



# Newsletter

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Welcome Back!

First and foremost, I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and I hope that 2019 brings with it smiles, laughter and lots of good fortune.

It has been absolutely wonderful coming back to school this term. Now that we have chosen the values and skills that will help us shape the school, our curriculum and our future success, it feels like nothing can stop us! Our first pair of values are **ASPIRATION AND RESILIENCE**.

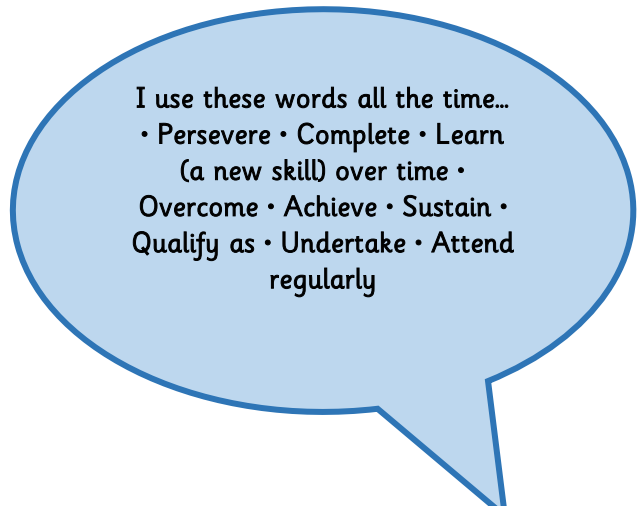
In assembly, we spoke about our dreams and **ASPIRATIONS**. We looked at the path to get there – taking one achievable step after another – each time achieving a little more. We also talked about how this can sometimes be tricky and that we have to persevere. To help us with this, we have a new friend that has joined us at school; her name is **RESILIENT ROSIE**. Our school logo is a beautiful tree and Rosie is just one of the leaves that make up that tree. She has come to teach us all how to be resilient and determined in reaching our goals and even just keeping going when learning gets tricky. She has a few friends that the children will be meeting over the next year.



In the next few weeks, all the children will be learning about being **RESILIENT** and learning different ways to have a healthy mind and body. We will look at

the importance of setting targets and goals: having **ASPIRATIONS**. I am hoping that we will have visitors to the school to talk to children about how they achieved success through perseverance and determination. If

you know someone who could come in to talk to the children, please come and speak to me about this.



I use these words all the time...  
• Persevere • Complete • Learn  
(a new skill) over time •  
Overcome • Achieve • Sustain •  
Qualify as • Undertake • Attend  
regularly



## Resilient Rosie



Already showing their determination and **RESILIENCE**, the children have all jumped into learning. I have seen Viking longboats, stone age writing and I must mention the wonderful hair salon that has

arrived in Reception. The children have had lots of fun engaging in pretend play. They have enjoyed pretending to wash and cut each other's hair, answering the telephone and using their sound knowledge to book appointments!

Look out for more fantastic learning this term.

Finally...in case you missed the newsletter last term, after all your hard work choosing values and skills, here are the final results...

Term	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Focus	Developing Myself		Being Forward Thinking		Learning into Leadership	
	<i>Getting Going</i>	<i>Empathy and Ability to Talk to Different People</i>	<i>Goal Setting and Aiming High</i>	<i>Problem Solving</i>	<i>New experiences and taking risks</i>	<i>Giving Back and Working with Others</i>
Value	Independence	Respect	Aspiration	Creativity	Confidence	Community
Skill	Organisation	Communication	Resilience	Initiative	Adventure	Teamwork

## Mrs Ross

### Attendance

Our attendance for the last week of term was **94%** which is lower than I would like, but hopefully with the children well rested this figure will improve.

In relation to attendance, I have noticed that some children are being kept off school all day for medical appointments. Whilst I appreciate that for some appointments a fair amount of travelling may be involved and may warrant a full day's absence, I would like to remind you that your child should always **attend** School either side of their appointment.



