SCHOOL YEAR 2024/25- NEWSLETTER NO 4

Dear Friends,

The children may have come home this week and told you about a HUGE beehive right at the heart of our school. Don't panic! It is an imaginary beehive which represents our school values: Individuality, Respect, Community and Pride. In our assembly this week we discussed how the bee hive (our values) are at the heart of everything that we do at Aldborough and everyone in the school, children, staff and parents are the worker bees buzzing around being respectful, responsible, resilient and ready in order to keep our values central to everything we do. As you can imagine, there has been a real buzz around the school since that assembly!

It has been quite a week in terms of our school values. We have had two days of visiting head teachers who came to see how we put our values into action and the different ways in which we support individual children. Our visitors talked to children and staff and observed different parts of our school day and our learning provision. There are so many positives from their report it is difficult to know where to start. Suffice to say, they were overwhelmed by the eloquence (yes, they really used that word!) of our children, the purposeful learning they saw, the warmth of the relationships between children and staff, the excellent support for children with individual needs and the exemplary behaviour. We know that Aldborough is a special place but it is wonderful to have others feel the same.

On the subject of pride, we are immensely proud of Mrs Gale who has completed her SENCO Award. It has taken a huge amount of time and effort on her part on top of her regular teaching and family commitments. We are very grateful to her for all the work that she does in helping us to support the individual needs of all the children so effectively.

Wishing you a buzzing weekend,
With Best Wishes,
Mrs Bearman and the Aldborough Team

Please go to: **www.aldborough.norfolk.sch.uk**

Aldborough Working Together

PARKING - We know that parking is a continuing problem around the school especially in the winter months when fewer children walk to school. Please be mindful of where you park and how you pull away from your parking spot – there are often little ones around who you might not see. We would be most grateful if you would avoid parking on, or near the bridge as this means that pedestrians have to walk out into the road to get around you. Just a reminder to parents the staff carpark is for staff use only. If you have a need to use the car park for any reason please contact the Office to discuss this. Many thanks for your support.

DRIVING IN WINTRY WEATHER – Could we please ask that parents drive respectfully especially in the wintry weather. The road outside school is often icy in the Winter and pedestrians can feel unsafe with cars driving quickly past them when they are walking to and from school.

CHRISTMAS FAIR – We are on the countdown to the school Christmas Fair on December 7th. Santa has the date in his diary and Mrs Knight has a new book of raffle tickets at the ready! We really need a few more volunteers to make the day go with a sparkle and shine so please let The Friends know if you can help. This year each class will have a colour theme and we are asking for donations of any objects that we can sell with that colour theme. For example Cherry Blossom Class will be pink. Donations might include: pink bubble bath, pink chocolates, pink hair bands, pink Christmas baubles, new pink socks but definitely no pink champagne please (the Office would only have to find a way of disposing of it!) Hopefully this will fill our hall with Christmas colour and give a huge variety of Christmas gifts for you to choose from on each stall. The colour themes are as follows:

Oak Class – Gold
Willow Class – Silver
Pine Class – Green
Cherry Blossom Class – Pink
Chestnut Class – Red

Please send your gift donations in with the children from Monday onwards.

THANK YOU TO THE FRIENDS – A huge thank you to The Friends who recently gave the school a donation of £1,000 towards new reading books and phonics resources. This wonderful gift along with £1,500 from the money raised at last year's pentathlon allowed us to match fund a donation from the Wensum Trust. Mrs Cuthill was as quick as a fox (you get the joke, Cherry Blossoms) spending the £5,000 on new resources. This is why events such as the Christmas Fair are so vital to the school.

ANOTHER THANK YOU – A massive thank you to Emma Magee who is hanging up her hat as the secretary of The Friends. Emma's enthusiasm and organisation have been invaluable and she has been instrumental in all the fundraising events over the last 18 months. We are delighted that Vicky Connolly will be stepping into the role and keeping Leanne and the team in good order!

EASY FUNDRAISING – MESSAGE FROM THE FRIENDS - The easiest way to support Aldborough school is to sign up to easy fundraising! It's simple, shop with over 7,500 online retailers and we'll receive a free donation. Sign up now: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk Last year only a handful of people were signed up and they raised £86.77. Imagine what could be raised if 50 people signed up and did all their Christmas shopping through easy fundraising. Please consider signing up, it's free and easy to use and a great way to help out the Friends of Aldborough School. Thank you, The Friends.

NATIVITY – C1 and C2 will be performing their Nativity on Tuesday 10th December at 9.30am. All parents/carers of C1 and C2 children are invited to attend. The children from Stepping Stones will be joining us too along with their parents. We look forward to seeing you there.

FAMILY LEARNING AFTERNOON – Please come along and join us for our Christmas Family Learning Afternoon on Tuesday December 3rd when the children will be making decorations to sell at the Christmas Fair. Please do come along to support the children and the staff if you can. Doors open at 1.45 p.m. for a 2.00 p.m. start.

OPEN MORNINGS RECEPTION 2025 – We will be holding open mornings for parents of children due to start school in Reception 2025. The visits will be on:
Tuesday 26th November at 9.30 a.m.
Wednesday 27th November at 9.30a.m.
Friday 6th December at 9.30 a.m.
PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!!

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.** The days for the Autumn half term are as follows:
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 95% 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 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.

DATES LIST 2024	
	NOVEMBER
Thursday November 28th	**A Grand Georgian Christmas. Year 6 only.**
Friday 29th November	**Willow Class Cake Sale**
	DECEMBER
Tuesday 3rd December	**Christmas TACT Family Learning Afternoon. 2.00p.m. start. All parents and carers welcome.**
Saturday 7th December	**Christmas Fayre 10.00a.m.-1.00p.m.**
Tuesday 10th 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 19th December	**Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch**
Friday 20th December	**Whole School Pantomime Trip 10.00 a.m.** **Last day of the Autumn Term**
	JANUARY
Tuesday 7th January	**First day of the Spring Term for children**

Future Cake Sales 2025:

31st January Pine Class Cake Sale
28th February Cherry Blossom Cake Sale
28th March Chestnut Class Cake Sale