



SCHOOL YEAR 2023/24- NEWSLETTER NO 12

Dear Friends,

It seems impossible to believe that we are so near to the end of the school year. It only seems like yesterday that we were welcoming Reception 2023 into school and yet next week we will be meeting Reception 2024 on their first visit to school. I know that as we head through the last 4 weeks of term it will be a time of reflection for many, I know the boxes of tissues are at the ready in some households already! However, this next week our eyes are all on the autumn term and the children's transitions for September 2024. Many of our Year 6 children will be visiting their high schools if they haven't done so already. Their thoughts will turn to tutor groups, school buses, and school uniforms! The children in Reception to Year 5 will be looking ahead to their transition day on Thursday June 27th. It has always been traditional on that day for the children to meet their teachers and classmates for the coming year and we are thrilled to be keeping up with that Aldborough tradition. Some children will be moving into different classes whereas others will be remaining in their existing class (remember that all children spend 2 years in a class at two different times over their years at Aldborough). To add to the excitement there will be new class names for the new school year: Chestnut Class (C1), Cherry Blossom Class (C2), Pine Class (C3), Willow Class (C4) and Oak Class (C5). All the trees that can be found around our school grounds.

There will be new children joining us in Key Stage 2 so there will be new families to get to know and new faces to smile at! Friendships, learning, inclusion and individuality are at the heart of all the decisions that are made about transitions and we thank the parents and carers in advance for supporting us. If you know that your child might feel anxious about change, then please prepare them for next Thursday, as we will also be doing here in school. There are exciting times ahead!

*We wish you a happy weekend,
With Best Wishes,
Mrs Bearman and the Aldborough Team*



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Aldborough Working Together

A WORD ABOUT FINANCE – A very wise parent suggested that it might be a good idea for all parents to know how our school finances are organised and why fundraising is such an essential part of our school year. Like many things involving government departments, it can become very complicated, but it can be explained very simply. We have 3 pots of money that we can draw upon. Firstly, we have our budget allocation from the government. This is worked out according to the number of children in the school. This is protected funding and can only be spent on essentials i.e. staffing, kitchen costs, premises, electricity, supporting children with SEN, everyday resources. Quite rightly the local authority keeps a very tight rein on these expenses as do the school governors (and Mrs Bearman and Mrs Knight). We are then fortunate enough to have a second pot of school fund – not all schools have this. This is money raised by the school to support the resources that the children enjoy which are not covered by the budget. This fund helps with everything from our reading spine books, broken trikes in C1, felt pens and coloured pencils for all classrooms and even the odd pair of angel wings for the Christmas nativity or pirate hat for the summer production. The third pot of money is the pot which brings the children the most joy and that is the money raised by The Friends. This money pays for all the experiences that we believe that all children should enjoy, but we know many do not – it pays for our children to enjoy being children. Every chocolate cake, ice lolly or Christmas raffle ticket means that school trips such as the whole school trip to the pantomime can happen. With that in mind, there are many thank yous to be said:

PENTATHLON – A massive thank you for all the support that you gave to our Pentathlon event. We raised an enormous £1739.93. Every penny raised will be spent on resources for the children to use in their learning.

BOLWICK HALL – Thank you to everyone who supported The Friends fundraising event at Bolwick Hall which raised an amazing £1140. We really appreciate all of your support especially those of you who baked cakes, served cakes on the day or came along with your families and ate the cakes! A special thank you to Leanne, Emma and Elaine (and their families) who did an amazing job at organising the event. It is incredibly hard work in the weeks running up to Bolwick Hall and on the day itself and we thank them all for taking on this task with such good humour. Every penny raised by The Friends is used to support the children.

We look forward hopefully to a time when school budgets cover the actual costs of running a school!

MUSIC AND ART SUMMER AFTERNOON – We are very excited to be holding our first Music and Art afternoon on July 11th. The event will run from 2.15 p.m. – 3.15 p.m. Please see the attached flyer for more information and come along and enjoy the music and art on offer not to mention the Free Bee Science Bags and possibly strawberries and cream!

CLASS 4 DRAMA DAY – On Wednesday July 3rd Class 4 will be having a whole day of drama with a visiting drama specialist and her team. It is going to be a very exciting day and we are very grateful for the opportunity. We would like to invite all class 4 parents and carers to attend a short performance at the end of the day at 2.45 p.m.

CLASS PHOTOS – Please look out for the link for class photos arriving via email soon.

INDUCTION EVENINGS – We know that parents and carers will have many questions about new classes in September. We are often asked about PE days, spelling lists, water bottles, toilets – the list is endless. With that in mind, we will be inviting all parents and carers from Cherry Blossom Class – Oak Class to an induction evening immediately after school during the first full week back. The children are welcome to come along too. This will be a time for you to meet your child's new teacher and to ask any general questions which might not have been covered in the short presentation that the teachers will give. This will not be a time for individual discussions about settling in or progress. The dates are as follows:

Mon 9th of September Oak Class (C5) and Cherry Blossom Class (C2)

Tues 10th of September Willow Class (C4)

Thurs 12th of September Pine Class (C3)

EATON VALE – There will be a separate information evening for the parents and carers of children going to Eaton Vale towards the end of September.

