



SCHOOL YEAR 2023/24- NEWSLETTER NO 8

Dear Friends,

The school has the buzz of spring time about it! Our lovely school grounds are blooming with crocuses and the trees are covered in blossom. The children have been so good this year at not disturbing the bulbs; the value of respect and Mrs Colebrooke's timely reminders about the wonders of nature are clearly meaningful to the children. Forest School is not quite as muddy as it has been in recent weeks and Mrs Stanbury is looking forward to hanging up her wet weather gear for another year. We think that there might be a family of birds nesting in Lucas' bird box and Mrs Knight is happy to have her daffodils back in the school entrance.

This week The Friends have been in school helping the children to make a top secret surprise for special people in their lives and we have had one of the highlights of our year – Class 1's assembly all about their Mums! There wasn't a dry eye in the hall this morning when the children delivered their roses to their special guests. It really is a time of year to feel grateful for everything that we have, for the beautiful part of the world that we live in and for all the special people that we have in our lives.

Wishing you a lovely weekend (especially those of you who might get breakfast in bed on Sunday – whether you want it or not!),

With Best Wishes,

Mrs Bearman and the Aldborough Team



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Aldborough Working Together

CONSIDERATE ROAD USE – We have had lots of water on the roads recently and some children have been arriving at school with wet clothes having been splashed by cars going through puddles. Please could all drivers be considerate towards pedestrians on the roads around the village and avoid puddles if possible.

It is also the time of year when the toads are crossing the road near the village pond. Please could all drivers be cautious in that area too. Many thanks for your support.

THANK YOU – Thank you to everyone who donated plastic bottles and egg boxes, we really appreciate all of your support. Also thank you for the amazing World Book Day outfits that the children wore yesterday – they looked amazing and all enjoyed a day of wonder and dreams.

YEAR 6 DATE FOR YOUR DIARY- On Monday June 17th the pastoral team from Aylsham High School will be leading a workshop for parents/carers and children in year 6 to support the children in their transition to high school. The workshop is for all year 6 children regardless of which secondary school they are moving on to. The workshop will start immediately after school at 3.15 p.m. and run for about an hour. There will be separate advice and guidance for parents/carers and children. We really hope that you will all be able to attend this important session.

EASTER BONNET PARADE – On Wednesday 27th March we will be holding an Easter/Spring bonnet parade to round off the Spring term. It would be lovely if as many children as possible took part in the parade. The Friends are donating prizes for the best bonnet in each year group. The only criteria is that the bonnet must be homemade. So get creative and enjoy celebrating spring time with the children. The parade will be followed by the annual great Easter egg hunt – thank you to The Friends for organising this too.

WEBSITE – MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING - We have a new page on our website which signposts support for mental health and well-being for adults. Go to the Community tab and you will find the page beneath. Thank you to Mrs Astley for putting together the information.

VILLAGE TODDLER GROUP – The village toddler group are hoping to find someone to take over the running of this small but friendly group. The group meet in the community centre on Wednesday afternoons for tea, coffee and play opportunities. If you would like further details about running the group please speak to the Office so that we can pass on the information. It would be great to keep this group going.

FAMILY LEARNING AFTERNOON – Our next family learning afternoon will be on Tuesday March 19th. We are very excited to be spending the afternoon extending our learning on climate change and the sea as part of our ocean friendly award. The title of our afternoon is 'The Big Blue Sea supporting The Big C'. The afternoon will start at 1.45 p.m. with an assembly for everyone. There will be a round robin of activities in the different classrooms so if you have more than one child you can walk around together. We are combining the family learning afternoon with our 'Wear it Blue for the Big C' and we ask that [all children and parents and carers come to school wearing blue that day](#). A £1.00 donation from everyone involved would be greatly appreciated towards the Big C charity in Norfolk. We are taking the opportunity to show our support for all the hard work that the Big C charity does supporting people in Norfolk – even those who live in Sandringham.

PARENTS' EVENINGS – Our Spring Term Parents' Evenings will take place on Monday 25th March and Wednesday 27th March. Please add the dates to your diaries. [Sign up sheets will be available in the parents' waiting area before and after school from Monday March 11th to Friday 15th March.](#)

SCHOOL MEALS – Unfortunately, we have to increase the cost of school lunches due to rising food and energy costs. We are so lucky to have Tracy and Kerry in our kitchen who provide our children with a delicious, well-balanced nutritional meal every day – it makes such a difference to the children's learning in the afternoons. From Monday April 15th school lunches will cost £2.60. C1 and C2 children continue to have free school meals and free

school snacks. Parents and carers of children in those classes should not send snacks in with the children. Children who have free school meals in KS2 will continue as normal.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES – We are delighted to be able to invite parents and carers to class assemblies this term. The assemblies will start at 9.05 a.m. and should last no longer than 20 minutes. Parents and carers are welcome to sign in at the Office immediately after school drop off. The dates for the assemblies are as follows:

Class 4: March 15th 9.05 a.m.

Class 3: March 22nd 9.05 a.m.

NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS – The next event needing your support will be the Class 1 Cake Sale on April 26th. Please get baking!

SCHOOL PAYMENT ACCOUNTS – We would be most grateful if you would keep an eye on your accounts and settle any outstanding payments to your child's school account as soon as you are able. Thank you, we really do appreciate your support in this.

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

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 8.45 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. 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.

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>MARCH</u>
Friday March 15th	Class 4 assembly 9.05. Class 4 parents and carers welcome
Tuesday March 19th	Family Learning Afternoon –‘ The Big Blue Sea supporting the Big C ’. All parents and carers welcome. Doors open at 1.40 p.m. £1.00 donation from everyone involved.
Friday March 22nd	Class 3 assembly 9.05. Class 3 parents and carers welcome
Monday March 25th Wednesday March 27th	Spring Term Parents’ Evenings
Wednesday March 27th	Easter Bonnet Parade (children only!) Last day of Spring Term
	<u>EASTER HOLIDAYS</u>
	<u>APRIL</u>
Monday 15th April	First day of Summer Term
Friday 26th April	Class 1 Cake Sale 3.15 p.m.