



SCHOOL YEAR 2023/24- NEWSLETTER NO 1

Dear Friends,

Welcome back! We hope that you all had a fabulous summer holiday and enjoyed the wonderful weather. Welcome to all of our new children and their families; we hope that you will be very happy as part of our Aldborough family.

The staff have had a very busy summer with lots of news to share with the children. Amongst their personal news some highlights include: Tracy becoming a Grandma – twice! Mr Hall-Galley breaking his arm (or at least a bone in it) and happy memories of travels at home and abroad and long awaited family hugs.

We have also been very busy working at school over the 'holidays'. Cupboards and classrooms have been cleared out and Mr and Mrs Knight even painted our foyer for us. The Learning Street has been re-arranged – again - and transformed into a well-being jungle! As well as the practical updates, the teachers have worked hard planning new ways of teaching Writing, PHSE/RSE, History, Geography and Science. Details of these changes will be available on the school website in the next couple of weeks and at our parent induction evenings next week.

While we are all looking ahead to a new school year, one member of staff knows the feeling more than others as she starts her 30th year at Aldborough – Congratulations to Mrs. Colebrooke. Her experience, especially in teaching early reading is invaluable and we have all learnt so much from her. I dare say there might be a celebratory cake towards the end of the year.

Here's to another year of learning, fun, community and collaboration – we are so glad that you are all on this journey with us,

Wishing you a great start to the new school year,

With Best Wishes,

Mrs Bearman and the Aldborough Team

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Aldborough Working Together

INDUCTION EVENINGS – We know that parents and carers will have many questions about the new classes that their children are in this year. We are often asked about PE days, spelling lists, water bottles, toilets – the list is endless. With that in mind, we are inviting all parents and carers from C2 – C5 to an induction evening immediately after school on Tuesday 12th September at 3.20 p.m. 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.

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 an information meeting for the parents and carers of children going to Eaton Vale on Tuesday September 19th at 3.20 p.m. in Class 5.

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY- We have a vacancy for a parent governor to join our school's governing body. This is an opportunity to play a vital role in school life and to support different aspects of school organisation. If you are interested in becoming a governor please come and chat with Mrs Bearman for more details.

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 until half term.

E-SAFETY AND WHATSAPP GROUPS- All of the children will be learning about E-Safety in their IT lessons this half term. They will learn how to keep themselves safe on line and how to address issues such as cyber bullying. Just a reminder that the age limit for use of Whatsapp is 16yrs, TikTok is 13yrs and Instagram is also 13 years. Should parents and carers decide to override these legal limits and allow their children to use these sites then the responsibility for the children's behaviour on them will fall with the parents.

LEARNING SUPPORT CAFÉ – Mrs Gale will be holding Learning Support Cafes on the second Wednesday of each month. Parents and carers are invited to come along to chat about any concerns they have relating to children's learning needs. Mrs Gale will be in the dining room from 2.15p.m. to 3.00p.m. to discuss any general concerns. We hope that parents and carers will use this opportunity to support and discuss issues with each other.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB GAMES – After School Club are looking for any donations of board games or jigsaws. We have plenty of games for younger children and lots of Disney jigsaws, but we would really love anything, games or jigsaws, that you have which are a bit more challenging – we have a clever lot at Aldborough who love a challenge! Many thanks from the ASC team.

JEWELLERY AND HAIR - The only jewellery allowed in school is one pair of stud earrings, which need to be taped up for PE. For your child's comfort and hygiene please ensure that all long hair is tied up every day. Long hair in children's faces (boys and girls) has a significant impact on their learning.

SCHOOL LUNCHES – From September the cost of a school lunch has risen 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.

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.

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS – Please keep your school accounts settled and up to date, thank you.

THANK YOU - The staff would like to say a huge thank you to JB Postle in Aylsham who delivered a new dishwasher for the staff room with very short notice. We cannot recommend them highly enough to our parents.

FOREST SCHOOL - Please make sure that the children have appropriate clothing for their Forest School sessions this half term. **Children 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 Autumn 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 ALL CHILDREN WITH THE BEST EDUCATION POSSIBLE. IN ORDER TO DO THIS WE NEED ALL CHILDREN TO ATTEND REGULARLY AND PUNCTUALLY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.**

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.

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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
Tuesday 19th September	Yr 5 + Yr 6 Crucial Crew Trip 8.30 a.m. arrival Information Evening for Yr 6 going to Eaton Vale 3.20 p.m.
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 9th – Friday 13th October	KS2 History Week
Tuesday 10th October	Parents’ Eve 3.30-5.30
Thursday 12th October	Parents’ Eve 3.30-7.00

Friday 13th October	Harvest Celebration for children. Details of donations to follow
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>
Thursday 9th November	Individual School Photos
Thursday 16th November	Moving Mountains Maths Workshop 1.30p.m. – 3.00p.m. KS2 Parents and Carers all welcome
	<u>DECEMBER 2023</u>
Tuesday 5th December	Christmas TACT Family Learning Afternoon. 2.00p.m. start. All parents and carers welcome
Tuesday 12th December	C1 + C2 <u>Nativity</u> 9.30 a.m. All parents and carers from C1 + C2 invited.
Thursday 14th December	Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch
Wednesday 20th December	Whole School Pantomime Trip 10.00 a.m. Last day of Autumn Term

Coffee, Cookies & Counting



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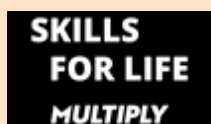
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We are delighted to be working in partnership with Norfolk County
Council to deliver a range of learning opportunities for our families
through a new government -funded programme called Multiply which
aims to support adults to build confidence with numeracy skills.



'It hadn't occurred to me to listen to my baby and give him space to talk.'
(Baby Peep Parent)

'I've discovered how much my child learns through play.' (Toddler Peep Parent)

Session Topic	Date
Becoming me	21/09/2023
Play and language	28/09/2023
Sharing books with toddlers and young children	05/10/2023
Exploring Early Maths	12/10/2023
Mark Making	19/10/2023
Building a brain	26/10/2023
Making the most of technology	02/11/2023
Looking after me	09/11/2023
Storytelling	16/11/2023
Autumn Festival Celebrations	23/11/2023

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supporting parents and children
to learn together



Welcome to your
Peep group:
Aldborough
Community Centre



Peep supports all parents and carers with children from pregnancy to school, in encouraging their child's learning and development.

You can make a real difference just by talking, playing, singing and sharing books together.

Come along - you and your baby or child can make friends, share ideas and activities, and have fun.



My Peep group is run by:
Family Hubs's Early Help Community Workers



Helen Clarke



Emma Shephard



Leanne Clarke

It's helpful if you can let us know if you can't make it any week –

tel: 01603 224259

email:

cspartnercommunitynorth@norfolk.gov.uk



My Group meets at:
Aldborough Community Centre, The Green, Aldborough, Norwich NR11 7AA,

on: **Thursdays**

at: **9:30-10:30**

Sessions will start on:
Thursday 21st September 2023

Last session will be on:
Thursday 23 November 2023