



SCHOOL YEAR 2024/25- NEWSLETTER NO 2

Dear Friends,

Welcome to a very busy newsletter! There is lots of information about the term ahead and quite a bit of information that will help parents and carers to support the children's learning. Education is often described as a three legged stool with the parents, the school and the community forming the legs and the child sitting on top. If we all work together we can ensure that all of our children sit securely on their stools or even stand and shout about their successes. We all know how dangerous tumbles can be if even one leg is wonky!

Since the beginning of the new term our School Council has been working hard to launch the Kindness Challenge 2024. Their aim is to spread extra kindness around the school especially during the week before half term. Sometimes in our busy lives we don't always remember to be kind and this week is just a reminder from the school council that kindness spreads happiness. The week before half term everyone tends to be a little more tired than usual so this felt like an appropriate time to spread the kind acts around. The school council have spoken to their classes and gathered suggestions for kindness challenges. As a group they have chosen 9 challenges that every child in school can attempt during the week (there are going to be lots of doors held open for others to pass through!) The school council have also made posters to advertise the kindness challenge around the school and they will be leading an assembly next week.

We are very proud of our school council and the way that they represent the views of their friends and peers. They are an excellent example of the community leg of the three legged stool and they are sitting firmly on top of their stools at present without a single wobble!

*Wishing you a wobble free weekend,
With Best Wishes,
Mrs Bearman and the Aldborough Team*

Please go to: www.aldborough.norfolk.sch.uk



Aldborough Working Together

PARENTS' EVENINGS- We are delighted to invite all parents and carers to our Autumn parents' evenings on October 21st and October 24th. The appointment sheets will be available just inside the side entrance to school every morning and afternoon from Monday 7th October – Friday 11th October so please come in and make your appointments. We will be using our 10 minute bell system to keep us all on track on the parents' evenings. We kindly ask that parents respect the timings of their appointments.

HARVEST CELEBRATION– Our Harvest Celebration for the children will take place on Friday October 11th. We will be collecting donations for the North Norfolk Foodbank who do so much to support local families in need and who make regular donations to our Breakfast Club. Please see the attached flyer for the donations that we are collecting. Bags of donations can be brought into school from Monday 7th October onwards. Thank you for your support.

SPOOKY STORIES DRESS UP DAY – On Tuesday 5th November we will be holding our spooky stories dress up day. The children are encouraged to come to school dressed as their favourite character from a spooky story book (please remember we have little children in school who don't want to be scared!) We ask for a £1.00 donation from each child to go towards supporting the children. The children can give their £1.00 donation to the class teachers or to the office on the day.

PARKING KINDLY– We know that parking at the beginning and the end of the day is an ever growing problem. We ask that you park respectfully and avoid parking too near, or on the bridge which causes problems for pedestrians. Please make the most of the space provided and do not leave large gaps between cars. It can be difficult to see little people in between cars so please hold your child's hand up and down the road as you walk to and from your cars.

READING BREAKFASTS – Our reading breakfasts are a lovely opportunity for parents and carers to come in to school to see the work that the children have been doing in their reading. There is also time for children to share some of the class reading books with adults. It is such a joy to see adults and children filling the Learning Street with their love of reading. Please see the dates list below for times and days.

TALKING OF READING.... - Here's an interesting thought from our Reading leader Mrs Cuthill:

How many words will a child have heard by the time they are 5 years old?

If they are never read to – 4,662 words

If they are read to 1-2 times a week- 63,570 words

If they are read to 3-5 times a week – 169,520 words

If they are read to daily – 296,660 words

If they are read to 5 times a day – 1,483,300

A QUICK WORD ABOUT TIMES TABLES – We know how much you like to support the children in their learning so we thought a quick word about times tables might help you. Knowing times tables is the biggest factor in achieving success in the Key Stage 2 SATs and generally in maths skills for life. This is the challenge we face:

By the end of Cherry Blossom Class children should know their 2, 5, 10 times tables (instant recall – no fingers allowed!)

