



## SCHOOL YEAR 2024/25- NEWSLETTER NO 1

*Dear Friends,*

*Welcome back! We hope that you all had a fabulous summer holiday and enjoyed the wonderful weather. We are so lucky to live in such a beautiful part of the country and when the sun shines you just can't beat it! Welcome to all of our new children and their families; we hope that you will be very happy as part of our Aldborough family. We know that we can rely on all of our 'more experienced' families to make our newcomers feel welcome. It can be daunting for everyone to be the new face on the playground whatever their age or role!*

*We have been very busy working at school over the 'holidays'. Cupboards and classrooms have been cleared out and Mr Hembling, our Chair of Governors, has made our front railings safer for our autumn and winter playtimes. The Studio has been re-arranged as a dual purpose room for ASC and for small group Maths teaching for year 1 – thank you to all the staff who helped with that over the holidays. As well as the practical updates, the teachers have worked hard planning new ways of teaching Writing, Maths and our new initiative 'Talk Through Stories'. We have also been planning big changes ahead for the delivery of our KS2 curriculum in the afternoons. Details of these changes will be available on the school website in the next couple of weeks and at our parent induction evenings next week – please come along to find out all about it.*

*There are lots of exciting events planned for the children as we look ahead to a new school year. One year group will be heading off on a sailing trip before the end of September, our residential trip to Eaton Vale is on the horizon in October and some of us hope to be performing in A Grand Georgian Christmas in November.*

*Here's to another year of learning, fun, community and collaboration – we are so glad that you are all on this journey with us,*

*Wishing you a great start to the new school year,  
With Best Wishes,  
Mrs Bearman and the Aldborough Team*

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## *Aldborough Working Together*

**E-SAFETY AND WHATSAPP GROUPS**- All of the children will be learning about E-Safety in their IT lessons this half term. They will learn how to keep themselves safe on line and how to address issues such as cyber bullying. Just a reminder that the age limit for use of Whatsapp is 16 yrs, TikTok is 13yrs and Instagram is also 13 years. Should parents and carers decide to override these legal limits and allow their children to use these sites then the responsibility for the children's behaviour on them will fall with the parents. Please be mindful of age limits on the games that children play on-line and the videos that they access. The images that children watch are often played out on the playground which can be very distressing for other children.

**SCHOOL STARTING TIMES** – Just a reminder that children should not be dropped on the playground before 8.45 a.m. or before a member of staff arrives. Lesson start promptly at 8.55 a.m. so please make sure that children have time to arrive in their classrooms before that time.

**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 9<sup>th</sup> of September Oak Class (C5) and Cherry Blossom Class (C2)

Tues 10<sup>th</sup> of September Willow Class (C4)

Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> September at 3.20. Parents and carers and children all welcome.

**SWIMMING** – A selection of year 6 children will be swimming at AHS at the beginning of the Autumn Term starting on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> of September. Parents and carers have been informed via email. 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.

**SCHOOL CLOTHES** –Just a reminder that hoodies are not be allowed in school from September 2024. Please make sure that children are wearing clothes that are appropriate for the activities that happen during the school day and that they do not wear slogans or images that could be upsetting to younger children. Children should feel proud of themselves when they arrive at school each day.

**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 including yr 1 children from Chestnut Class): 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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

<b><u>DATES LIST 2024</u></b>	
	<b><u>SEPTEMBER</u></b>
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Parents' Meeting Oak Class (C5) and Cherry Blossom Class (C2) 3.15 p.m.
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	Parents' Meeting Willow Class (C4) 3.15 p.m.
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Parents' Meeting Pine Class (C4) 3.15 p.m.
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Eaton Vale Information Evening 3.20 p.m.
	<b><u>OCTOBER</u></b>
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Celebration – children only. Collection for North Norfolk Food bank
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 5 and 6 trip to Eaton Vale Residential Centre
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Parents' Evening 3.30-5.30
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evening 3.30-7.00
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	<b><u>HALF TERM HOLIDAY (please note the additional day on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October</u></b>
	<b><u>NOVEMBER</u></b>
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual School Photos
	<b><u>DECEMBER</u></b>
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Christmas TACT Family Learning Afternoon. 2.00p.m. start. All parents and carers welcome.
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Chestnut Class and Cherry Blossom Class Nativity 9.30 a.m. All parents and carers from Reception, Yr 1 and Yr 2 invited.
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Pantomime Trip 10.00 a.m.  Last day of the Autumn Term

