

SCHOOL YEAR 2023/24- NEWSLETTER NO 2

Dear Friends,

In our Key Stage 2 assembly this week our Ocean Ambassadors taught us all about the importance of keeping our environment rubbish free. They produced a play to prove their point – at least that’s why they told us they had thrown rubbish all over the hall floor! In their play we learnt how much rubbish is not only left on the local beaches, but also how much blows onto the beach from inland. In the discussion that followed all of the children expressed their concerns and their knowledge about how rubbish affects wildlife; the effect on seals was a particularly hot topic. The really eye opening part of their assembly came towards the end when the rest of the children had to estimate how long they thought it would take for beach rubbish to biodegrade. We were all amazed and horrified to hear that a crisp packet would not deteriorate for 75 years, a plastic carrier bag would take 250 years, a drinks can or a disposable nappy would take 450 years and a glass bottlethat would take forever! This is not really how we want to leave our mark on the world.

This weekend is National Beach Clean Weekend. Our Ocean Ambassadors asked all of the children to spend half an hour picking up litter, preferably from the beach, but inland litter would be just as useful as 80% of all litter in the ocean comes from inland. Mrs Gale reiterated litter picking safety so the children will all know what to do. What a difference it would make if all 92 families in the school picked up just one bag of litter, or even a handful. The seals, the birds, the fish and the crabs would be so grateful!

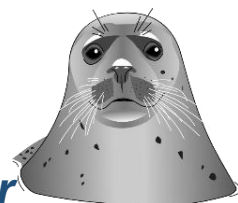
A huge thank you to our Ocean Ambassadors who did a wonderful job at keeping our commitment to being an Ocean Friendly School and showed us all what it means to be an ambassador at Aldborough.

*Wishing you a lovely weekend at the beach,
With Best Wishes,
Mrs Bearman and the Aldborough Team*

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Aldborough Working Together



SCHOOL BAGS AND CLOAKROOMS – I am sure that you have all noticed that the children are (generally!) coming home with all of their belongings at the end of the school day. We do not have our growing pile of lost property which is wonderful (7 bags full went to the clothes bank last year alone). This is mainly due to the efforts of the staff in the cloakrooms at the end of the day and the children taking on board our ethos of 'being responsible'. However, as coats get bigger over the winter months, we would ask you to look at the size of the school bags that you send to school with the children. We have a limited amount of space in our main cloakroom and if every child has a large school bag, a coat and their PE kit it is becoming a squeeze to keep all the belongings with the right owner. The children only need a bag big enough for a spelling book, a reading book, a reading record and in some cases their snack. Lunch boxes can be carried and put on the shelf above the coat hooks. It would really help the children to be responsible for their own belongings if the bags got smaller as the coats get bigger! Many thanks.

PARENTS' EVENINGS- We are delighted to invite all parents and carers to our Autumn parents' evenings on October 10th and October 12th. We will be using our 10 minute bell system to keep us all on track. We kindly ask that parents respect the timings of their appointments.

COFFEE, COOKIES AND COUNTING WORKSHOP – Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for the TACT Families maths workshop last week. I am sure that it took some of you back to your own school days! There will a workshop for Yr 4-6 parents on November 16th entitled 'Moving Maths Mountains'. More information to follow shortly.

SPOOKY STORIES DRESSING UP DAY – TACT Families are a wonderful support to our school. Not only do they provide parents workshops on a variety of subjects (see our website for more details), they also organise our family learning afternoons, provide us with access to a parent advisor and weekly visits by a fully qualified school counsellor. This support is invaluable to the school. Therefore, we will be holding a 'Spooky Stories Dressing Up Day' to raise some vital funds to support the work of TACT Families. On Tuesday 31st October the children can come to school in their spookiest outfits. This can be anything from a full outfit to just a hat or a wig or even a wand – anything goes as long as it won't scare our younger children. In return, we ask the children to donate £1.00 which will be collected by the teachers on the day.

