is designed to help increase confidence and knowledge in maths using simple fun activities which can be shared at home with your child.

At the end of the session, you will take home a selection of resources, a boxed board game and £5.00 Tesco voucher. To find out more and book your place on any of the cluster schools sessions please contact our Family Learning Co-ordinator Monica Harding on 07780 887348 or mharding@aylshamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk

EATON VALE – There will be a separate information evening for the parents of children going to Eaton Vale towards the end of September.

NEW CHILDREN – We are looking forward to welcoming all of our new children in September. Just a reminder that the new children who are starting in Reception will start school at 8.55 a.m until 12.00 noon from Wednesday 6th – Friday 8th of September. Reception children will not be having lunch in school that week. The year 1 children in Class 1 will be at school all day as usual.

SWIMMING – **Year 5** will be swimming at AHS at the beginning of the Autumn Term starting on Monday 11th of September. Please make sure that the children have their full kit with them, including a swimming hat, every Monday.

NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS - Thank you to everyone who has supported the Friends this year whether it was donating to the raffle, baking cakes or helping at one of our events. With the money we have raised this year we have been able to supply the school with a hefty coach fund, provide the children with an Easter egg hunt, paid for the year 6 leaving books, the KS1 Opera and the KS2 puppet theatre! We have loved all of the events this year but it was amazing to have been able to bring back 'Bingo and Chips' and the Christmas Fayre. We always need helpers for events so if you can spare anytime at all please come and see one of us, we don't bite!

This year we say a huge thank you and goodbye to our secretary Georgina Astley. You will continue to see her around as she will still be working in the school "she can't escape that easily!"

In her place we welcome to the committee Jackson's Mum, Emma Magee. Emma has already made a great start and we are sure she will be a fantastic asset to The Friends. We are delighted to have her on board.

Wishing you all a fantastic summer, hopefully in the sunshine, we look forward to seeing you in the new school year – Leanne and the team

SCHOOL LUNCHES – From September the cost of a school lunch will rise to £2.50. We are very sorry that we have had to make this change, but we are also dealing with rising prices and raised energy bills. Just a reminder for year 2 parents (year 3 Sept 2023) that all lunches in KS2 have to be paid for using school accounts. Universal Free School Meals come to an end at the end of KS1.

YEAR 6 ACCOUNTS – Please could you make sure that all accounts are settled by the end of the school year, as per the email sent Wednesday 19th July.

KEY STAGE 2 SNACKS – We will no longer be providing snacks for children in Key Stage 2. Key Stage 1 snacks will continue to be provided for all children in C1 and C2.

FOREST SCHOOL - Please make sure that the children have appropriate clothing for their Forest School sessions this half term. **Children need to wear sturdy shoes and sunhats**

as the weather improves. The children cannot wear sandals or Crocs for Forest School. The children will also need some insect repellent applied before school on hot days.

The days for the Summer half term are as follows:

C3: Tuesday

C1: Wednesday

C2: Thursday



Aldborough Information



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.

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

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.

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.

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**

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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.

PE KIT - 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.

JEWELLERY AND HAIR - The only jewellery allowed in school is one pair of stud earrings, which need to be taped up for PE. No other jewellery is allowed. For your child's comfort and hygiene please ensure that all long hair is tied up every day.

SUMMER CLOTHES – Please could all families ensure that summer clothes are appropriate for the age of the children and activities at school. We know that children like to look fashionable, however, 'belly tops' and 'hot pants' are not conducive with a comfortable day at school, nor are shoulder-less tops which restrict movement. Nail varnish has never been allowed at school and nor has jewellery other than one pair of stud earrings.

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.

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT – Aldborough Primary 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>SEPTEMBER</u>
Wednesday 6th September	1st day of Autumn Term
Monday 11th September	<u>Year 5</u> children start swimming at AHS
Tuesday 12th September	Parents/carers induction meeting 3.20 p.m C2, C3, C4, C5 only
Thursday 21st September	Coffee, Cookies and Counting Parents' Maths Workshop 1.30-3.00 in school. All Rec, Yr 1,2 and 3 parents and carers welcome.
	<u>OCTOBER 2023</u>
Monday 16th October – Friday 20th October	Year 6 Residential Trip – Eaton Vale
Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October	<u>HALF TERM</u>
	<u>NOVEMBER 2023</u>
	<u>DECEMBER 2023</u>
Wednesday 20th December	Whole School Pantomime Trip 10.00 a.m. Last day of Autumn Term