



## SCHOOL YEAR 2022/23- NEWSLETTER NO 9

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*What a very busy term it has been for the Aldborough family. We are so pleased to have ended it with a week dedicated to parents and carers and the partnership between school and home that we value so highly.*

*We were delighted to see so many of you at our Family Learning Day earlier this week. The children loved sharing their learning with you and we enjoyed hearing your stories about your school days. Parents' evenings gave us even more ways to express our pride in our children and our school. It goes without saying that our door is always open for you to discuss any worries or concerns that you have throughout the school year. Sometimes it feels to us as parents that part of the 'parent job description' is to worry about our children, but we know that a problem shared is a problem halved. There is nearly always a solution if we talk about it together. Finally, we were bursting with pride through our class assemblies this half term as the children celebrated their work and shared their talents with everyone.*

*And if all of that is not enough, it looks as if we may have a family of birds about to take up residence in Lucas' bird box in our Horse Chestnut tree. What a delight - What a family – What a team!*

*Wishing you all a family-filled Easter break,  
With Best Wishes,  
Mrs Bearman and the Aldborough Team*



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### ***Aldborough Working Together***

**PARKING AND SAFETY** – We know that it can get busy outside school, and we appreciate the logistics of getting small children to school, however, we are aware that there was a near miss outside school at drop off last week due to lack of vigilance. Firstly, we just wanted to remind you that the yellow zig zag lines at the school gate are there to keep the children safe and that it is illegal to park on them at any time. Parking on the yellow zig zag lines forces pedestrians out into the road and obscures walking children from the view of oncoming traffic. Secondly, we would ask that those parents who park near to the school gate are continually mindful that cars pull up to stop and drop the children and that they should not be 'under

cutting' parents who do this. Please wait for the children to be safely in the school gates before pulling away. Some parents may not be aware that we have a '**walk to school path**' which can be found to the far side of the staff carpark. Please use this path to avoid the children walking between the parked cars near to the school gate. Finally, we continually ask that parents do not walk through the staff car park. This is potentially extremely dangerous for the children and the drivers. We never think an accident will happen .....until it does!

**THE GREAT CORONATION BAKE OFF** – On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May we will be marking the occasion of the coronation of King Charles with 'The Great Coronation Bake off'. We hope that as many children as possible will bake a coronation cake (or small cup-cakes) which will be cut up and served as part of a children's afternoon tea party. Any cakes that are left over will be sold at the end of the school day for you to enjoy at your own coronation day celebrations. **NO NUTS OR PEANUT BUTTER PLEASE.** In addition, a small group of children will be joining the Village Care group on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at the Community Centre to learn more about the coronation of 1953. Thank you to the Village Care Committee for suggesting such a community minded activity for the children.

**THE WORLD CHOIR PROJECT** – We are delighted to have been offered the opportunity to take part in the World Choir Project at the Theatre Royal in Norwich on May 24<sup>th</sup>. We will be taking 16 children who always contribute as role models in our singing assemblies. Letters will be going out to the children involved after the holidays.

**FOREST SCHOOL – CLASS 4 WILL BE STARTING FOREST SCHOOL ON TUESDAYS AFTER EASTER.** Please make sure that the children have appropriate clothing for their Forest School sessions this half term. **Children need boots or sturdy shoes and gloves and hats, or sunhats as the weather improves. The children cannot wear sandals or Crocs for Forest School.** The days for the Summer half term are as follows:

C4: Tuesday

C1: Wednesday

C2: Thursday

C3 will have their sessions after the May half term and C5 will have some individual Forest School sessions through the Summer. Parents will be informed of these dates.

**FAMILY LEARNING DAY** – Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our Poetry Family Learning Day earlier this week. It is lovely to see children, parents and carers and teachers all working alongside each other. Our next Family Learning Day will be on **Tuesday May 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Save the date! Our Family Learning Days are organised by the Aylsham Community Trust – please see below for ways that you are able to support them in supporting us.

**ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL** - If your child is absent from school, please call the office number 01263 761264 at the earliest opportunity and leave a message. Please call each day of your child's absence, giving your child's name and reason. Please do not email, although we appreciate it can be easier for you to quickly do this, we cannot guarantee that the email has been received and therefore your child would be registered as 'Missing in Education', which then prompts Safeguarding measures to be taken.

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUB** – We are delighted to welcome Brodie Clarke to our After School Club team. Brodie will be with us on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. The team are already enjoying the extra energy he brings to outdoor time in the sunny evenings!

**SCHOOL WEBSITE** – We are continually updating our school website to include information about the children’s learning in each term and in each class. Please do familiarise yourself with the website as it provides lots of information about the curriculum.

**SCHOOL OUTFITS** – Please could all parents and carers be aware of some of the logos and brand names that are on the t-shirts and jumpers that the children wear for school. We would prefer the children not to have logos or brand names on their clothes please. Items of clothing that are acceptable outside school are not necessarily acceptable in school.

**EATON VALE TRIP** – Thank you to all of the parents and carers of year 5 children who have paid towards the Eaton Vale trip in October. Please could we remind those who haven’t yet paid that the second instalment of £110 is due before we return to school after Easter.

