SCHOOL YEAR 2026/27- NEWSLETTER NO 4

Dear Friends,

As many of you will know, 'Community' is one of our school values along with Pride, Respect and Individuality. Last week 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. It helped us to remember just what 'Community' really means and what an important value it is for children to see working in practice. The children in year 6 wrote some lovely poems as they reflected on the implications of war on communities gone by. Here is one of our favourites:

War-threatening,
Lives-losing,
Limbs-throbbing,
Horsebacks-ongoing,
Unfair-disagreements,
Poppies-growing,
Lives-reliving,
Sadness-saving,
Bell-ringing,
No-fighting,
Silence-remembering

A special thank you to this poet and to the two other children from year 6 who read poems in our assembly last Wednesday.

Our school community is growing all the time and we offer a very warm welcome to those families who joined us recently. We always ask when new families arrive that our existing community welcomes them with enthusiasm. It can be tough on the school playground whatever age you are. Whether we are children or adults, teachers or parents we all like to start our day with a friendly smile and a sense of belonging. 'Community' matters; it is at the heart of our school and central to our values. We have some of our most treasured moments together.

"The best communities aren't built, they're grown—like gardens, with care, patience, and a little love."

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

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Aldborough Working Together

THANK YOU – Thank you to The Friends for hosting such a wonderful Halloween Disco last week. The children had a spooky-tastic time and enjoyed every moment especially the beautifully decorated school hall. Thank you to all of the adults and teachers involved and to the parents who supported this event.

ART WORKSHOP INVITATION - Last summer some of our children took part in art workshops with Mrs O'Leary. As part of their workshops the children entered a school art competition to create a design that would inspire a lasting artwork commemorating the 125th anniversary of Cromer Pier. The exhibition has now been launched and the children who were involved with the project are invited to visit. Their entries will be displayed in Cromer Artspace from Wednesday November 25th until Tuesday December 1st, 11am to 4pm each day. There is a private viewing afternoon on Saturday November 28th between 2-4pm, specifically for children involved and their families who might not be able to make it during the week. It would be lovely for the children if you were able to take them to see their art work on display.

VILLAGE PLANTING INVITATION - The Parish Council is adding hedging to Aldborough playground tomorrow (Saturday) at 2pm. Children invited to come along and help plant. Refreshments provided.

YOUNG CARERS – Earlier this half term we were joined by the Young Carers from the Benjamin Foundation who delivered training to the staff and an assembly to our KS2 children. The children in EYFS and KS1 watched a special episode of CBeebies bedtime stories all about being a young carer. If you feel that your child has young carers responsibilities then please let the office know as there could be support available. Please see the separate flyer for more information.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT FROM THE QUEEN – Today the children in Year 6 will all bring home a copy of 'Impossible Creatures' by Katherine Rundell. These books are in celebration of the National Year of Reading and have been given by Her Majesty The Queen to every year 6 child in the country. The books have been specially produced for the occasion and include a personal message from Her Majesty at the front. We hope that your children enjoy their special gift.

GAMING SAFETY – We have had children tell us how excited they are to be playing the Grand Theft Auto 6 game. It is our duty of care to remind you that the age of consent for this game is 18 yrs in the UK. Children often act out their video games/ films that they watch on the playground. Please support your children in protecting their childhood.

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 continue to park respectfully, keeping in mind that pedestrians will need to use the pavements. Should the school have to close due to snow conditions

parents will be notified at the earliest opportunity by text. If you have recently changed any of your contact details, please let the office know.

SIDE GATE – When parents use the side gate of the school during the day they are often very lovely and will hold the gate open for anyone else who arrives at the same time. Much as we appreciate your kindness, could we ask you not to do this as we closely monitor who comes onto the school site in order to keep the children safe.

FAMILY LEARNING AFTERNOON - Please come along and join us for our Christmas Family Learning Afternoon on Tuesday December 1st 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 5th. 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 fair 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 23rd November onwards. Donations towards the tombola stall can also be left in the side entrance of the school. We cannot accept any donations of alcohol for the tombola. **The fair this year will be at Aldborough Community Centre from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. Please park responsibly in the Village.**

NATIVITY – Chestnut and Cherry Blossom Classes will be performing their Nativity on Tuesday 8th December and Wednesday 9th December at 9.15 a.m. All parents/carers of Chestnut and Cherry Blossom children are invited to attend one of the performances but please do not come to both. We hope that by having an additional performance that there will be enough space for everyone. We look forward to seeing you there.

PACKED LUNCHES – On the last newsletter we asked parents and carers to talk to their children about the food that they would like to eat in their packed lunches so that the children all ate their lunch. Unfortunately, the result of this appears to be that children now have sweets and chocolate included in their packed lunches or for their snacks. Please could we ask that parents make healthy choices for their children as much as possible and do not include sweets and chocolate in lunch boxes. **If your child is in year 1 and is having a packed lunch, can you please make sure that they know this and that they tell their teacher.**

OPEN MORNINGS RECEPTION 2027 – We will be holding open mornings for parents of children due to start school in Reception 2027. The next visit will be on :
Friday 3rd December at 9.15 a.m.



Dates for your Diaries



DATES LIST 2026	
	NOVEMBER
Saturday 21st November	**Village hedge planting at the playground. 2.00 p.m. onwards. All children welcome**
Monday 23rd November	**Flu vaccine catch up day**
Friday 27th November	**Willow Class Cake Sale. 3.15 p.m. on the front playground.**
	DECEMBER
Tuesday 1st December	**Christmas Family Learning Afternoon (Doors open at 1.45 p.m. for a 2.00 p.m. start)**
Saturday 5th December	**Christmas Fair – Aldborough Community Centre. 10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.**
Tuesday 8th December	**Nativity Performance – Chestnut and Cherry Blossom Class 9.15 a.m.**
Wednesday 9th December	**Nativity Performance – Chestnut and Cherry Blossom Class 9.15 a.m.**
Wednesday December 16th	**Whole School Trip to Sheringham Little Theatre Pantomime**
Thursday December 17th	**Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day**
Friday 18th December	**Carols around the tree 2.30 p.m. – invited guests only** **Last day of the Autumn Term**
	JANUARY
Tuesday 4th January	**First day of the Spring Term for children**





YOUNG CARERS

The pupils in our school have all had an assembly about **Young Carers**. Your child may have questions about whether they are a Young Carer.

A Young Carer is a person under 18 who looks after someone in their family or a friend who is ill, disabled, or has a mental health problem or addiction.

This includes those with siblings who have SEND. They may take on practical and/or emotional caring responsibilities. They can also get support if they don't have an active caring role, but there is an impact on the young person.

If you think your child might be a Young Carer, please contact the school to discuss it. There is lots of support available, such as groups and free trips they can attend.