SCHOOL YEAR 2024/25- NEWSLETTER NO 12

Dear Friends,

It seems impossible to believe that we are so near to the end of the school year. It only seems like yesterday that we were welcoming Reception 2024 into school and yet next week we will be meeting Reception 2025 on their first visit to school. I know that as we head through the last 4 weeks (and 2 days!) of term it will be a time of reflection for many, I know the boxes of tissues are at the ready in some households already! However, this next week our eyes are all on the autumn term and the children's transitions for September 2025. All of our Year 6 children will be visiting their high schools if they haven't done so already. Their thoughts will turn to tutor groups, school buses, and school uniforms! The children in Reception to Year 5 will be looking ahead to their transition day on Thursday June 26th. It has always been traditional on that day for the children to meet their teachers and classmates for the coming year and we are thrilled to be keeping up with that Aldborough tradition. Some children will be moving into different classes whereas others will be remaining in their existing class (remember that all children spend 2 years in a class at two different times over their years at Aldborough). Please trust us with the decisions that we make about the best classes for the children to be in next year. There is never a concept of 'being held back' so please do not give this message to your children if they remain in the same class for a second year; it is never a suggestion that we make. Friendships, learning, inclusion and individuality are at the heart of all the decisions that are made about transitions and we thank the parents and carers in advance for supporting us. If you know that your child might feel anxious about change, then please prepare them for next Thursday, as we will also be doing here in school

There will be new children joining us in Key Stage 2 so there will be new families to get to know and new faces to smile at! To add to the excitement there will be a new teacher in Willow Class in September to cover Mrs Edwards' maternity leave and to job share with Mrs Gale. We are delighted that Mr Alex Grice will be joining us for the year and we hope that there will be opportunities for you to meet him before the new term. We hope that Mr Grice will be very happy here as he joins our Aldborough family – I know that you will all be very welcoming. There are exciting times ahead!

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



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INTER-HOUSE SPORTS AFTERNOONS- A huge thank you to Mr Hall-Galley who has organised several inter house Friday afternoon sports competitions for the children. Last week saw the Bumble Bees win the house trophy in the football tournament and this week will be the kwik cricket tournament. The children who take part love these afternoons and it is a joy to see them shine with their sporting skills and fabulous sportsmanship.

MEET THE TEACHER AFTERNOONS – 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 a 'Meet the teacher meeting' 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 8th of September Oak Class and Cherry Blossom Class

Tues 9th of September Willow Class

Thurs 11th of September Pine Class

NUTS – For a long time now we have been a nut free school. We have several children and staff with nut allergies so please, please do not send any food containing nuts in packed lunches or for snacks. Thank you for your support with this important matter.

JUNIOR DUKE – A final reminder that June 27th is the deadline for Junior Duke completed challenges to be returned to the Office for this year – the children can continue with their challenges next year before they move onto a new level. The children are aiming to complete 10 challenges in order to take part in our celebration event so if your child has a book with 10 completed challenges in it please send it into the Office even if it has all been signed off. If you have any unused Junior Duke books at home, please could they be returned to the office so that we can give them out next year (they cost us £10.00 per book).

SUMMER PRODUCTION - We are sure that you have these dates in your diary now if you are KS2 parents and carers. Just in case you need another reminder, there will be a performance to Chestnut and Cherry Blossom Class and any KS2 parents with pre-school children on Monday 14th July at 1.45 pm. The two evening performances will be on Tuesday 15th July and Wednesday 16th July at 6.00 pm and all KS2 children will be involved. All ticket information will be with you shortly.

FAMILY LEARNING DAY – Our next Family Learning Afternoon will take place next **Tuesday 24th June** and our theme is 'A Symphony of Stories' in preparation for the visit of James Mayhew in July**.** We do hope you will join us for an afternoon of creativity inspired by music and stories. Doors open at 2.00 p.m.

FAMILY LEARNING DAY AHS – On Saturday June 21st Aylsham High School will be holding their annual Family Learning Day from 10.00 a.m. - 2.00p.m. The staff from our school will be

organising our own activity stand and we would love to see you there. This day is the perfect opportunity for our present yr 6 children, who are transitioning to AHS, to enjoy an informal day and meet their new teachers. You can find information about all the workshops/activities organised by TACT families on our outdoor noticeboard by the front door.



Dates for your Diaries



	JUNE
Saturday 21st June	**AHS Family Learning Day – Aylsham High School**
Tuesday 24th June	**Summer Family Learning Afternoon – A Symphony of Stories**
Wednesday 25th June - 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 9.00 a.m. (or as soon as we can get the children out onto the field)**
Tuesday 22nd July	**Leaver's Assembly 2.30 (All parents and carers for Year 6 invited)** **Last day of the summer term**