



SCHOOL YEAR 2023/24- NEWSLETTER NO 11

Dear Friends,

Mrs Knight has a favourite saying 'Every day is a school day' meaning that we are all learning all of the time. With that in mind, as we reach the end of another half term, it seems a good time to share with you some of the learning and achievements of the staff over the last 6 weeks. Without their commitment to their own learning, the journey of the children wouldn't be as rich as it is at our lovely school. Here goes – a typical half term for the Aldborough staff!

Mr Caston undertook training of how to improve our website while Mr Hall-Galley is part of a yearlong training project which is helping us all to deliver amazing writing sessions (see the website for more information!). Mrs Cuthill learnt about 'Talking Stories' which will be a new initiative for 2024-25 for all children in EYFS and KS1. Mrs Parks spent a day finding out about different ways to interact with our early years children and all of our LSAs had a training session on teaching times tables (not that they weren't already experts but we know how important this is!). 3 of us completed a yearlong project on evaluating our curriculum (exciting changes ahead in KS2) and Mrs Cuthill and Mrs Bearman developed that learning with a fascinating course about encouraging independent learning. If all of that wasn't enough, all of the teachers are part of professional communities who meet half termly to discuss issues relating to their subject areas – they bring all of their ideas back to school for us to work on.

In addition to all of the training relating to learning, we have all been busy with our own learning on children's health and well-being. All of the teachers have updated their Prevent training, a government initiative to prevent radicalisation. Mrs Gale became a fully qualified 'Step On' lead professional which means that she can support all of the staff who will complete Norfolk's Steps behaviour training this term. 10 members of staff went to AHS to a training session all about supporting children with Demand Avoidance Profiles while Mrs Gale and Mrs Bearman spent a day training to be EHAP co-ordinators to support families. Even Brodie got in on the act and qualified as a first aider for ASC and Breakfast Club as well as gaining his Food Hygiene Certificate. And Tracy – she got married - some might argue, the greatest learning curve of all!

We were delighted to celebrate Mrs Stanbury qualifying as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant – a yearlong course which has demanded a huge amount of self-study and assessment here in school. Congratulations to her for all her hard work and for everything that she brings to our school. As for Mrs Knight; she led the school through a 2 day, highly successful full financial audit by the local authority which was all testament to her expertise all year round. She is indeed right – 'Every day is a school day' for adults and children alike.

*We wish you a restful half term ready for all the new learning ahead,
With Best Wishes,
Mrs Bearman and the Aldborough Team*



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Aldborough Working Together

SCHOOL SWEATSHIRT – We are super excited to launch our new school sweatshirt. It is amazing the number of ex pupils (some from many years ago who are now parents hoping that their children can come to Aldborough) who talk about their school sweatshirts and the photos that they still have. We are really looking forward to that tradition starting again. The sweatshirt is now available through Birds of Dereham: <https://www.birdsofdereham.com>. There will be samples of these in school within the next couple of weeks for anyone to try on for size.

SCHOOL CLOTHES – As promised, there is advice for appropriate school clothes for September on our school website. This is based on the feedback that we had from parents earlier this year and the behaviour that we observe in school on a daily basis. We will send this advice out to parents later in the term but we thought you might like a heads up via the website.

SCHOOL PICK UP SAFEGUARDING – Please be aware that the only children who should be collected at the side gate by the tennis courts are the children in Class 5. All other parents and carers for all other classes should come to the front playground where the children will be handed over by the class teachers. It is increasingly difficult for the teachers to facilitate this handover safely when some parents are taking the children as the classes walk round from their classrooms. Many thanks for your support in this – keeping your children safe is our number 1 priority.

A RIGHT ROYAL OCCASION! – We were delighted to hear that our Chair of Governors, Richard Hembling was invited to the King's Garden Party for his services to our school. Mr Hembling spent the day at Buckingham Palace on June 8th and a thoroughly good time was had by all on all accounts. We are so grateful to Richard for his many years of service as a governor (he thinks around 24 years) and for keeping our school on the right track.

PARKING – Please be mindful of where you park particularly at school pick up time. Parking too near to the bridge means that pedestrians have to walk out into the road to walk past. It also makes it very difficult for buses to pass safely.

MULTIPLICATION TEST – The children in Year 4 have been working hard to prepare for the national multiplication test which will take place after half term in June. Knowledge of times tables and the related division facts are essential for success in the Year 5 curriculum and we hope that parents will continue to support their children in practising their times tables through the half term holiday.....and beyond! Along with a secure level of reading, knowledge of times table really is the greatest way you can help your children as they move through the school.

FAMILY LEARNING AFTERNOON – Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for “**THE GREAT ALDBOROUGH OLYMPIC PENTATHLON**” and for everyone who supported our fundraising by sponsoring the children. At this time of tight school budgets we really do rely on events such as this (and those organised by The Friends) to provide the children with opportunities to enjoy a broad and balanced school experience. Please could all sponsor money be returned to school office by Friday 7th June. Thank you so much for all of your support.

FAMILY LEARNING DAY AHS – On Saturday June 22nd Aylsham High School will be holding their annual Family Learning Day from 10.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m. The staff from our school will be there 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 new outdoor noticeboard by the front door.

SWIMMING – Named children will have received a letter via email for extra swimming sessions on Mondays after half term. It is essential that your child takes part in these extra lessons in order to meet the national curriculum requirements. If you have received this, please make sure that the children have their full kit with them, including a swimming hat, every Monday. Earrings should not be worn to school on swimming days.

CLUBS – Clubs will start again after half term. We took on board all of your comments on the parent questionnaire that was filled out a parents’ evening and we have lots of sports clubs on offer. Thank you to the staff (and parents) for giving up their time to run the clubs and to Mrs Knight for organising them all.