By the end of year 3 children should know their 3, 4, 8 times tables (sit on your hands – no fingers!)

By the end of year 4 children should know all the other times tables up to 12 x 12 (not even toes involved at this stage!). The children are tested on these at the end of year 4. Whether you sing in the car, chant over breakfast or take part in Times Tables Rockstars, please do something – it makes such a difference that will last a lifetime for the children.

JOB OPPORTUNITY – We are looking for a new recruit to join our friendly After School Club team. We just need someone for the Monday afternoon session from 2.45-5.30. If any parents/ carers are interested or know of anyone who may be interested then please contact the office for further details.

OPEN MORNINGS RECEPTION 2025 – We will be holding open mornings for parents of children due to start school in Reception 2025. The visits will be on :

Thursday 10th October at 9.30 a.m.

Thursday 14th November at 9.30 a.m.

Friday 6th December at 9.30 a.m.

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!!

ACTIVITY CLUBS – The information for KS2 activity clubs for next half term went home with the children earlier this week. Please check bags in case it hasn't made it to you yet.

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM – After October half term we will start collecting any pre-loved school sweatshirts, polo shirts and summer dresses that the children may have already grown out of. Please send any donations into school so that we get a pre-loved uniform shop up and running. **Please, please, please name or label uniform – we already have two sweatshirts for our uniform shop that cannot be reunited with their owners.**

BIRTHDAY INVITATIONS – Sadly, we are having to ask that parents and carers no longer send birthday invitations into school for the teachers to distribute. It is causing upset for some children who do not receive an invitation and on the odd occasion the wrong child has gone home with an invitation that was not meant for them. I am sure that parents can think of other inventive ways of getting the right invitations to the right child!

HOODIES – Thank you to everyone who has supported us in our change to a no hoodies school. It has made a massive difference to playtimes and to our classrooms. We really appreciate your support.

HAIR AND HAIRBANDS – Can you please make sure that all children with long hair come to school with it tied back in such a way that it stays tied up through the day. Our school budget doesn't stretch to daily replacement hair bands so we are relying on the good will (and piggy banks) of the staff to fund this!

WINTER VIRUSES AND TUMMY UPSETS – There are lots of winter viruses going around now the children are back at school. Just to remind everyone that children should come to school if they are well enough to do so (your judgement as parents on that one). If you feel that your child might need Calpol during the day, you are welcome to bring some into the Office and complete the necessary paperwork. We will do the rest! The only exception to this is the government regulation that any child who has sickness or diarrhoea must not come to school for 48 hours.

PARENT GOVERNOR – We are looking for a parent to join our board of school governors as a parent representative. The Office will send out more information in the next couple of weeks. If you would like an informal chat about the role please contact Mrs Bearman via the Office.

EATON VALE – CHESTNUT CLASS AND WILLOW CLASS – On Monday 14th October the majority of our year 5 and 6 children will be heading off on their residential trip to Eaton Vale. Mr

Hall-Galley, Mrs O'Leary and Mrs Meyrick will be accompanying the children with a little bit of Mrs Bearman thrown in for good measure! We are so lucky at Aldborough to have a very experienced staff so we will be doing a little re-shuffle for that week. Mrs Edwards will be teaching Chestnut Class from Monday to Wednesday and Mrs Parks will take over for Thursday and Friday. Mrs Stanbury will be teaching Willow Class from Monday to Wednesday until Mrs Gale completes the week as normal. Thanks to all the staff for their flexibility, adaptability and teamwork. Weeks such as Eaton Vale can only happen due to the goodwill of all the staff team.

PLAYGROUND – We respectfully ask that children are not encouraged to run around the playground before and after school. These are both busy times for the staff and when accidents happen and first aid is required it is difficult for the staff to be free to do this.

