



SCHOOL YEAR 2023/24- NEWSLETTER NO 5

Dear Friends,

What an amazing end of term we have had. A huge thank you to everyone who made all the events possible this Christmas. We have enjoyed the Christmas Family Learning Day, the School Christmas Fair, the KS1 Nativity and a delicious Christmas lunch. We have sung carols at the Village Care Christmas lunch, enjoyed our first whole school trip to a Christmas Pantomime and shared our own Christmas songs around the Christmas tree. There have even been Christmas parties for the children to enjoy together. We couldn't have done it without the support of the whole school community – Thank you.

The whole Aldborough team would like to thank you for the many gifts, cards and good wishes. Your generosity is unbelievable and very much appreciated.

Our final thoughts of 2023 go to those families who will not be together this Christmas. We hope that soon all of our families will be reunited with their loved ones around the world.

*Feliz Navidad!
Wesołych Świąt Bożego Narodzenia!
Tenha um Feliz Natal!
щасливого Різдва!*

*Wishing you a very Happy Christmas
and a peaceful and healthy New Year,
With Best Wishes,
Mrs Bearman and the Aldborough Team*

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Aldborough Working Together



A PERSONAL NOTE – I would like to thank all of the parents, carers, staff and governors who have been so kind following my recent bereavement. While the loss of my Dad is

immeasurable, it has helped my family immensely to feel so cared for, especially as we face Christmas together without him. Thank you.

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 thefriendsofaldboroughprimary@gmail.com

FAMILY LEARNING AFTERNOON - Thank you to all the Parents and Carers who were able to join us for our Christmas Family Learning afternoon last week. We all enjoyed seeing you and the children so engaged in their activities and kicking Christmas off to a flying start. Family Learning Days 2024 will take place on Tuesday 26th March and Tuesday May 21st. Save the dates in your new 2024 diaries! Our Family Learning Days are organised by the Aylsham Community Trust – please see below for ways that you are able to support them in supporting us.

CHRISTMAS FAIR – Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Fair and especially to The Friends who organised the event for us. The fair raised an incredible £1,100 which will all go towards supporting the children. An amazing effort – thank you.

SWIMMING – Named children in Year 4 will begin their swimming sessions on Monday 8th January. Look out for swimming letters early in the new term.

CLUBS – Clubs will resume after the February half term. Thank you to the staff for giving up their time to support the children in their different interests.

SCHOOL PAYMENT ACCOUNTS – Now we are at the end of term, we would be most grateful if you would settle any outstanding payments to your child's school account as a matter of urgency. It is always difficult to rush things through right at the end of term. Thank you, we really do appreciate your support in this.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB – The Spring booking forms for After School Club are on the website for anyone wishing to book for next term.

PE KIT - A reminder that all KS2 children will now be coming to school in their PE kits on the day of their PE lessons.

Tuesday = Class 3

Wednesday = Class 4

Thursday = Class 5

Children in Class 1 and Class 2 should have their PE kits in school at all times. **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.**

FOREST SCHOOL – Please make sure that the children have appropriate clothing for their Forest School sessions next half term. **Children need boots or sturdy shoes and gloves and hats.** The days for the Spring half term are as follows:

C1: Wednesday

C2: Thursday (Please note that not all children in class 2 will be doing FS every week)

CAKE SALES – Please see below for the dates of The Friends Class cake sales. Keep Baking!



Aldborough Information



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.

MORNING PLAYGROUND DROP OFF – IF YOU ARRIVE AT SCHOOL BEFORE 8.45am 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. 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 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 – KS1 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 KS1 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>DECEMBER 2023</u>
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
Monday 8th January	Named Yr 4 children start swimming
	<u>FEBRUARY</u>
Monday 19th February – Friday 23rd February	<u>Half Term</u>

FRIDAY 1ST MARCH – CLASS 2 CAKE SALE

FRIDAY 26TH APRIL – CLASS 1 CAKE SALE