



Newsletter

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As we go into the final week of the term, the children are still working hard and learning has not slowed down. Everywhere I have been this week, I have been impressed by the work that the children have produced. They have progressed so far this term.

This week I would like to share some of the things that the children have been doing.



Last Friday, Ladybirds and Butterflies visited Rand Farm. Here is what the adults had to say about it.

Last Friday the Ladybirds and Butterflies went on their annual Christmas Adventure to Rand Farm Park! What a magical day they had! The children took part in many wonderful Christmas themed activities as well as gaining an insight into life on a working farm. They enjoyed feeding the animals, having a ride on Santa's Express, decorating gingerbread men with Mrs Claus, going to Santa's Music School as well as visiting Santa himself in his winter woodland cottage! A wonderful day was had by both

Ladybirds and Butterflies then invited their adults into school to help make Christmas Cards. This gave them the opportunity to put their Whizzy Writing practice to good use by writing Christmas cards.



All week, the amazing Christmas Productions have continued. Here are a few things that you have had to say about them so far:

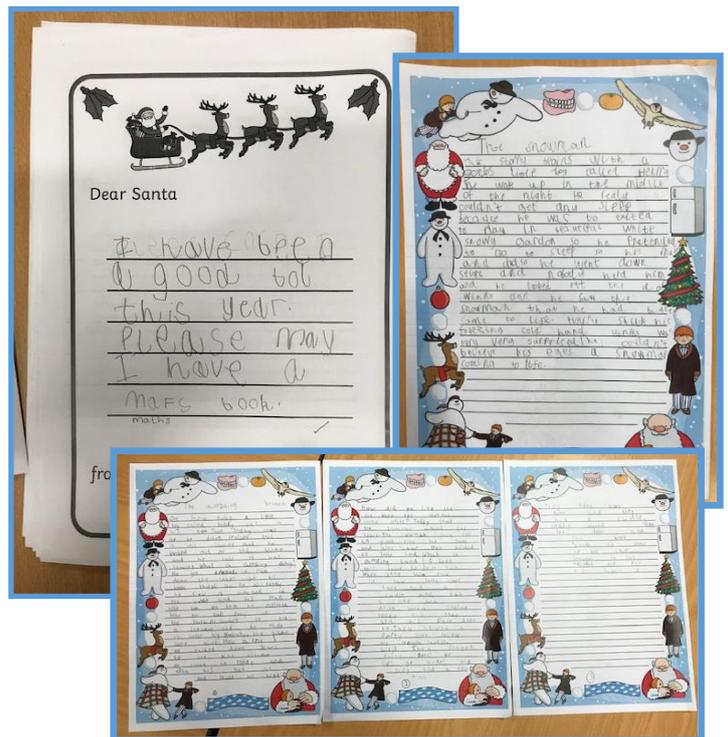
"Amazing! Can't wait to watch the DVD."

"It was as good as a West-End play."

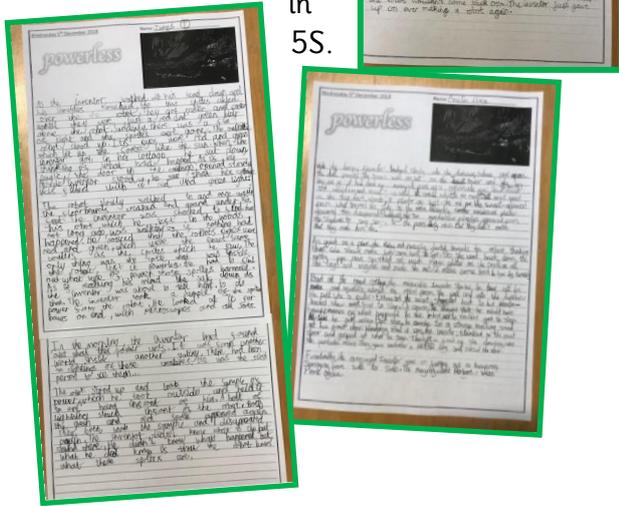
"One of the best plays I've ever seen. I got really emotional. Well done to all the children and teachers. Amazing play!"

