SCHOOL YEAR 2025/26- NEWSLETTER NO 8

Dear Friends,

On the final day of this term we will be holding our first ever Aldborough United afternoon. The afternoon has been organised by our School Parliament (the children) who have gathered ideas and suggestions from their classmates and put together a programme of activities for the whole school to take part in. The children will have a free choice about which activities to choose, ranging from Dodgeball and a penalty shoot-out for KS2 to music making, art work and Big Book sharing for the whole school. Aldborough United is kicking off a new project that we are developing to support inclusive and positive behaviour which starts with a sense of belonging.

Mr Hall-Galley tells us that united teams will be developing the essential skills that they need for communication, empathy and problem - solving. We hope that our Aldborough United afternoon will give opportunities for these skills to flourish as the younger and older children work together to support each other and enjoy time together. Furthermore, we hope that an afternoon of collaborative learning will enable the children to shine in the areas of reliability, mutual respect for ideas and adaptability. These skills are not only important for team work, but also for positive behaviour and inclusion. A further opportunity to showcase this will be at our family learning day on March 17th when our team will include all parents and carers – we do hope that you can join us for an afternoon of mindfulness mandalas.

There is no doubt that children's behaviour has changed over recent years and with that brings many challenges. We are excited about moving with the times and uniting together as a staff team, a school team and a community team.

Wishing you united weekend,
With Best Wishes,
Mrs Bearman and the Aldborough team



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Aldborough Working Together

HELLO AND GOOD BYE TO SOME FRIENDS – We would like to say a huge thank you to Leanne and Vicky who have stepped down from their roles in The Friends. Both of them have been involved for many years and have raised lots of money to support the children. We can't thank them enough for their hard work and support. We welcome Klara Mack to the role of Chairperson and Joey Caston to the role of secretary with Elaine Owers continuing in her role as Treasurer. Please get involved with any events that The Friends organise if you can – it really makes a difference to your children (see below for coffee times and Quiz night details).

EXTRA PARKING – Aldborough Community Centre have kindly agreed that we can use their carpark for school pick up at the end of the day. As the weather improves it is a lovely walk from the village and through the allotments. Should the Community Centre have an event at the end of the day they will put up no parking signs and then parking would be on the village green or at the allotments. Thank you to The Friends for organising this for us.

A MOMENT OF PRIDE – We were delighted to be asked to join in the 100th birthday celebrations for a lady in the village earlier this week. Oak Class made a beautiful card and 4 of our year 6 children walked to the Community Centre to deliver a special birthday message and to sing happy birthday (and to share the birthday cake!). Those who were there described it as a 'tear jerking moment'. Thank you to the staff and all the children involved; what an honour to be included.

SCHOOL START TIMES – Thank you to everyone who read the last newsletter and has adjusted their morning routine to ensure that the children are in school and ready to learn by 8.55 a.m. The teachers are noticing a real difference to the first session to the day as fewer children are arriving late and disturbing the learning that has already begun. We really appreciate your support in this.

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS – As we reach the end of the financial year please could all parents and carers settle any outstanding accounts before the 22nd of March. Many thanks for your support.

WORLD BOOK DAY – Thank you to everyone who was able to support us in our celebration of World Book Day yesterday. The children looked magnificent and were very excited to share their favourite books with others. Thank you to the teachers who thought of ever more inventive ways of making reading fun for our children.

FRIENDS FOR COFFEE - The Friends will have another trial coffee afternoon in Aldborough community centre:

Friday 13th March 2 - 3pm

Hot drinks and cake available as well as toys for younger siblings to enjoy, all provided by the community centre. Please bring cash for a donation towards drinks and food. This will be a great opportunity to meet other parents and to find out a little more about the Friends Group. If you're attending these sessions please feel free to park at the community centre on these days and then walk to school.

QUIZ NIGHT – Please, please, please support The Friends Quiz evening if you can. It is set to be a wonderful evening at Aldborough Community Centre. The quiz will take place on Saturday 28th March from 5.30 p.m. – 8.00 p.m. Light bites will be included and there are prizes to be won! £10.00 per adult, £5.00 per child and under 4s are free. There is a 25% discount for early bird bookings! Thank you to The Friends for organising this family event to support our children. Tickets can be purchased from the brand - new Friends webpage.

PARENTS' EVENINGS – Our Spring Term Parents' Evenings will take place on Tuesday 24th March and Thursday 26th March. Signup sheets will be available before and after school in the side entrance from Monday 9th March to Friday 13th March.

FAMILY LEARNING DAY – Our next Family Learning Afternoon will take place on **Tuesday 17th March.** If the weather is wet you will need your wellies as the afternoon will involve some outdoor work with nature. We do hope you will join us.

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 13th March 9.05 a.m. (special invite to all Chestnut Mothers!)

Willow Class: Friday 20th March 9.05 a.m.

Cherry Blossom Class: Friday 27th March 9.05 a.m.



Dates for your Diaries



DATES LIST 2026	
	MARCH
Tuesday March 10th	**National Dental Survey for selected children in Reception and Year 1.**
Friday March 13th	**Chestnut Class Assembly. All parents and carers from Chestnut Class invited 9.05 a.m. start.** **The Friends Coffee Afternoon, Aldborough Community Centre 2.00 p.m. -3.00 p.m. Everyone welcome**
Tuesday 17th March	**Family Learning Afternoon 2.00 p.m. start**
Friday 20th March	**Willow Class Assembly. All parents and carers from Willow Class invited 9.05 a.m. start.**
Tuesday 24th March **Thursday 26th March**	**Parents' Evening 3.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.** **Parents' Evening 3.30 p.m. -7.00 p.m.**
Friday 27th March	**Cherry Blossom Class Assembly. All parents and carers from Cherry Blossom Class invited 9.05 a.m. start.** **Cherry Blossom Cake Sale 3.15 p.m. on the playground.** **Last day of the Spring Term**
	APRIL
Tuesday 14th April	**First day of the Summer Term for children**
Thursday 23rd April	**Ada and the Code Crusader – English Touring Opera for all KS2 children.**