HARVEST CELEBRATION– Our Harvest Celebration for the children will take place on Friday October 13th. We will be collecting donations for the North Norfolk Foodbank who do so much to support local families in need and who make regular donations to our Breakfast Club. Please see the attached flyer for the donations that we are collecting. Any donations can be brought into school from Monday 9th October onwards. Thank you for your support.

PARKING– We know that parking at the beginning and the end of the day is an ever growing problem. We ask that you park respectfully and avoid parking too near, or on the bridge, which causes problems for pedestrians. PC Mezetti will be visiting us soon so any parking issues can be discussed with him.

READING BREAKFASTS – Our reading breakfasts are a lovely opportunity for parents and carers to come in to school see the work that the children have been doing in their reading journals. There is also time for children to share some of the class reading books with adults. It is such a joy to see adults and children filling the Learning Street with their love of reading. Please see the dates list below for times and days.

TALKING OF READING.... - Here's an interesting thought from our Reading leader Mrs Cuthill:

How many words will a child have heard by the time they are 5 years old?

If they are never read to – 4,662 words

If they are read to 1-2 times a week- 63,570 words

If they are read to 3-5 times a week – 169,520 words

If they are read to daily – 296,660 words

If they are read to 5 times a day – 1,483,300

THE FRIENDS OF ALDBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL – A PLEA FROM MRS B - We have the most wonderful committee of Friends here at Aldborough who do an amazing job at supporting the children. This year alone they are funding the whole school trip to the pantomime at Christmas and the science day which is happening later this term. They also pay for the coaches whenever a class go on a school trip which keeps the cost down for all families by at least £10.00. I cannot stress strongly enough that we could not offer such a rich curriculum to our children without the support of The Friends. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE get involved with the Friends. It seems terribly unfair that from 92 families all of the hard work is down to 4 or 5 people who often have to ask their own extended families for help to run events. Being part of Friends of APS is a wonderful way to get to know other parents and staff and to show invaluable support for our children.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE – A date for your diary! The Friends (and many, many volunteers please!) will be holding our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 9th December. Further details will follow shortly, but please keep this date free and let's kick off the festive season in style!

CAKE SALES – Please look at the Friends of Aldborough Primary School FB page for the dates of the class cake sales this year. Keep Baking!

OPEN MORNINGS RECEPTION 2024 – We will be holding open mornings for parents of children due to start school in Reception 2024. The visits will be on:

Thursday 12th October at 9.30 a.m.

Wednesday 15th November at 9.30 a.m.

Wednesday 6th December at 9.30 a.m.

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!!



Aldborough Information



AT ALBOROUGH 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.

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.

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.

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.

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>OCTOBER 2023</u>
Thursday 5th October	KS2 Reading Breakfast Front door opens at 8.30 a.m.
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 on attached flyer
Monday 16th October – Friday 20th October	Year 6 Residential Trip – Eaton Vale

Thursday 19 th October	Class 2 Reading Breakfast Front door opens at 8.30 a.m.
Friday 20 th October	Class 4 cake sale
Monday 23 rd October – Friday 27 th October	<u>HALF TERM</u>
Tuesday 31 st October	Spooky Stories Dressing Up Day £1.00 donation
	<u>NOVEMBER 2023</u>
Thursday 9 th November	Individual School Photos
Thursday 16 th November	Moving Mountains Maths Workshop 1.30p.m. – 3.00p.m. KS2 Parents and Carers all welcome
Friday 24 th November	Class 3 cake sale
	<u>DECEMBER 2023</u>
Tuesday 5 th December	Christmas TACT Family Learning Afternoon. 2.00p.m. start. All parents and carers welcome
Saturday 9 th December	Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 12 th December	C1 + C2 <u>Nativity</u> 9.30 a.m. All parents and carers from C1 + C2 invited.
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch
Wednesday 20 th December	Whole School Pantomime Trip 10.00 a.m. Last day of Autumn Term

