SCHOOL YEAR 2024/25- NEWSLETTER NO 7

Dear Friends,

In our Key Stage 2 assembly this week the children were set the challenge of writing 10 word love stories – it seemed appropriate for this week! The children were given a very simple criteria: their story had to be 10 words long; it had to involve someone/ something they loved or something they loved doing. We hope you enjoy a selection of their writing below – they could be handy for any last minute Valentine's Day messages (in case you forgot Mr B – I like the last one best!)

- *The love began when the fluffy tail came towards me.*
- *My parent's hug felt like a warm, cosy, pillow fort.*
- *With every swipe of the brush, two siblings grew stronger.*
- *She flung her kittens into her warm arms – she smiled.*
- *Mum's smiles were full as clouds moving through day light.*
- *The basketball full of hope was thrown into the hoop.*
- *As the paint splattered on the paper, her heart pounded.*
- *As the scent spread, my mind was filled with wonder.*
- *As my Grandma hugged me it felt like hot chocolate.*
- *When he first saw her he knew she was perfect.*

Wishing you a happy half term full of love and fluffy tails,
With Best Wishes,
Mrs Bearman and the Aldborough Team

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

Aldborough Working Together

WORLD BOOK DAY – Thursday 6th March is World Book Day. This year we are asking the children to bring their favourite book into school on that day. We will have an extended story assembly that morning and there will be time in class for the children to share their favourite books with other children. We won't be asking the children to dress up this year.

GOODBYE AND HELLO – We are very sorry to be saying goodbye to Mrs O'Leary today. We wish her all the luck in the world as she heads off to join her husband teaching on Alderney Island. Thank you for everything that you have done Kirsty – keep in touch and come back to see us soon. We are delighted to say Hello to Ms Stephanie Firth who will be joining our team after half term. Ms Firth has worked in many of our cluster schools and she comes with a wealth of experience and lots of enthusiasm! We hope that she will be very happy as part of our Aldborough family.

SEPTEMBER! – We are already looking ahead to September so with that in mind the governors reviewed the school uniform policy last week. The new policy for September 2025 is on the website, however, there are a couple of changes for you to be aware of. From September we are asking the children not to wear sequined tops that can be ruffled up and down in order for the image to change (you know the ones we mean!) We will relax this in December of course. We also ask that the children no longer wear shoes with flashing lights from September onwards. Both of these items of clothing/footwear cause distractions in the classroom and disturb the learning. Finally, all children will need to have a navy sweatshirt as part of their PE kit. If you would prefer a school sweatshirt for PE then the links are available on the school website. Many thanks for your continued support in helping the children to feel proud of themselves when they come to school.

BINGO AND CHIPS – Please, please, please support The Friends Bingo and Chips evening if you can. It is set to be a wonderful evening in Aldborough Community Centre with vouchers and goody bags to play for. To top it all there will be chips provided by Roughton Chip Shop and the bar at the Community Centre will be up and running. As you know these events help to pay for all of the coaches for our school trips and many other extras for the children. Please see the attached flyer for details of how to buy tickets before February 28th. Thank you to The Friends for organising such a great event for the whole community.

LIBRARY BOOKS – Please could everyone have a hunt around on top of cupboards or under beds for any school library books and send them back to school with the children. Many thanks for your help with this.

PARENTS' EVENINGS – CHANGE OF DATE – Our Spring Term Parents' Evenings will take place on Monday 31st March and Wednesday 2nd April (not Thursday 3rd of April as previously stated due to staff training). Please change the dates in your diaries.

JUNIOR DUKE AWARD –Thank you to all of the children who are working so hard on their Junior Duke Awards. The children can bring their books along to the office any day from Monday to Thursday so that their challenges can be looked at before celebration assembly on Friday. We are aiming for 10 of the 14 challenges to be completed before the end of the school year. This week's highlights have included a dinosaur cave, mopping the floors, beef soup and a rather lovely air freshener. Thank you to all of the parents who are supporting the Junior Duke Award, we really appreciate your help.

BUILDING MATHS CONFIDENCE - Thank you to everyone who was able to join the TACT Families team for the Building Maths Confidence workshop earlier this week. We had an good turn out and an informative and entertaining afternoon was had by all. We really appreciate all of your support in helping us to help your children in their learning.

TERM TIME HOLIDAYS – It has felt like a very long January with the cold and wet weather. We are sure that many of you, like the staff, are looking forward to spending time in warmer climates. However, we ask that you do not plan holidays in term times especially the children in Year 6 who will be working towards their SATs over the next few weeks. Statistics show that missing a week from school leads to a 10% lower score in any assessment and this is true for all children of any age.

FAMILY LEARNING DAY – Our next Family Learning Afternoon will take place on **Tuesday 18th March.** We will be full of the joys of Springtime Maths by then so we do hope you will join us.

