SCHOOL YEAR 2025/26- NEWSLETTER NO 4

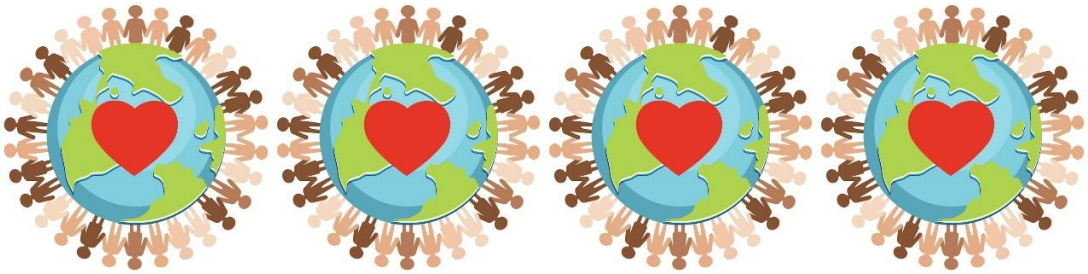
Dear Friends,

As many of you will know, we added 'Community' to our school values after Covid when the world opened back up and we all had to learn how to get along with each other again after months spent in our houses. In the five years since that time 'Community' has continued to be an important part of the Aldborough ethos especially in light of the unpredictable world that today's children are growing up in. We have had two wonderful examples of the strength of our community over the past couple of weeks. Firstly, the Halloween Party which saw the school full of volunteers and excited children. The whole school community came together to show the children how much can be achieved when we work together with good organisation and lots of enthusiasm. Thank you to The Friends committee for embodying the value of Community in such a pro-active way. Secondly, on Armistice Day we gathered together as a school community to mark the end of WW1 and to look to the future of our global community as we learn from the mistakes of the past. Whilst it took less than 10 minutes out of our school day, it was a special moment as we were joined by the whole school community: children, staff, volunteer readers and governors. These two occasions could not have been more different, but both helped us to remember just what 'Community' really means and what an important value it is for children to see working in practice.

Our school community is growing all the time with new children and their families joining us regularly. We always ask when new families arrive that our existing community welcomes them with enthusiasm and treats them with respect. It can be tough on the school playground whatever age you are. None of us, children or adults, teachers or parents should ever start or end the school day feeling judged or excluded. 'Community' matters; it is at the heart of our school and central to our values. We have some of our most treasured moments together.

'Every child deserves respect and safety and everyone who cares deserves recognition and appreciation. Every act of care creates community because we are all essentially weavers of that same fabric.' (Catherine, Princess of Wales, 18.11.25)

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



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WINTRY WEATHER – Could we please ask that parents drive respectfully especially in the wintry weather. The road outside school is often icy or wet in the Winter and pedestrians can feel unsafe with cars driving quickly past them when they are walking to and from school. Could we also ask that parents respect the unofficial one way system and approach Alby Hill with the school on their left. Please refrain from turning around in the driveway of The Old School House which will soon be occupied. Should the school have to close due to snow conditions parents will be notified at the earliest opportunity by text.

STAFF TRAINING WARNING – The staff regularly attend training sessions on various subjects. This week, as part of our safeguarding training, we were once again reminded how vulnerable children are (especially boys) if they use on line games which use chat rooms. It is essential that parents and carers know exactly who their children are 'chatting' to on line. The staff all felt it was important to pass this message on to all parents.

FAMILY LEARNING AFTERNOON - Please come along and join us for our Christmas Family Learning Afternoon on Tuesday December 2nd 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.

CHRISTMAS FAIR – We are on the countdown to the school Christmas Fair on December 6th. Santa has the date in his diary and Mrs Knight has a new book of raffle tickets at the ready! The Friends always need volunteers to make the day go with a sparkle and shine so please let them know if you can help. This year each class will have a colour theme once more 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/Orange
Willow Class – Silver/Blue
Pine Class – Green
Cherry Blossom Class – Pink
Chestnut Class – Red

Please send your gift donations in with the children from Monday 24th November onwards.

NATIVITY – Chestnut and Cherry Blossom Classes will be performing their Nativity on Tuesday 9th December at 9.15 a.m. All parents/carers of C1 and C2 children are invited to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

FOREST SCHOOL – Now the cold weather has arrived please make sure your child has a hat, gloves, spare socks and extra layers in their Forest school bag ready to wear to keep them warm.



Dates for your Diaries



DATES LIST 2025/26	
	NOVEMBER
Monday November 24th	Willow Class Cake Sale 3.15 p.m. All cake donations to the side entrance of school on the morning of the 24th.
	DECEMBER
Tuesday 2nd December	Flu immunisations – 2nd visit Family Learning Afternoon 2 p.m. (doors open at 1.45 p.m.) All parents and carers welcome.
Saturday 6th December	CHRISTMAS FAYRE
Tuesday 9th December	Christmas Nativity 9.15 a.m. All parents and carers from Chestnut Class and Cherry Blossom Class invited
Thursday 11th December	The Friends Christmas Movie Night 3.15 p.m. – 4.15 p.m.
Wednesday 17th December	Whole School Trip to the Pantomime – Sheringham Little Theatre
Thursday 18th December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas jumper day
Friday 19th December	Last day of the Autumn Term
	JANUARY 2026
Tuesday January 6th	First day of the Spring Term for all children.

