

SCHOOL YEAR 2024/25- NEWSLETTER NO 3

Dear Friends,

Any of you who have looked at our Facebook page will know exactly what being together meant to our year 5 and 6 children at Eaton Vale. They worked as a team whilst they faced their fears. They challenged themselves to go just that bit further than they thought they could and realised that once you have dipped your toe into a new adventure you might as well take the whole plunge! That is what being resilient is all about.

We are excited to announce a new project which we hope will encourage resilience in lower key stage 2 children too. In our fast-paced world many of us find that it is easier to do things for our children rather than giving them the time to learn, try, fail, make a mess and then finally master the skills that they need for life. That is why we are encouraging all of our Year 3 and 4 children to take part in the Junior Duke Award. We would really like your help, time and guidance with this to encourage the children to get out of their comfort zones and to learn new skills such as washing their socks, going on a scavenger hunt and finding 5 different ways to cook eggs! We know that sometimes it is hard to stand back and allow children to make mistakes and to give them the responsibility to do certain things independently, however, we also know that by completing the challenges in the Junior Duke Award the children will feel empowered, confident, independent and most importantly they will develop their resilience. Before we know it, the children in year 3 and 4 will be getting ready to take the Eaton Vale plunge but with a whole new set of skills developed over the next two years. We hope that with the support of the parents and carers the Junior Duke Award will become an integral part of the children's development at Aldborough for years to come.

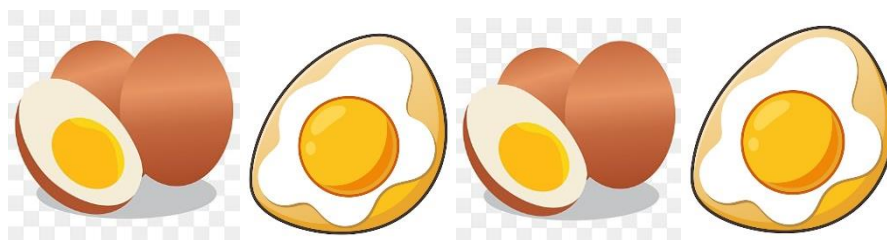
The children in year 3 and 4 will receive their Junior Duke Award books after half term when more information will be coming out to parents. Aldborough really is a great place to learn and grow!

Wishing you a scrambled, boiled, poached, fried, omelette filled half term ahead,

With Best Wishes,

Mrs Bearman and the Aldborough Team

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



Aldborough Working Together

EATON VALE – The children had an absolutely brilliant time at Eaton Vale Activity Centre last week. Many of them completed challenges that they didn't think were possible when the week began – that is what learning to grow and develop at Aldborough is all about. Thank you to all the children who were a credit to the school, to the parents for supporting this experience and a huge thank you to Mr Hall-Galley, Mrs O'Leary and Mrs Meyrick who went above and beyond throughout the whole week. The trip couldn't happen without their goodwill and we are all extremely grateful to them. Memories were made last week!

Thank you also to the other staff who stepped in and stepped up to cover lessons, playground duties and assemblies and to Mrs Knight who organised all the paperwork and payments. Coming to work every day with such a great team is a joy – thank you all.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB – This week we said good bye to Heidi Harrison from our After School Club team. Thank you Heidi for all of your fun and enthusiasm every Monday. We are delighted to welcome Kat Tindall to the team. Kat has a long history at Aldborough initially as a parent but more recently when she delivered her drama and team building workshops with our upper KS2 children. Kat joins Eve and Brodie to bring even more exciting activities and play opportunities to our After School Club.

KEY RINGS ON BAGS – Please could children stop attaching key rings to their book bags and school bags. Sadly, some of these key rings have gone missing from the cloakroom and classrooms and learning time is being wasted while adults investigate what has happened. Children are not allowed to bring any toys into school unless it is for show and tell in Chestnut Class.

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.

NORFOLK CHILDREN'S BOOK CENTRE INVITATION – NCNB would like to extend an invitation to all of the families at Aldborough Primary School to visit them over half term for their new Story time sessions, suitable for all young children who enjoy a story being read to them. These will take place on Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th of October at 11am and 2pm, free to attend when visiting the bookshop.

TRADES PEOPLE! – We know that many of you parents and carers are very skilled in your own lines of work. If you have a trade or set of skills that you think might be useful to the school and you do not mind us calling on you for minor jobs then please do let us know. We would be very grateful.

HARVEST CELEBRATION– Thank you to everyone who sent donations for our Harvest Celebration. We sent several crates of donations to the North Norfolk Foodbank on your behalf. As a community we made a difference to people who need it the most. Thank you.

FAMILY LEARNING AFTERNOON – Parents who are new to the school will not be aware of our Family Learning Afternoons. These are times when all parents and carers (or grandparents if parents can't make it) are invited into school for the afternoon to learn

alongside the children. The 'learning' often involves art and craft activities although we do challenge you to the odd bit of poetry or sustainable fishing every now and then! Our next Family Learning Afternoon is on Tuesday December 3rd when the children will be making decorations to sell at the Christmas Fayre. 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.

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 14th November at 9.30 a.m.
Friday 6th December at 9.30 a.m.
PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!!

ACTIVITY CLUBS – Activity clubs for KS2 will start after half term.

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS – Could all outstanding school accounts be settled before return to school on 4th November.

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 all the clothes that the children wear for school so that children can learn to take responsibility for their belongings. Jumpers and coats are a particularly big problem.**

CHRISTMAS FAYRE – A date for your diary! The Friends (and many, many volunteers please!) will be holding our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 7th December. There is a box in the parents' waiting area (side door of the school) for any prize donations – it is looking rather bare at the moment! Further details will follow shortly, but please keep this date free and let's kick off the festive season in style!

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.** The days for the Autumn half term are as follows:

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 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>	
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
Tuesday 19th November	Flu clinic for all children.
Thursday November 28th	A Grand Georgian Christmas. Year 6 only.
Friday 29th November	<u>Willow Class Cake Sale</u>

	DECEMBER
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

Future Cake Sales 2025:

31st January Pine Class Cake Sale
28th February Cherry Blossom Cake Sale
28th March Chestnut Class Cake Sale