SCHOOL YEAR 2024/25- NEWSLETTER NO 8

Dear Friends,

PARKING! PARKING! PARKING!

If we had a pound for every time a parent or local resident came into the office to discuss or complain about the parking around Alby Hill we would be able to balance our budget for the next 10 years! Joking aside, it saddens us as a school that the greatest threat to the children's safety comes from inconsiderate parking and the speed at which some parents drive in the school vicinity. In a bid to ensure the safety of the children, Mrs Bearman and Mr Hembling (Chair of Governors) met with the Parish Council last week to discuss the issues that can be solved with some simple changes to parking/driving behaviour.

We have often asked parents not to park on the bridge as this means that pedestrians have to walk in the middle of the road to get past. The Parish Council are aware that there is some clearing of undergrowth needed on the bridge that they will organise in order to make this easier for pedestrians. We respectfully ask again that parents and carers do not park on the bridge.

Car drivers may not have noticed that there is a hard standing path running alongside the road. At this time of year it is difficult to see as debris from the trees falls down onto it. This path was laid specifically for the children from the school to walk on once they cross the road where the walk to school path ends. At present cars are parked on the path which causes pedestrians to walk in the road. The Parish Council are planning on clearing the path and we ask drivers not to park on the path so that the children can use it.

Parents and carers who are new to the school may not be aware that there is parking at the entrance to the allotments which is available for car drivers to use. Once the paths are cleared of debris and cars we hope that more parents will walk to and from the Village or from the allotments which will ease the congestion on Alby Hill. It is lovely to see the children heading off to the park together once the weather is better.

We have also been in touch with the local police to ask them to resume their visits to oversee considerate parking in the area surrounding the school and that drivers adhere to the speed limit around school. I am sure that if we all work together and make these small changes, we can ensure that the children have a safe journey to and from school.

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

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Aldborough Working Together

NEWSLETTER – You will notice that we have a slimmed down version of the newsletter. We will publish all additional information (Forest School days, PE kit info) at the beginning of each term and from then on only essential information will be included. Parents will then know that everything on the newsletter is important for them to read!

BINGO AND CHIPS – Thank you to everyone who was able to support The Friends Bingo and Chips evening. We couldn't provide the children with the extra trips that we take them on without the support of The Friends. Thank you to Leanne and her team for organising the event and for everyone who helped on the evening.

EASTER BONNET PARADE – Our annual Easter Bonnet parade will be on Thursday 3rd April. We reinstated this tradition last year and we had an amazing turn out of homemade bonnets. We hope to repeat this again this year so get creative and enjoy celebrating spring time with the children. There will be prizes per year group for the best home-made creations.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB – We are looking for someone to join our After School Club team. If you have time on your hands and would like to know more about the job opportunity then please contact the office or speak to Mrs Bearman on the playground.

ENGLISH TOURING OPERA COMPANY – We had the most amazing afternoon yesterday when the English Touring Opera Company gave their performance of The Vanishing Forest to KS2. The children were in awe of the opera singers and the musicians who accompanied them and it was a thoroughly entertaining afternoon all round. We were delighted to bring such a high quality performance to our small corner of North Norfolk. Thank you to Mrs Cuthill for organising this for us.

PARENTS' EVENING – We are delighted to invite parents and carers to 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). Sign up sheets will be available in the side entrance to the school before and after school from Monday March 17th to Friday 21st March. We will once again be using our bell system to ensure that all appointments run on time. Please respect this so that other parents are not kept waiting which leads to annoyance on their part.

BUILDING WORK – The building work to replace the ceilings in the studio and the dining room is all going well. The studio was completed ahead of time so now we will wait for the work on the dining room to start the week before Easter. The work on the outside of the school is also complete and the scaffolding should be coming down as soon as it is safe to do so i.e. when the children aren't around. Next Autumn and Winter we should really feel the benefit of our cosy new rooms with their extra insulation.

SCHOOL PAYMENT ACCOUNTS – We would be most grateful if you would keep an eye on your accounts and settle any outstanding payments to your child's school account as soon as you are able. Thank you, we really do appreciate your support in this.

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. Doors open at 1.45 p.m. for a 2.00 p.m. start.

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.



Dates for your Diaries



DATES LIST 2025	
	MARCH
Tuesday 18th March	**Family Learning Afternoon 2.00-3.00**
Wednesday 19th March	**Norwich Cathedral Trip – Pine Class** **Vision and Hearing test Reception children**
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.**
Thursday 3rd April	**Easter Bonnet Parade**
Friday 4th April	**Cherry Blossom Class Assembly 9.05 a.m. All Cherry Blossom Class parents and carers invited.** **Last day of Spring Term**
Wednesday April 23rd	**First day back of the Summer Term**