



SCHOOL YEAR 2023/24- NEWSLETTER NO 3

Dear Friends,

Childhood is the most precious time. Every day at school we witness the joy that children experience as they grow and develop. From our youngest to our oldest children the pure pleasure of spending time together is clearly evident on their faces.

Our children in Reception have now finished their first half term at school and they are well and truly part of our Aldborough family. Each day they are learning new concepts and enjoying new found friendships. Their smiles are wide as they walk around their school and run around their playground working out the rules of play and life. Our year 1 and 2 children have loved all of their reading this half term and the world of possibilities that a good book can offer. There is nothing more magical than losing yourself in a story while stroking the soft ears of Ozzie our reading dog on a Friday afternoon.

Our children in year 3 have again discovered that the forest is the very best place to develop friendships along with life skills. They are developing their resilience and independence and their individual personalities are shining through. The children in year 4 and 5 know who they are and what they like to do! This term they have been our history heroes, our football stars, our number crunchers and our science ambassadors. They work hard and play hard and friendships really matter to them. They are loyal, committed, inquisitive and at times hilarious! Any of you who have looked at our Facebook page will know exactly what being together means to our year 6 children at Eaton Vale. They have worked as a team whilst they faced their fears. They have challenged themselves to go just that bit further than they thought they could and realised that once you have dipped your toe into a new adventure you might as well take the whole plunge!

Childhood is a time for learning, friendship and play and also a time to feel safe and secure. It is our hope as we approach this half term, that children throughout the world can have the same happy experiences as our children at Aldborough and enjoy this precious time in their lives.

*Wishing you a peaceful half-term break,
With Best Wishes,
Mrs Bearman and the Aldborough Team*

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Aldborough Working Together



PLAYGROUND – We respectfully ask that children do not run around the playground in the morning and after school whilst parents wait for drop off and pick up. It is difficult for staff to administer first aid when accidents happen at these busy times in the school day. Just a gentle reminder that we are also a dog free school which means that dogs should not be brought through the school gates either on leads or carried in arms. We are a staff of dog lovers, but not all children share our feelings. Many thanks for your support in this.

MOVING MATHS MOUNTAINS KS2 – Following on from the great success of the KS1 Maths workshop we are delighted to invite KS2 parents to the 'Moving Maths Mountains' workshop on Thursday November 16th from 1.30-3.00. It will be an informal, fun workshop to help parents/carers to develop a wider understanding of how maths is taught within the school setting. This will include an understanding of the latest calculation methods used in primary schools plus strategies to support addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Parents/carers will leave feeling more confident in supporting their child with maths within the home environment. At the end of the session each attendee will take home a selection of resources plus a £15.00 Tesco voucher. Please see the attached flyer to book your place.

BINGO AND CHIPS – There are still plenty of tickets left for our Bingo and Chips evening. Please, please, please come along and support this event which is vital in raising funds for your children and great fun too. The evening starts at 6.00 p.m. and tickets are available from The Friends or by using the flyer in the children's book bags.

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.

KS2 HISTORY WEEK – The children in KS2 had a wonderful history week last week. The learning was brilliantly consolidated when Alex from Venta Icenorum delivered a workshop to Year 3, 4 and 5 earlier this week. A huge thank you to Mr Caston and Mrs Smith for organising the workshop. I hope that the children don't smash too much of your crockery at home to show you how their learning developed!

EATON VALE – The children have had an absolutely brilliant time at Eaton Vale Activity Centre this week. Thank you to the children who have been a credit to the school, to the parents for supporting this experience and a huge thank you to Mr Hall-Galley and Mrs O'Leary who have gone above and beyond throughout the whole week. The trip couldn't happen without their goodwill and we are all extremely grateful to them. Memories were made this week!

HARVEST CELEBRATION– Thank you to everyone who sent donations for our Harvest Celebration. We sent several crates of donations to the North Norfolk Foodbank on your behalf. As a community we made a difference to people who need it the most. Thank you.

FAMILY LEARNING AFTERNOON – Parents who are new to the school will not be aware of our Family Learning Afternoons. These are times when all parents and carers (or grandparents if parents can't make it) are invited into school for the afternoon to learn alongside the children. The 'learning' often involves art and craft activities although we do

challenge you to the odd bit of poetry or sustainable fishing every now and then! Our next Family Learning Afternoon is on Tuesday December 5th when the children will be making decorations to sell at the Christmas Fayre. Please do come along to support the children and the staff if you can. Doors open at 1.45 p.m. for a 2.00p.m start. We will be joined on the day by Yvette Gould, a community support officer who will be available for parents to chat to about any family/parenting issues that they may need support with along with our TACT Families team.

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 see below for the dates of The Friends Class cake sales. Keep Baking!

OPEN MORNINGS RECEPTION 2024 – NEW DATE ADDED! We will be holding open mornings for parents of children due to start school in Reception 2024. The visits will be on :
Wednesday 15th November at 9.30 a.m.
Monday 20th November at 9.30 a.m.
Wednesday 6th December at 9.30 a.m.
PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!!



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.

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 ALDBOROUGH 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>
Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October	<u>HALF TERM</u>
Tuesday 31st October	Spooky Stories Dressing Up Day £1.00 donation
	<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
Friday 24th November	CLASS 3 CAKE SALE
	<u>DECEMBER 2023</u>
Tuesday 5th December	Christmas TACT Family Learning Afternoon. 2.00p.m. start. All parents and carers welcome
Saturday 9th December	Christmas Fayre
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

FRIDAY 1ST MARCH – CLASS 2 CAKE SALE

FRIDAY 26TH APRIL – CLASS 1 CAKE SALE