SCHOOL SWEATSHIRT – We are delighted by the response to our new school sweatshirt. We have samples in the Office for children to try on in order to work out sizes. It is working well if families get together to put in joint orders which gives just one delivery charge. There are links to the sweatshirts and cardigans **and now also polo shirts** on the school website or go to: www.birdsofdereham.com. Just a reminder that hoodies will not be allowed in school from September 2024.

OUR CURRICULUM – We are sometimes asked how we decide how much time to spend on each of the different areas of the curriculum during the school day. The answer is quite simple – we follow government guidelines which set out how much time must be spent on each subject. Therefore, we have an hour of Maths per day, an hour of English (plus reading), a slightly longer session for Science in KS2 and so on. All timings for subject areas can be found on the government website.

SUMMER CLOTHES – As the weather is finally getting warmer can we please request that children come to school in suitable summer clothes. Children should not have bare shoulders, or shorts and skirts that are shorter than mid-thigh (unless it is a PE day). Just a quick reminder that the children are not allowed to wear open toed sandals for school unless they also wear socks. Many thanks for your support in this.

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.**

FAMILY LEARNING DAY AHS – On Saturday June 22nd Aylsham High School will be holding their annual Family Learning Day from 10.00 a.m.- 2.00p.m.. The staff from our school will be there organising our own activity stand and we would love to see you there. This day is the perfect opportunity for our present yr 6 children, who are transitioning to AHS, to enjoy an informal day and meet their new teachers. You can find information about all the workshops/activities organised by TACT families on our new outdoor noticeboard by the front door.

SPORTS DAY – Sports Day will be on Monday July 8th at 9.00 a.m. (or as soon as we can get the children out onto the field). Fingers crossed that the sun will shine for us this year!

SUMMER PRODUCTION – PIRATES OF THE CURRY BEAN! – The stage is up and the costumes are being chosen!! There will be a performance of Pirates of the Curry Bean 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.

ACCOUNTS – Please settle all outstanding accounts by the summer holidays. If you have any problems with this please contact the school office.

LIBRARY BOOKS – Please have a hunt around on book shelves or under beds for any Aldborough Primary School library books. The library books will be clearly stamped at the front. If any books are found, the children can leave them on the red sofa in the library. Many thanks for your support.

FOREST SCHOOL – Please make sure that the children have appropriate clothing for their Forest School sessions this half term. **Children need boots or sturdy shoes and gloves and hats, or sunhats as the weather improves. The children cannot wear sandals or Crocs for Forest School.** The days for the Summer half term are as follows:

C3: Tuesday

C1: Wednesday

C2: Thursday

**CLASS 5 WILL HAVE FOREST SCHOOL SESSIONS ON THE FOLLOWING DAY:
Thursday 18th July All C5 children will have Forest School in the morning. The yr 6 children will need a packed lunch as their afternoon in the forest will include a pizza party.**

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

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 and these are not allowed to be worn on PE days. 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>JUNE</u>
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
Wednesday 3rd July	Class 4 drama performance 2.45 p.m. All C4 parents and carers welcome.
Monday 8th July	Sports Day 9.00a.m.-10.30a.m.
Thursday 11th July	Art and Music Summer Afternoon 2.15 p.m. – 3.15 p.m. All parents/ carers/ grandparents welcome.
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.
Thursday 18th July	Class 5 Forest School Day and yr 6 Pizza Party.(Packed lunch required for yr 6 only).
Friday 19th July	Last day of the Summer Term
	Leaver's Assembly 2.30 p.m. – Year 6 Parents and Carers only (+ tissues).
	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>
Wednesday 4th September	First day of back for the children

Monday 9th September	Parents' Meeting Oak Class (C5) and Cherry Blossom Class (C2) 3.15 p.m.
Tuesday 10th September	Parents' Meeting Willow Class (C4) 3.15 p.m.
Thursday 12th September	Parents' Meeting Pine Class (C4) 3.15 p.m.

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Fundraiser

Music and Art Afternoon

11th July 2024

2.15pm to 3.15pm

Come and find your children's Bee Art hidden
around the school grounds!

Opportunity to purchase your

child's artwork £5

2.45pm Musical interludes

from Classes 1, 2,3 ,4 and 5

Bee Science Table and Free Bee Science Bag!

Meet the Bee Keeper! Mr Smith and his bee
keeping equipment!

Friends of Aldborough Primary School will be
providing refreshments including Tea, Coffee,
ice lollies and strawberries and cream!