PARKING – We know that parking is a problem for many parents especially at the end of the day. We would be most grateful if parents and carers would avoid parking on the bridge as pedestrians have to walk in the road to get past parked cars. We must also remind parents that it is courteous not to park on a white line and to be mindful of blocking other cars when choosing your parking space. Hopefully the weather will warm up soon and more families will be able to park in the village and walk from there in order to avoid congestion.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES – We are delighted to be able to invite parents and carers to class assemblies this term. The assemblies will start at 9.05 a.m. and should last no longer than 20 minutes. Parents and carers are welcome to sign in at the Office immediately after school drop off. The dates for the assemblies are as follows:

Chestnut Class: Friday 28th March 9.05 a.m. (special invite to all Chestnut Mothers!)

Cherry Blossom Class: Friday 4th April 9.05 a.m.

Pine Class: Friday 14th March 9.05 a.m.

Willow Class: **Wednesday** 12th March 9.05 a.m.

Oak Class: Friday 28th February 9.05 a.m.

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.** 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 navy 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 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.

DATES LIST 2025	
	FEBRUARY
Monday 17th January – Friday 21st January	**HALF TERM**
Friday 28th February	**Oak Class Assembly 9.05 a.m. All Oak class parents and carers invited.** **Cherry Blossom Class Cake Sale after school**
	MARCH
Thursday 6th March	**World Book Day – children to bring their favourite book into school.**
Saturday 8th March	**Bingo and Chips 6.00 p.m. Aldborough Community Centre**

Wednesday 12th March	**Willow Class Assembly 9.05 a.m. All Willow Class parents and carers invited.**
Thursday 13th March	**The Vanishing Forest Touring Opera (Yrs 4,5 and 6)**
Friday 14th March	**Pine Class Assembly 9.05 a.m. All Pine Class parents and carers invited.** **Trip to Wroxham Barns for Chestnut Class**
Tuesday 18th March	**Family Learning Afternoon**
Wednesday 19th March	**Norwich Cathedral Trip – Pine Class**
Tuesday 25th March	**Year 6 STEAM visit to Gresham**
Friday 28th March	**Chestnut Class Assembly 9.05 a.m. All Chestnut Class parents and carers invited especially the Mums!** **Chestnut Class Cake Sale after school**
Monday 31st March	**Parents' Evening 3.30 p.m. 5.30 p.m.**
	APRIL
Tuesday 1st April	**Norwich Castle Trip – Year 4, 5 and 6**
Wednesday 2nd April	**Parents' Evening 3.30 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.**
Friday 4th April	**Cherry Blossom Class Assembly 9.05 a.m. All Cherry Blossom Class parents and carers invited.** **Last day of Spring Term**

Aldborough Primary School
Headteacher: Mrs H Bearman
Alby Hill,
ALDBOROUGH,
Norwich,
Norfolk NR11 7PH,
Tel: 01263 761264
After School Club: 01263 768965
E-mail: office@aldborough.norfolk.sch.uk
Web: www.aldborough.norfolk.sch.uk

Bingo and Chips
Saturday 8th March
Aldborough Community Centre
Eyes down 6pm (Doors open at 5.30pm)
£10 adults £5 children

Chips supplied by the Chip Shop Roughton
Bar, Tea and Coffee, Tuck Shop.

As the deadline for pre-booking tickets for Bingo and Chips is fast approaching (28th February), we are busy collecting together all the fantastic prizes that have been donated so far. There are a number of vouchers generously donated by local businesses, including the Cricketers on the Green, the Artisan Bistro Alby Crafts, The Cosy Cafe Lees Yard Holt and a Flex 27 free day pass, to name but a few. For the children there are some fantastic prizes and goody bags to play for.

Please email the form to the Friends, or simply message with the number of adult and children's tickets you would like to book: Friendsofaldboroughprimary@outlook.com
and make your payment by bank transfer to:
Friends of Aldborough School
Account Number: 01407401
Sort Code: 30-96-17
(Please put your name as the reference)

Alternatively, place this information in an envelope along with the cash and leave it at the school office.

Your name will be on the guest list on the door.

Please support if you can, without your support we cannot continue to fund theatre trips, school coaches and learning resources. It promises to be a great night and we look forward to seeing you there.

Best wishes

The Friends

Bingo & Chips

Hosted by The Friends of Aldborough Primary School

Saturday 8th March at Aldborough Community Centre

6pm Start (Doors open at 5.30pm)

TICKETS

Adult £10

Children £5

This Includes Bingo & Half a portion of chips supplied by The Fish Shop Roughton

Bar Available

Tea's, Coffees & Tuck shop

VOUCHERS & CASH PRIZES TO PLAY FOR!

Tickets Required

Adults ☐

Children ☐

Name _____

Please fill this form in and email back to us at Friendsofaldboroughprimary@outlook.com

Payment by bank transfer to

Friends of Aldborough School

Account Number: 01407401 Sort Code: 30-96-17

(Please put your name as the reference)

Please send form and payment back by 28th February