"WOW! Your performance this afternoon was sooo impressive. Some of you were so brave to sing by yourselves in front of such a big audience. Your parents and carers will feel so proud to watch you. Well done everyone!"

In KS1, Year 1 and Year 2 have been writing. Look at the marvellous pieces of work Harry Freddie, and Harlow have produced.



Year 5 have been writing as well. Look at their powerful pieces linked to the animation 'Powerless'. These pieces are by James, Caden and Amelia in 5S.



Today was National Christmas Jumper Day. The children looked spectacular and were able to raise money for Save the Children and local charities. A big thank you for sparing your loose change to help with this. We raised **£138.70** in total.



Next week, remember that we have Year 5's production on Monday, our Christmas Carol concert at St Wilfrid's on Tuesday, Year 6's production on Wednesday and Thursday is the last day of term. I look forward to seeing some of you at these events.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Ross

Christmas Performances

Y5	Monday 17 th December @ 2pm
Y6	Wednesday 19 th December @ 2pm

Christmas Performances DVD Order

If you would like to place an order (at a cost of £3.00 each) could you please complete the slip below and return it to School with the correct payment (*any cheques should be made payable to Alford Primary School*)

Please could you ensure that **ALL** orders with payment are handed into school in a sealed envelope.

Child's Name:

Class:

	How many	Cost (£3 each)
Reception		
Y1/2		
Y3		
Y4		
Y5		
Y6		
Total Amount		£

Attendance

Our attendance for last week increased to **96%** - well done everybody.



Congratulations to Mrs Cooper's class (2CH) who had a very impressive 100% attendance.

I am continuing to monitor attendance data and, if I am concerned about the attendance of any individual child, I will be contacting parents.

Carol Concert and walking to Church



You are invited to join us for our Carol Concert at St Wilfrid's Church on **Tuesday 18th December**



at **10.00am.**

Children will be escorted to Church by members of staff and volunteer helpers.

Party Day Arrangements Tuesday 18th December

Children **DO** need to wear their school uniform on Party Day.

Lunchtime arrangements will be as normal, but children may have the option to bring in snacks for their party in the afternoon.

Different year groups are organizing this in different ways – including sponsored spelling competitions to raise money – so please look out for more information from your child's teacher.

Important Information about After School Provision

We are really delighted that After School Provision is so popular and well attended.

Due to its popularity, we have to inform you that it is extremely important that you pre-book and pay in advance if you wish your child to attend.

From January 2019, we will not be taking any bookings unless they are accompanied by a booking form and payment. Obviously in an emergency, if we have spaces, we will take late bookings but only if payment is made at the same time.

Breakfast Club

A reminder also that breakfast club must be booked using the booking forms available at the office and paid for in advance. Money should not be handed to the ladies in the canteen as they are there to register and supervise children.

Diary Dates

Thursday 20 th Dec	Last Day of Autumn Term
Monday 7 th Jan	First Day of Spring Term
Friday 25 th Jan	£40 Interim payment due for Caythorpe Court Visit
Friday 26 th April	Final payment due for Caythorpe Court Visit

Community News

Alford Focal Point (Alford Library)

On **Friday 21st December** from 11.00am - 12 noon, Rhubarb Theatre will be running

a **FREE** fun storytelling/activity session based on the story Stick Man.

It is aimed at 4 - 8 year olds but all ages are welcome.

Christmas Movies at Claythorpe Watermill

Claythorpe Watermill introduces its first ever Christmas Movie Marquee with a season of classic family films. The films are shown in a heated marquee and there will be great pizzas, hot and cold drinks, mulled wine and a licensed bar.

15th December

The Polar Express

22nd December

Miracle on 34th St

Elf

See www.claythorpewatermill.com/whats-on for tickets, show times and full details about the screenings.

Food and Farmers' Markets

Louth – Friday 14th December

Horncastle – Thursday 13th December

Louth – Wednesday 19th December

Louth Winter Sunday Market

Sunday 16th December