



SCHOOL YEAR 2023/24- NEWSLETTER NO 10

Dear Friends,

There are tadpoles in Class 1! Who knew that such tiny creatures could create so many moments of awe and wonder for the children? It is impossible to go into C1 without being told exciting information about the life cycle of the tadpoles and the way they behave during the day. The children are all learning in fascinating way. Some of them sit quietly and watch the tadpoles, others want to ask lots and lots (and lots and lots) of questions. Some draw the tadpoles and others wiggle and swim their way around the classroom clearly 'being' a tadpole! Whether it is The Bog Baby in Class 2, bread making in Class 3, fighting the Anglo-Saxons in Class 4 or angles in a triangle in Class 5, we see these differences in the way the children learn every day. It reminds us that we are all special, unique and different to each other and that our differences should be celebrated.

Our Key Stage 2 assembly followed this same theme this week when we explored the British value of 'Tolerance and Respect'. The children considered the importance of valuing and accepting differences at school and in the wider world. Here is their acrostic poem, written together in assembly:

*Diversity is important
Individuality matters
Fairness towards everyone
Freedom to choose
Everybody is valued
Respect for all differences
Equality for each other
Never exclude anyone
Communication is the key
Everybody values each other*

*Whether you are a quiet contemplator or a wiggling swimmer,
We wish you an awe and wonder-filled weekend,
With Best Wishes,
Mrs Bearman and the Aldborough Team*



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Aldborough Working Together

DEAR YEAR SIX....On Monday 13th May, SATs week will begin for you all. The hard work that you have put in over the past year is incredible but we know that there is so much more to you, which makes you special, unique and different. Throughout your time here at Aldborough Primary School, it has become clear that you are talented, kind, funny and resilient; you make us smile every day and we are all extremely proud of you. There is no doubt that you will become our future scientists, authors, actors/comedians and athletes, or even the best bacon sandwich maker in Norfolk if you fancy that! You are truly 'unstoppable' and you all have so much to be proud of! You have matured into individuals who will have incredible adventures, careers and lives ahead. Rest, relax and enjoy the next two weekends – the best is yet to come!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE – Thank you to all parents and carers for your patience as we battled broken phone lines, poor internet access and payment issues. Fingers crossed we are all up and running again now. If you are still having problems making payment please contact the office.

SNACKS – Children in C1 and C2 should not bring their own snacks into school unless this has been agreed with the Office. All children in these classes are provided with a free snack by the kitchen (all homemade by Tracy and Kerry) and we are increasingly throwing food away as children bring in snacks in from home. Should you feel that there is a medical reason why your child needs to bring in their own snack please discuss this with the office.

FAMILY LEARNING AFTERNOON – Our next Family Learning Afternoon is “**THE GREAT ALDBOROUGH OLYMPIC PENTATHLON**”. Those of you who have been at the school for a number of years will know that we hold this sponsored event every two years and it is our major fund raiser for school fund. The money raised in 2022 has paid for all the reading books that the classes have as their class readers (generally 15 copies of a book each half term per class). Without the money raised through the pentathlon we would have struggled to provide the classes with this essential resource. All the information that you need to help the children to take part will be with you at the end of next week. We hope that as many of you as possible will join us to take the children around the course on **Tuesday 21st May from 1.45 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.**

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.

TRANSITION DAYS – Now that the year 6 children have been allocated their school places for September some of the secondary schools have given us the dates for their transition days. The year 6 children who have been allocated places at Aylsham High School will visit on Wed 26th June, Thurs 27th June and Friday 28th June. The year 6 children who have allocated places at North Walsham High School will visit on Monday 1st July and Tuesday 2nd July. **PLEASE AVOID BOOKING ANY DAYS OFF SCHOOL AT THIS IMPORTANT TIME.** The secondary schools will be in touch with parents/carers directly with further information. **OUR WHOLE SCHOOL TRANSITION DAY WILL BE ON THURSDAY 27TH JUNE.**

SCHOOL CLOTHES – As promised, there is advice for appropriate school clothes for September on our school website. This is based on the feedback that we had from parents earlier this year and the behaviour that we observe in school on a daily basis. We will send this advice out to parents later in the term but we thought you might like a heads up via the website. Meanwhile, Mrs Knight is working with a couple of local companies to get the very best deal on our new school sweatshirt. Further details to follow shortly.

SANDALS AND SOCKS - Just a quick reminder that the children are not allowed to wear open toed sandals for school unless they also wear socks.

SUMMER PRODUCTION – The excitement is building towards the KS2 Summer Production! Whilst the title is still under wraps (!) we thought you would appreciate knowing the performance dates for your diary. There will be a performance to C1 and C2 and any KS2 parents with pre-school children on Monday 15th July at 1.45 pm The two evening performances will be on Tuesday 16th July and Wednesday 17th July at 6.00 pm and all KS2 children will be involved. All ticket information will be with you nearer the time.

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. **The next event that we need your help with will be Bolwick Hall Fundraiser on Sunday June 16th. Please come along and join us if you can or 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.

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.** The days for the Summer half term are as follows:

C1: Wednesday

C2: Thursday

C4: Tuesday

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.



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

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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 now 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 2024</u>	
	<u>MAY</u>
Tuesday 7th May	Year 4 + 5 trip to Norwich Cathedral
Monday 13th May – Friday 16th May	End of KS2 SATs (all year 6 children – no term time holidays!) Year 5 Bikeability (Most year 5 children)
Tuesday 21st May	Family Learning afternoon 1.45 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.
Friday 24th May	Yr 6 + Reception joint trip to Amazona Zoo
Monday May 27th – Friday 31st May	HALF TERM
	<u>JUNE</u>
Sunday 16th June	<u>FRIENDS FUNDRAISER BOLWICK HALL</u>
Monday 17th June	Yr 6 Transition Meeting (All yr 6 children, Parents and Carers) 3.15 p.m.
Wednesday 19th June	Class Photo Day
Saturday 22nd June	AHS Family Learning Day – Aylsham High School
Wednesday 26th June - Friday 28th June	AHS transition days (Yr 6 children who are going to AHS)

Wednesday 26th June	5.00p.m.- 6.00p.m. Reception 2024 Parents' Meeting
Thursday June 27th	Whole school transition day – new classes for Sept 2024
	<u>JULY</u>
Monday 1st July – Tuesday 2nd July	North Walsham High School transition days
Monday 8th July	Sports Day 9.00a.m.-10.30a.m.
Monday 15th July	KS2 Summer Production 1.45 p.m. (families with young children only)
Tuesday 16th July	KS2 Summer Production 6.00 p.m.
Wednesday 17th July	KS2 Summer Production 6.00 p.m.
Friday 19th July	Last day of the Summer Term Leaver Assembly 2.30 p.m. – Year 6 Parents and Carers only (+ tissues).