



Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers.

This week we have just been working so hard that I cannot do anything except tell you about all the fabulous learning that has taken place.



Reception have had lots of fun riding on the balance bikes in the Outside Classroom! They have learned how to get on and off them safely,



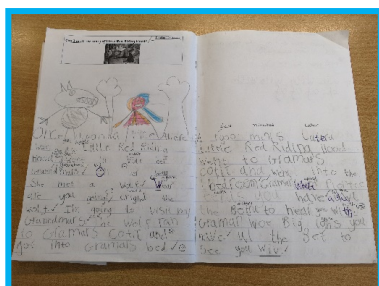
how to use the brake to stop and even practised gliding!

Reception have also enjoyed going on a Reading Hunt around their classrooms. They used their sound and tricky word knowledge to read simple clues and it was very exciting for them to receive a certificate at the end!



Year 1 have been using drama to learn the story of 'Little Red Riding Hood' and have

written some superb descriptions (using adjectives) of the characters and the setting. They then went onto retell the story using connectives. I was absolutely amazed at their writing.



Well done Year 1!
Year 2 have been learning that division is the inverse of multiplication in maths, using arrays to help generate relating calculations. They have also learnt to draw pictorial arrays to help them answer multiplication and division word problems.



In English, Year 2 have been learning to use similes to add extra detail when describing characters and in Topic they have been lucky enough to have had two visitors, known as Violet and Indigo, come to their classroom with sparkly fair dust. They have written to the children asking for them to design them a new house so they can live in the KS1 learning area. Soon, Year 2 will be writing back to them with a few questions. A busy week!



Year 3 have made informative videos about different skeleton types, vertebrates and invertebrates. The children also identified animals with certain skeleton types and ordered them based on this. They also looked at their bodies and researched the bones they have.



In Science, the Year 4s have been investigating and making simple circuits. They have drawn circuit diagrams to show, and help explain what they have learned.

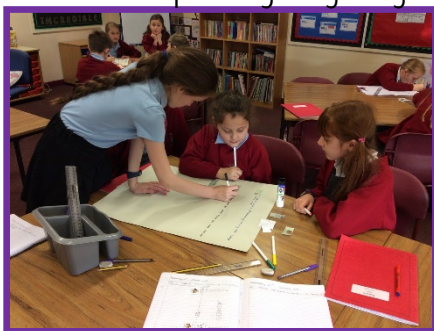


Our fantastic Year 5 pupils have made their own amazing, moving model solar systems! Can you tell which planet is which?



Year 6 have been working so hard. They have been practising their reading comprehension skills using longer texts (Giant's

Necklace) and in topic, they have been imagining they have woken up in the Stone Age, without clothes or possessions, hungry, tired and thirsty. They had to work in groups to order pictures of various actions, e.g. make a tool, find firewood, find water, ranking them by importance and explaining why they have chosen that order. Good problem solving!



I'm so proud of the children and

the effort and resilience shown in their learning so far this term. Resilient Rosie would be very proud too.

Finally, I must say good luck to Nula, Lexi, Mary and Katy, who are taking the next step towards their

aspirations to be gymnasts. They are representing Alford in the Primary School Gymnastics Competition this weekend in Grantham. We wish them the best of luck!

And finally, don't forget to **dress up next Friday** and bring a small donation (50p-£1) in for **NSPCC NUMBER DAY**. All proceeds will go to the NSPCC.

Have a lovely weekend all.

Mrs ROSS

Attendance

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



Congratulations to Miss Hill's class (2H) who had an amazing 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.

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.

Collecting your Child

Just a reminder that if your child is going to be collected by somebody other than yourself, you need to contact the school office each time – preferably before 2.30pm.

We will ask you to set up a password which any person other than yourself will be asked for by our members of staff.

Film Night Friday 8th February 2019

The Friends of the School will be holding a Film Night on **Friday 8th February**. Details are as follows:

EYFS, Y1 & Y2

(3.30pm – 5.00pm)

Film to be shown is : DESPICABLE ME 3

Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6

(5.15pm – 6.45pm)

Film to be shown is : INCREDIBLES 2

Tickets for this event are priced at £2.50 per child, which includes popcorn and a drink.

Tickets need to be pre-ordered using the slip below.

All ticket requests should be handed into the office in an envelope as they will be passed on to the Friends of the School for processing.

FILM NIGHT TICKET ORDER

Name(s) of the child(ren) you are buying ticket(s) for

Name: Class:

Name: Class:

Name: Class:

I would like to order tickets (priced £2.50 each).

I enclose £..... (cash only please).

I am aware that this is a PG rated film and give consent for my child(ren) to watch it.

Signed:

PLEASE DO NOT HAND LOOSE MONEY INTO THE OFFICE – THIS ORDER FORM AND MONEY SHOULD BE HANDED INTO SCHOOL IN AN ENVELOPE WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME ON THE FRONT

Weather Warning



Lincs FM 102.2 **SCHOOL CLOSURES**

This winter, tune into Lincs FM for all of the latest local information.

Listen every day for traffic & travel information and local weather reports.

During extreme weather, choose Lincs FM with Joseph Begley from 5am for our emergency information bulletins. Every half hour, we'll be listing all the local School closures as well as any other cancelled services or events.

Visit www.lincsfm.co.uk and click on School Closures.

Keep up to date on the move with our **FREE** App.

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.

Free School Meals

Please remember you can register for Free School Meals by going to :

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-schoolmeals/>

For each child that registers, the school will receive £1,320 to fund valuable learning activities and additional staffing in the classroom. Not sure? Take a look, and find out more.

Reception Places 2019

Applications for Reception places in September 2019 are now CLOSED:

If you have not applied, please contact the Lincolnshire Admissions service as soon as possible.

Diary Dates

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

Monday 28 th January	Y3/4 York visit (leaving School at 8am prompt)
Friday 1 st February	NSPCC Number Day – for a small donation for 50p children are invited to ‘Wear a Number’ own clothes day.
Wednesday 30 th and Thursday 31 st January	EYFS Parents’ Meetings
Tuesday 5 th February	Safer Internet Day Drop in for parents – 2.30pm
Tuesday 5 th February	Y5/6 Netball Competition at Skegness (3.30pm – 5.00pm)
Tuesday 12 th February	KS2 Dance Festival at Skegness (9.30am – 12.30pm)
Friday 15 th February	Last day of term.
Monday 25 th February	Return to School
Tuesday 26 th February	Y2 Visit to Skegness ECO Centre
Tuesday 26 th February	Y3-Y6 Cross Country Event at Well (4.00pm – 5.00pm)
Tuesday 5 th March	Y1 Visit to Skegness ECO Centre
Wednesday 6 th & Thursday 7 th March	Parent Evenings for Y1 – Y6 parents
Thursday 7 th March	WORLD BOOK DAY Children can come to School dressed up as their favourite book character
w/c 11 th March	WOW Science Week
12 th – 19 th March	Book Fair
Wednesday 27 th March	Y3/4 Change4Life Festival at Skegness – 1.15pm
w/c 1 st April	Bikeability for Y5
Tuesday 2 nd April	Y3-Y6 Cross Country Event at St Hugh’s at 1.30pm
Friday 5 th April	Last day of term
Tuesday 23 rd April	Return to School for the Summer Term