



SCHOOL YEAR 2023/24- NEWSLETTER NO 13

Dear Friends,

“How lucky am I to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard.” -Winnie the Pooh

And just like that another school year is over! As the lights go down on the Curry Bean and the Crunchy Frog, the pots and pans are washed in Forest School and even the endless pile of lost property finds a home, we have so many reasons to feel proud of our wonderful school. Some of us end the year reflecting on years well-spent at Aldborough with eyes firmly fixed on pastures new and adventures ahead. Others are energised by the exciting times ahead at Aldborough and all the opportunities that the next school year might bring. Wherever you fall within those groups we thank you all for supporting us, we are so grateful to you for making our school the special place that it is.

To The Friends of APS – thank you for your friendship and support which has been invaluable. To our school volunteers, thank you for your time and dedication, we wouldn't be without you. Thank you to our Governors who have supported the school through the school year and kept us on the straight and narrow! To all the Aldborough parents and carers, thank you for your support and understanding, you are always amazing. To the Aldborough children, thank you for making us smile every day and for keeping our feet on the ground; we learn more from you than you would ever know! To all the staff team, thank you for all the extra hours that you have worked, the new roles you have embraced and the sacrifices you have made with your own family time; you are fabulous.

Our final thank you goes to the parents and children in Year 6. To the Year 6 parents, thank you for supporting the school over the past years and for sharing your children's journey with us. To be part of your children's lives has been a privilege and has given us memories that we will treasure. Finally, thank you to our Year 6 leavers for everything that you have brought to Aldborough Primary School. Your time spent here will always be with us. There will be mountains ahead for you and the path might not always be smooth, but we know you have the skills to be successful and the resilience to keep going. Good Luck to you all, we will miss you.

“So they went off together. But wherever they go, and whatever happens to them on the way, in that enchanted place on the top of the forest, a little boy and his bear will always be playing.” —A.A. Milne

*Wishing you happy holidays ahead,
See you back on September 4th,
With Best Wishes,
Mrs Bearman and the Aldborough Team*



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Aldborough Working Together

SHOUT IT FROM THE ROOTOPS!! – We are delighted to share with you the wonderful SATs results that year 6 achieved this year. The children all worked so hard and every one of them made incredible progress. We are so pleased to tell you that our SATs results were 10% over the national average and 19% over the Norfolk average which is testament to the hard work of the children and the teachers. Not only that, the children treated us to the most amazing production *The Pirates of the Curry Bean*. We are so lucky to have such talented children and teachers who work together to bring so much joy to our school. We could not be more proud of you all!

CONGRATULATIONS – We have two members of staff to whom we send special congratulations as we begin our summer break. Firstly our congratulations go to Mrs Colebrooke who completed 30 years at Aldborough today. She has been an inspirational support to the children, a wonderful colleague to so many over the years and for those of us who are fortunate enough to know her very well, she is an amazing friend. I am sure that you will join us in offering her our thanks for such an incredible commitment. I promised her a cake on the first newsletter of the year and we had it yesterday!

Secondly, our huge congratulations and best wishes go to Miss Redford and her fiancé John who get married on August 24th. We hope that they both have a very happy day and that they have many years of happiness ahead of them. When Miss Redford returns to class 4 in September she will be Mrs Edwards – something for us all to remember. Another cake for us all to look forward to and maybe even a glass of something fizzy to celebrate such a happy occasion!

MUSIC AND ART SUMMER AFTERNOON – Thank you to all the parents and carers who were able to join us for the Art and Music Summer Exhibition. We all enjoyed showcasing the art and music that has been going on around the school. Thank you to The Friends who provided the refreshments and made us all feel as though we were enjoying a lovely summer afternoon despite the pouring rain! Thank you to Mrs Meyrick for having the vision for the afternoon and organising the art work and to Mrs Cuthill and the other teachers for the musical performances.

THANK YOU – Thank you and good bye to Lorna Hook who leaves our After School Club on Monday afternoons. Thank you for all the fun that you have had with the children and for all your hard work in organising the activities. We look forward to welcoming back Heidi Harrison for the Monday afternoon session.

We would also like to say a big Thank you from all the staff, for all the lovely gifts, cards and messages from the pupils and their families. We do appreciate each and every one of them.

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 on Monday 16th September at 3.20. Parents and carers and children all welcome.

NEW CHILDREN – We are looking forward to welcoming all of our new children in September. Just a reminder that the new children who are starting in Reception will start school at 8.45 a.m until 12.00 noon from Wednesday 4th – Friday 6th of September. Reception children will not be having lunch in school that week. The year 1 children in Chestnut Class (C1) will be at school all day as usual.

SWIMMING – A selection of year 6 children will be swimming at AHS at the beginning of the Autumn Term starting on Monday 9th of September. Letters will be emailed out to the parents of these children during the first few days of the Autumn Term. Please make sure that the children have their full kit with them, including a swimming hat, every Monday and that all earrings are removed for the day.

INCREASE IN CHARGES – Due to higher costs we are increasing the charge for Breakfast club to £4.50 per session. We are keeping the After School Club charges the same £5.50 for the first session and £10.00 for the Full session.

SCHOOL PAYMENT ACCOUNTS – Now we are at the end of the school year, we would be most grateful if you would settle any outstanding school accounts as a matter of urgency. If your child is in year 6 please settle your child's account, any credit can be transferred to siblings within school. Please speak to Mrs Knight regarding this. Thank you, we really do appreciate your support in this.

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 can save on the delivery charge. There are links to the sweatshirts and cardigans **and now also polo shirts** on the school website. Just a reminder that hoodies will not be allowed in school from September 2024.

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, or sunhats depending on the weather. The children cannot wear sandals or Crocs for Forest School.** The days for the Autumn half term are as follows:

Pine Class (C3): Tuesday

Chestnut Class (C1): Wednesday

Cherry Blossom Class (C2): Thursday

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.

Monday = Pine Class (C3)

Tuesday = Willow Class (C4)

Thursday = Oak class (C5)

Chestnut Class (C1) and Cherry Blossom Class (C2) will need their PE kit 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.



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**

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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 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>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.
Monday 16th September	Eaton Vale Information Evening 3.20 p.m.
	<u>OCTOBER</u>
Friday 25th October – Friday 1st November	<u>HALF TERM HOLIDAY (please note the additional day on Friday 25th October</u>