FOREST SCHOOL –Please make sure that the children have appropriate clothing for their Forest School sessions next half term. **Children need boots or sturdy shoes and gloves and hats, or sunhats depending on the weather. The children cannot wear sandals or Crocs for Forest School.** The days for the Autumn half term are as follows:

Pine Class (C3): Tuesday

Chestnut Class (C1): Wednesday

Cherry Blossom Class (C2 including yr 1 children from Chestnut Class): Thursday

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.

Monday = Pine Class (C3)

Tuesday = Willow Class (C4)

Thursday = Oak class (C5)

Chestnut Class (C1) and Cherry Blossom Class (C2) will need their PE kit in school at all times.

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 95% WILL INSTIGATE ATTENDANCE INTERVENTION**

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. **Please 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.

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 and these are not allowed to be worn on PE days. 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 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 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 guaranteed 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>	
	<u>OCTOBER</u>
Monday 7th October	Parent sign in sheets for parent’s eve available before and after school in the side entrance. (sheet available until 11th October)
Thursday 10th October	KS2 Reading Breakfast. Doors open at 8.30 All KS2 parents and carers welcome
Friday 11th October	Year 1 and Year 2 Reading Breakfast. Door open at 8.30 All Year 1 + 2 parents and carers welcome.
Friday 11th October	Harvest Celebration – children only. Collection for North Norfolk Food bank (donations in school from Monday October 7th please)
Monday 14th October – Friday 18th October	Year 5 and 6 trip to Eaton Vale Residential Centre
Monday 21st October	Parents’ Evening 3.30 p.m.-5.30 p.m.
Thursday 24th October	Parents’ Evening 3.30 p.m.-7.00 p.m.
Friday 25th October – Friday 1st November	<u>HALF TERM HOLIDAY (please note the additional day on Friday 25th October</u>
	<u>NOVEMBER</u>
Tuesday November 5th	Spooky Stories dress up day - £1.00 donation please.
Thursday 7th November	Individual School Photos
	<u>DECEMBER</u>
Tuesday 3rd December	Christmas TACT Family Learning Afternoon. 2.00p.m. start. All parents and carers welcome.

Saturday 7th December	Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 10th December	Chestnut Class and Cherry Blossom Class Nativity 9.30 a.m. All parents and carers from Reception, Yr 1 and Yr 2 invited.
Thursday 19th December	Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch
Friday 20th December	Whole School Pantomime Trip 10.00 a.m. Last day of the Autumn Term



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September 2024

Dear Foodbank Supporter

Harvest Festival 2024

We would like to thank you for supporting the North Norfolk Foodbank by collecting much needed food items. We are very grateful for your partnership, allowing us to help individuals in our community who are in crisis.

Last year, the North Norfolk Foodbank provided food to 5990 people in our local community. This figure included 2295 children. Your help and assistance has been most valuable in providing continued support to people who need it.

We would like to ask if you can help again this year.

We could provide transport if you are unable to deliver the food to us. I have attached our wish list of most needed items. Long dated food items are particularly welcome.

You may like to organise a collection. We could help by providing leaflets, collections buckets and posters.

If you need any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

We are extremely grateful for your time and support.

Yours sincerely,

J Hunter Jennings

Julie Hunter Jennings
Foodbank Manager
North Norfolk Foodbank

HARVEST APPEAL



HELP SUPPORT YOUR FOODBANK WITH FOOD AND FUNDS THIS HARVEST

DONATE FOOD

Help by donating an item or two from our shopping list to ensure we can provide food to help people in crisis.



SHOPPING LIST TOP TEN ITEMS

- Tinned Fruit
- Rice Pudding
- Microwave Rice
- Jam
- Fruit Squash
- Pasta Sauce
- Pot Noodle
- Cup a Soup
- Mug Shots
- Washing Up Liquid

Don't forget...

You can help transform more lives with a financial donation too.

DONATE MONEY

Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.



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