SPORTS DAY – Sports Day will be on Monday July 8th at 9.00 a.m. (or as soon as we can get the children out onto the field). Fingers crossed that the sun will shine for us this year!

ACCOUNTS – Could all outstanding accounts be settled over half-term. There have been a few issues with the payment system which should have been resolved. If however, you are finding your payment is being rejected try to ‘untick’ the ‘saved payment card’ option which hopefully will clear the problem. Many thanks for your support and patience during this time.

FOREST SCHOOL –CLASS 3 WILL BEGIN THEIR FOREST SCHOOL SESSIONS ON TUESDAY AFTERNOONS AFTER HALF TERM. 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:

C3: Tuesday

C1: Wednesday

C2: Thursday

CLASS 5 WILL HAVE FOREST SCHOOL SESSIONS ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:

Monday 10th June

Monday 17th June

Thursday 18th July All C5 children will have Forest School in the morning. The yr 6 children will need a packed lunch as their afternoon in the forest will include a pizza party.

YEAR 6 DATE FOR YOUR DIARY- On Monday June 17th the pastoral team from Aylsham High School will be leading a workshop for parents/carers and children in year 6 to support the children in their transition to high school. The workshop is for all year 6 children regardless

of which secondary school they are moving on to. The workshop will start immediately after school at 3.15 p.m. and run for about an hour. There will be separate advice and guidance for parents/carers and children. We really hope that you will all be able to attend this important session.

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 26th June, Thurs 27th June and Friday 28th June. The year 6 children who have allocated places at North Walsham High School will visit on Monday 1st July and Tuesday 2nd 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 27TH JUNE.**

SANDALS AND SOCKS - Just a quick reminder that the children are not allowed to wear open toed sandals for school unless they also wear socks.

SUMMER PRODUCTION – PIRATES OF THE CURRY BEAN! – There will be a performance to C1 and C2 and any KS2 parents with pre-school children on Monday 15th July at 1.45 pm. The two evening performances will be on Tuesday 16th July and Wednesday 17th July at 6.00 pm and all KS2 children will be involved. All ticket information will be with you nearer the time.

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. **The next event that we need your help with will be the Bolwick Hall Fundraiser on Sunday June 16th. Please come along and join us if you can or speak to the committee about different ways that you could help us.** 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 reminder that all KS2 children will now be coming to school in their PE kits on the day of their PE lessons.

Tuesday = Class 3

Wednesday = Class 4

Thursday = Class 5

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.



Aldborough Information



AT ALDBOROUGH WE ARE COMMITTED TO PROVIDING ALL CHILDREN WITH THE BEST EDUCATION POSSIBLE. IN ORDER TO DO THIS WE NEED ALL CHILDREN TO ATTEND REGULARLY AND PUNCTUALLY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

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.

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. **Attendance is reviewed regularly.**
ATTENDANCE AT LESS THAN 90% WILL INSTIGATE ATTENDANCE INTERVENTION

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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.

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. You will also find our safeguarding, SEND and behaviour policies on the website along with many others. **We are often asked to provide work for children who are going on holiday during term time.**

This is not something that we do due to the pressure that it puts on teacher workload in addition to the additional workload involved with helping the children to catch up when they return to school. The website is an excellent source of information for those parents who wish their children to work during term time holidays. **AT ALDBOROUGH WE ARE COMMITTED TO PROVIDING ALL CHILDREN WITH THE BEST EDUCATION POSSIBLE. IN ORDER TO DO THIS WE NEED ALL CHILDREN TO ATTEND REGULARLY AND PUNCTUALLY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.**

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.

JEWELLERY AND HAIR - The only jewellery allowed in school is one pair of stud earrings, which need to be taped up for PE. No other jewellery is allowed. For your child's comfort and hygiene please ensure that all long hair is tied up every day.

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT – Aldborough Primary 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 or phone 01263 761264. Confidentiality is guaranteed.

ALDBOROUGH AFTER SCHOOL CLUB – Please email enquiries/bookings to 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.

<u>DATES LIST 2024</u>	
Monday May 27th – Friday 31st May	HALF TERM
	<u>JUNE</u>
Monday 10th June	C5 Forest School Day
Thursday 13th June	Year 6’s to STEAM project at Gresham’s School.
Sunday 16th June	<u>FRIENDS FUNDRAISER BOLWICK HALL</u>
Monday 17th June	C5 Forest School Day
Monday 17th June	Yr 6 Transition Meeting (All yr 6 children, Parents and Carers) 3.15 p.m.
Wednesday 19th June	Class Photo Day
Saturday 22nd June	AHS Family Learning Day – Aylsham High School
Wednesday 26th June - Friday 28th June	AHS transition days (Yr 6 children who are going to AHS)
Wednesday 26th June	5.00p.m.- 6.00p.m. Reception 2024 Parents’ Meeting
Thursday June 27th	Whole school transition day – new classes for Sept 2024
	<u>JULY</u>
Monday 1st July – Tuesday 2nd July	North Walsham High School transition days

Monday 8th July	Sports Day 9.00a.m.-10.30a.m.
Monday 15th July	KS2 Summer Production 1.45 p.m. (families with young children only)
Tuesday 16th July	KS2 Summer Production 6.00 p.m.
Wednesday 17th July	KS2 Summer Production 6.00 p.m.
Thursday 18th July	Class 5 Forest School Day and yr 6 Pizza Party.(Packed lunch required for yr 6 only).
Friday 19th July	Last day of the Summer Term Leaver's Assembly 2.30 p.m. – Year 6 Parents and Carers only (+ tissues).