**MEDICATION IN SCHOOL** – Parents and carers are reminded that any medicine that comes to school must be handed in to the school office and the appropriate paper work must be completed. Please ensure that all prescription medication is in the original pharmacy container/packaging, which includes the child’s name and the necessary dosage/instructions. If prescription medicines do not have this information then school staff are unable to administer the medication.

**AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIY CLUBS** – We are delighted that so many of you took part in our activity clubs this half term. There will not be any clubs after Easter, but we hope to start again after the May half term. Watch this space!

**SWIMMING** – Year 3 will continue their swimming sessions on Mondays after the Easter holidays. Please ensure that the children have their full swimming kit including a swimming hat with them. Children should not wear earrings on swimming days.

**TRANSITION DAYS** – Now that the year 6 children have been allocated their school places for September some of the secondary schools have given us the dates for their transition days. The year 6 children who have been allocated places at Aylsham High School will visit on Wed 28<sup>th</sup> June, Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June. The year 6 children who have allocated places at Sheringham High School will visit on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July. **PLEASE AVOID BOOKING ANY DAYS OFF SCHOOL AT THIS IMPORTANT TIME.** The secondary schools will be in touch with parents/carers directly with further information. **OUR WHOLE SCHOOL TRANSITION DAY WILL BE ON THURSDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE.**

**NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS** –Please keep your eye on The Friends of Aldborough Primary School Face Book page for ways in which you can help. Thank you as always to The Friends for their enthusiasm and energy and for all of the parents and carers for supporting the different events.

**PE KIT** - A gentle reminder that all children need their PE kit in school at all times. It should not be taken home at the end of the week. PE kit is a white T-shirt, black or navy shorts and black or navy track suit bottoms/leggings and trainers. The children should wear a sweat shirt for outdoor PE. As always, the health and well-being of the children is our number one priority. Please ensure that the children have their PE kit in school with them at all times.

**HEALTHY SNACKS, LUNCHES AND BIRTHDAY TREATS** – Please ensure that the snacks and packed lunches that the children bring to school are healthy and nut free. We work very hard as a school to support health and well-being and the contents of some lunch boxes make consistent messages difficult for the children to understand. It would be much appreciated if birthday treats, which are shared with the class, are also sugar free and consistent with

children's health and well-being. Please avoid sugary lollipops in particular. Thank you for your continued support in this matter. **If your child is in KS2 and has a school snack, please pay in the school shop in Pupil Asset.**



## *Aldborough Information*



**MORNING PLAYGROUND DROP OFF – IF YOU ARRIVE AT SCHOOL BEFORE 8.45 OR BEFORE THE MEMBER OF STAFF ARRIVES, PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CHILDREN UNATTENDED ON THE PLAYGROUND.**

**MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT** – Aldborough Primary now has 3 'Mental Health First Responders' on site to help members of our community should they have a need. If you think we can help you in anyway please do not hesitate to contact either via email: [office@aldborough.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@aldborough.norfolk.sch.uk) or phone 01263 761264. Confidentiality is guaranteed.

**ALDBOROUGH AFTER SCHOOL CLUB** – Please email enquiries/bookings to [afterschoolclub@aldborough.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:afterschoolclub@aldborough.norfolk.sch.uk) further information and booking forms are available on the school website. There will be plenty of outdoor play and art activities available with ASC staff working hard to plan and provide activities. The team continue to provide tasty snacks.

**BREAKFAST CLUB** – Breakfast Club is available daily from 8am in the dining room. Pre-booking is advised to be guarantee a place, however children can attend on the day without the need to pre-book. PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE DOORS TO BREAKFAST CLUB WILL NOT OPEN UNTIL 8.00a.m

**FSM APPLICATIONS** – Have your family circumstances changed? If so your child/children may be eligible for Free School Meals. Money provided to the school can also be used to provide additional support for a child's learning or financial help with learning opportunities/resources. It is always worth making an application. Please go to: <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk> If you need help or have any queries, please contact Mrs Knight in the office who will be very happy to help you. All information will be treated confidentially.

**FOOD BANK-** If you aren't already aware, Aldborough Primary is able to refer families in need to the Foodbank; please don't hesitate to contact us if you need some help. All support is provided confidentially.

<b><u>DATES LIST 2023</u></b>	
<b>Friday March 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Last day of term</b>
	<b>EASTER HOLIDAY</b>
	<b><u>APRIL</u></b>
<b>Tuesday April 18th</b>	<b>First day of the Summer term 1</b>
	<b>Forest School starts for C4</b>
	<b><u>MAY</u></b>

<b>Monday May 1st</b>	<b>May Day Bank Holiday, School Closed</b>
<b>Friday May 5th</b>	<b>The Great Coronation Bake Off</b>
<b>Monday May 8th</b>	<b>Coronation Bank Holiday, School Closed</b>
<b>Tuesday May 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday May 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year 6 SATS week (please avoid any absence this week)</b>
<b>Monday May 15<sup>th</sup> onwards</b>	<b>Bikeability Week for Yr 5 children only</b>
<b>Friday May 19th</b>	<b>The Big C Wear it Blue Day (details to follow)</b>
<b>Tuesday May 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Family Learning Day – all parents and carers invited. Doors open at 1.45 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday May 24th</b>	<b>World Choir Project – Theatre Royal Norwich. (selected children only)</b>
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Last day of Summer Term 1</b>