### Breakfast Club and After School Provision

Despite having put out a reminder before Christmas that from January all Breakfast Club and After School Provision bookings must be accompanied by a booking form and payment, we still have some children turning up, at Breakfast Club in particular, without their place having been pre-booked and paid for.

The office staff have contacted the relevant parents/carers direct this week, so I am hopeful that moving forward this situation will improve.

## Weather Warning



With winter well underway, we would like to remind parents that, in the event that School needs to be closed for bad weather, we will use ParentHub and Lincs FM radio to publicise this.

## Reception Applications – Important Deadline Date

Applications for Reception places in September 2019 are now open at:  
<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/>

### APPLY ONLINE

#### Important things to remember when applying:

- You can apply for up to three different schools. You must rank the schools in order of preference. The first school should be the one you would most like your child to go to.
- If you apply after the closing date you are less likely to get a place at one of your preferred schools.
- If you are moving house during the application process, read the [Lincolnshire school admissions guide](#).
- If you do not currently live in Lincolnshire, read the [guidance for moving schools](#).

If you would prefer to complete a paper application form, call 01522 782030.

#### Deadline:

Your application will have been on time if it is received by Tuesday 15 January 2019

## After School Clubs

Please note that, apart from Y3-Y6 Dance Club which will be continuing from Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January, after school clubs will not start until week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019.

The new list of activities has been sent out on Parent Hub and can also be found on our website: [www.alford.lincs.sch.uk](http://www.alford.lincs.sch.uk)

Due to the time of the year, there will be a reduced list for this term. Once the lighter nights appear, we will be able to run our outdoor clubs again.

Permission slips will be available from the office at the beginning of next week.



Children will only be able to attend a new club if we have received a signed permission slip.

Children who attended last term's choir and dance club which are continuing this term, do not need to bring in another signed permission slip.

If your child no longer wishes to attend Choir or Dance club, could you please let the School office know straight away so that we can offer your child's place to somebody else.

This term we have printed the dates the clubs are running on the activity sheet.

If your child is unable to attend on any of these dates, or if they wish to stop attending the club will you please contact the School office straight away.

Please do not ask your child to pass on this information as we do need clarification from a parent/carer.

Most of the clubs have limited numbers so please check book bags for letters confirming whether or not your child has got a place in their chosen club. If you are unsure, please check with the school office at the end of next week before clubs start again.

## Diary Dates

Please find below some dates for your diary. More information will be sent out about events nearer the time.

Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Y3/4 York visit (leaving School at 8am prompt) – please return paperwork by 18 <sup>th</sup> January at the latest
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	NSPCC Number Day – for a small donation for 50p children are invited to 'Wear a Number' own clothes day.
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	EYFS Parents' Meetings
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Y5/6 Netball Competition at Skegness (3.30pm – 5.00pm)
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	KS2 Dance Festival at Skegness (9.30am – 12.30pm)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of term.
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Return to School
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Y3-Y6 Cross Country Event at Well (4.00pm – 5.00pm)
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Evenings for Y1 – Y6 parents
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	WORLD BOOK DAY Children can come to School dressed up as their favourite book character
w/c 11 <sup>th</sup> March	WOW Science Week
12 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Fair
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3/4 Change4Life Festival at Skegness – 1.15pm
w/c 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Bikeability for Y5
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Y3-Y6 Cross Country Event at St Hugh's at 1.30pm
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of term
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Return to School for the Summer Term

## Friends of the School

I am very grateful to the Friends of the School who are always 'putting their heads together' to come up with ideas of events and activities which the children enjoy taking part in to help raise money for the School.

Current ideas are a film night and a chocolate Easter Egg raffle.

We will let you know more information soon.

## Little Wishes

The Little Wishes group hold 'Stay and Play' sessions at the Children's Centre on a Wednesday morning from 9.15am – 10.45am during term time.

The sessions are free and children receive a snack and drink during the morning. However, donations for a drink for yourself are welcome and this money goes towards events which the committee arrange during the year – eg. Cinema visit, Christmas party etc.

There is no need to book, just turn up and have a fun time with your child.

