SCHOOL YEAR 2024/25- NEWSLETTER NO 9

Dear Friends,

We have made it through another term! It feels like an awfully long time since the dark nights of January and the world seems to have gone rather 'topsy turvy' since then (to borrow a phrase from a child in Chestnut Class). As we often discuss in our Key Stage 2 'World News' assemblies, the world order has changed and powerful people make unpredictable decisions in the name of peace whilst our children play out aggressive war games on the playground and tell us of the videos and computer games that they have access to. Childhood must seem very confusing to some children when the messages from the different adults in their lives don't match.

It has been a rather topsy-turvy term at Aldborough too. There have been so many wonderful moments for the children to share. We have all enjoyed the class assemblies which show cased the children's thinking and learning over the term. The family learning afternoon and Maths workshops for parents were lovely occasions and gave fun and engaging ways for parents and carers to support the children's learning. Trips have been high on the agenda for many classes with the staff making the most of local visits and creating memories for the children. There are more to come in the summer term. If we could bottle the excitement that the children show before and after a trip we could make a fortune! Visitors into school have enriched the children's learning especially the Henry Blogg Museum for Cherry Blossom Class and the English Touring Opera which were both experiences that the children will never forget. The staff have re-claimed their Sunday evenings without the stress of Ofsted hanging over them; you only realise what a heavy load you are carrying once it is gone. In the topsy turvy world of education all these positives are set against a new financial year of squeezed funding and even tighter budgets with schools expected to do so much more with far less financial support. Decisions for many schools are going to be difficult and every penny will count as we continue to strive to provide high quality education interspersed with happy memories for the children. We are so lucky at Aldborough to have a great staff team and such supportive governors and parents who put the happiness of the children above all other issues – whatever the cost.

Wishing you a topsy turvy weekend and a lovely Easter holiday,
With Best Wishes,
Mrs Bearman and the Aldborough Team



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Aldborough Working Together

EASTER BONNET PARADE – What a wonderful day we had yesterday. The children looked amazing in their Easter bonnets and really got us into the Easter spirit. We had 7 worthy winners (1 from each year group) and two overall winners. Thank you to The Friends for donating the prizes and to everyone who supported the children in making their Easter bonnets – what amazing families we have!

NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS - We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported our events this year. We had a fantastic day at 'The Someone Special Shop', we hope the recipients of the gifts enjoyed them as much as the children loved shopping for them! This Easter we would like to ask you to support The Big Aldborough Easter Read. Children can choose to either write down the books they have read, or they can record how many minutes they have read for during the holidays. Please do whichever is most appropriate for your child. Sponsor forms will be in the children's book bags before Easter and should be returned to the school office by Friday 2nd May - thank you. There will be a prize for outstanding achievement in each class.

Please also save the date for our School Fete - Saturday 12th July. There will be a table top sale, BBQ, cake sale, games and much more. Please email us at: friendsofaldboroughprimary@outlook.com if you would like to have a stall. Don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

Happy Easter to you all,

The Friends.

PARENTS' EVENING – Thank you to all the parents and carers who were able to join us for parents' evening earlier this week. We love talking to you about your children and sharing the highs (and even the lows) of school life. On the parent questionnaire some parents said that they would like to know more about the topics that the children learn about. There are class pages on the website that are updated each half term which detail exactly what each class is learning about in all the different subjects. Please take a look so that you can talk to the children about their learning. The class pages give context to our family learning afternoons, our class assemblies and parents' workshops and our Facebook page which all help to build a picture of the learning that takes place at school. We have also started negotiations with Active Education to work towards offering more sports clubs after school. Watch this space! Our door is always open to all parents and carers should you need to discuss any issues raised on the parents' questionnaire. We can only deal with your concerns if we know who is feeling this way. Parents can always talk to our two parent governors in confidence.

SUMMER CLOTHES – As the weather gets warmer it feels the right time to mention appropriate summer clothes for school. Please do not send the children to school in 'belly tops' or tops with spaghetti straps or in shorts and skirts that are shorter than mid-thigh length unless it is a PE day (Yr 5 and 6 girls are often the culprits here!) Crocs are not allowed in school at any time of year and if the children wear open toed sandals in the summer they must wear socks to protect their toes as they play. Flip flops of any kind are not safe to wear for school. Please remember that the children will need sun hats and sun cream that they can apply themselves or they should come to school with sun cream already applied. We really appreciate your support in this.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB JULY- After School Club will not be open on the last two days of the summer term – Monday July 21st and Tuesday July 22nd. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

SCHOOL MEALS – Unfortunately, we have to increase the cost of school lunches due to rising food and energy costs. We are so lucky to have Tracy, Kerry and Brodie in our kitchen who provide our children with a delicious, well-balanced nutritional meal every day – it makes such a difference to the children's learning in the afternoons. From Monday 2nd June school lunches will cost £2.70. Reception and Yr 1 and Yr 2 children continue to have free school meals and free school snacks. Parents and carers of children in those classes should not send snacks in with the children. Children who have free school meals in KS2 will continue as normal.

FAMILY LEARNING DAY – Our next Family Learning Afternoon will take place on **Tuesday 24th June.** We will be full of summer sunshine by then so we do hope you will join us. Doors open at 2.00 p.m.

FOREST SCHOOL – Please make sure that the children have appropriate clothing for their Forest School sessions next half term. **Children need sunhats and sturdy shoes.** The days for the Summer half term are as follows:
Chestnut Class: Wednesday
Cherry Blossom: Thursday
Willow: Tuesday



Dates for your Diaries



	APRIL
Wednesday 23rd April	**First day of Summer Term**
	MAY
Monday 12th - Thursday 16th May	**End of KS2 SATs (all year 6 children – no term time holidays!)**
Monday 19th – Friday 23rd May	**Year 5 Bikeability (Most year 5 children)**
Wednesday 21st May	**Class Photos**
Monday May 26th – Friday 30th May	**HALF TERM**
	JUNE
Saturday 21st June	**AHS Family Learning Day – Aylsham High School**
Tuesday 24th June	**Summer Family Learning Afternoon**

Wednesday 25th - Friday 27th June	**AHS transition days**
Thursday June 26th	**Whole school transition day – new classes for Sept 2024**
	JULY
Monday 14th July	**KS2 Summer Production 1.45 p.m. (families with young children only)**
Tuesday 15th July	**KS2 Summer Production 6.00 p.m.**
Wednesday 16th July	**KS2 Summer Production 6.00 p.m.**
Monday 21st July	**Sports Day**
Tuesday 22nd July	**Leaver's Assembly 2.30 (All parents and carers for Year 6 invited)** **Last day of the summer term**

Save The Date

THE AYLSHAM COMMUNITY TRUST (FAMILIES)
CHARITY NUMBER 1205779

Save The Date

Family Learning Day

Saturday 21st June

10am - 2pm

Aylsham High School

Suitable for the whole family

Drop in for an hour or stay for the day

Children must be accompanied by an adult

FREE ADMISSION AND ACTIVITIES



Join us for a variety of FREE activities, including drumming workshops, a planetarium, encounters with exotic reptiles and meeting mini donkeys!



Adventure with Paddington Bear with activities at the Aylsham Reading Festival.



Our schools and local community groups will be offering a variety of science, sport, craft and fun activities.

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Aylsham Show

Sponsored by The Rotary Club of Aylsham, Ovamill Ltd, Slow Food Aylsham and The Aylsham Show