



SCHOOL YEAR 2023/24- NEWSLETTER NO 4

Dear Friends,

This Sunday is 'Stir-Up Sunday'. This is the day when traditionally families gather together to prepare the Christmas pudding. It is a time to look forward to the great family celebrations that are ahead and to enjoy the feeling of family togetherness that we all enjoy at this time of year. This week the children in Key Stage 2 wrote their own 'Stir-Up Sunday' recipe in assembly. It might not make the best tasting cake, but it reflects the children's feelings about time spent with their Aldborough family – Enjoy!

Stir-Up Sunday by Key Stage 2

- *Take a whole school,*
- *Add a spoonful of love for learning,*
- *Mix with a dollop of joy and friendship,*
- *Pour in bags full of personality,*
- *Stir in a playground full of fun,*
- *Weigh out a cup full of respect for our environment,*
- *Whisk in a tablespoon of good team work,*
- *Sprinkle children and teachers on the top*
- *Leave to bake for 7 years!*

*Wishing you a family- filled weekend,
With Best Wishes,
Mrs Bearman and the Aldborough Team*

Please go to: www.aldborough.norfolk.sch.uk



Aldborough Working Together



PARKING – We know that parking is a continuing problem around the school especially in the winter months when fewer children walk to school. Please be mindful of where you park and how you pull away from your parking spot – there are often little ones around who you might not see. We would be most grateful if you would avoid parking on, or near the bridge as this means that pedestrians have to walk out into the road to get around you. Many thanks for your support.

STAFF CARPARK – On the subject of parking.....please, please, please do not walk the children through the staff carpark when they arrive or leave school. This applies to After School Club as well as during school time. We would all be heartbroken if there was an accident but this could so easily happen especially now the evenings are dark.

WINTER VIRUSES – As always at this time of year there are lots of coughs, colds and tummy bugs around school. We always do our best to keep the children in school, however, we wanted to reassure you that we will always contact you during the school day if your child is not well enough to stay for the whole day. On that note, little ears hear everything so if you tell the children that you are home for the day and that you will pick them up if they don't feel well, they can start their campaign to go home before 9.30! We will always work on the understanding that the children are well enough to be in school if you have brought them in unless we can see that they are not. Many thanks for your support.

BINGO AND CHIPS – Thank you to everyone who joined us for Bingo and Chips last Friday night and to those of you who donated prizes. The event raised an amazing £644 (!!!) which will all go towards extra curricula activities for the children. We really couldn't be without these vital funds...and we all had fun too!

THE FRIENDS TREASURER – The Friends of Aldborough Primary School are looking for a treasurer to take over in July 2024. Jo has been a wonderful treasurer for the past few years, but as her family move on to AHS it is time for her to move on too. We will miss her terribly. If you are interested in finding out more about the role, please contact the school office or the Friends directly on friendsofaldboroughprimary@gmail.com

READING BREAKFASTS – Key Stage 2 will have their next reading breakfast on Tuesday 28th November and Class 2 will have their reading breakfast on Thursday December 7th. Doors open at 8.30 a.m. We look forward to seeing you there.

FAMILY LEARNING AFTERNOON – Tuesday December 5th. 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 2.00 p.m start. 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! 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.

NATIVITY – C1 and C2 will be performing their Nativity on Tuesday 12th December at 9.30. All parents/carers of C1 and C2 children are invited to attend. The children from Stepping Stones will be joining us too along with their parents. We look forward to seeing you there.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE – A date for your diary! The Friends (and many, many volunteers please!) will be holding our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 9th December 11.00 a.m.- 2.00 p.m. 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!



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. - 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. You will also find our safeguarding, SEND and behaviour policies on the website along with many others. **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 '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>NOVEMBER 2023</u>
Friday 24th November	CLASS 3 CAKE SALE
Tuesday 28th November	Key Stage 2 Reading Breakfast 8.30 a.m. start
	<u>DECEMBER 2023</u>
Tuesday 5th December	Christmas TACT Family Learning Afternoon. 2.00p.m. start. All parents and carers welcome
Thursday 7th December	Class 2 Reading Breakfast 8.30 a.m.
Saturday 9th December	Christmas Fayre 11.00 a.m.- 2.00 p.m.
Tuesday 12th December	C1 + C2 <u>Nativity</u> 9.30 a.m. All parents and carers from C1 + C2 invited.
Wednesday 13th December	Yr1 + Yr 2 trip to the Theatre Royal to see The Snowsmith
Thursday 14th December	Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch
Wednesday 20th December	Whole School Pantomime Trip
	Last day of Autumn Term
	<u>JANUARY 2024</u>
Thursday 4th January	First day of the Spring Term

FRIDAY 1ST MARCH – CLASS 2 CAKE SALE

FRIDAY 26TH APRIL – CLASS 1 CAKE SALE