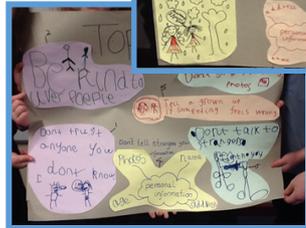
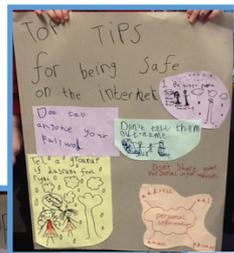


Dear Parents and Carers.

With only a week to go until the half term holiday, I really don't know where the time has gone! Christmas still feels like yesterday!

It's been another packed week of learning and fun. We have had a real focus on safer internet use. Across the school, all children have taken part in activities that will ensure they become confident, safe computer users. They have been learning about creating a positive digital footprint: this is when you ensure that your online self is a good representation of you as a person. Year 1 have worked on making posters to help the school to achieve this.



Unfortunately, the parent workshop had to be postponed – however we will provide you with a new date soon and hope to see as many parents as we can.

On Tuesday, our netball team bounced off to Skegness to compete in a netball competition. A newly formed team they played very well: coming 4<sup>th</sup> overall (including beating the team that finally won. They showed real determination!



Also this week, the children, and Reception in particular, have enjoyed learning all about the festivals associated with Chinese New Year. This a

special Chinese festival that celebrates the beginning of a new year on the traditional Chinese calendar. Each year is named after twelve animals. This year is the year of the pig! Many of our activities this week have been themed around Chinese New Year. In Reception, children have made Chinese lanterns, pig masks and used their sound knowledge to write Chinese New Year cards. We would like to thank Langham Palace in Alford who very kindly donated a pair of chopsticks for each of the Reception children. They had lots of fun using them to eat our lunch with on Wednesday!



We ended the week with an inspirational visit from Ashton Turner: a former pupil of Alford. Ashton has showed a truly

amazing level of resilience and aspiration to achieve success in his career as a golfer. Last year Ashton won Lincolnshire's Sportsman of the Year and is now a patron for Lincoln Cerebral Palsy Society. Ashton came in to talk to Year 5 and 6 about the dedication and hard work that success needs: including dealing with setbacks and difficulties that he has faced. He was a real role model for the children and we can't thank him enough for paying us a visit.

Have a lovely weekend.

**Mrs ROSS**

### Attendance

We have quite a high incidence of illness across the school at the moment which means that our attendance for last week dropped to **94%** - hopefully once the coughs and colds go away, attendance will improve.

### Barn Owl's Dinner

Are you and your children interested in nature and the environment and enjoy being outside, finding out 'stuff' and maybe getting muddy?

If so, you may wish to the join Wildlife Watch (the junior branch of The Wildlife Trust at **Alford Manor House** this **Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> February** from **2.00pm – 3.30pm**.

You will be able to investigate owl pellets using microscopes and well as take part in a craft activity.

This is a **FREE** activity and therefore popular, so booking is essential. For more information or to reserve a place, please email [charlton.margot@gmail.com](mailto:charlton.margot@gmail.com)

## Fashion Show Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March

On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March, the Friends of the School will be holding a fundraising Fashion Show in school. These events are fun so we really hope you will come along with friends and family to support us. Doors open at 5.30pm with the Show starting at 6.00pm.

Featuring the seasons 'high street' trends, 'Complete Clothing Company' will bring along a mix of top quality chain-store and branded labels together with a great selection of 'boutique' fashion which offers something a little bit different. Their accessories complement the fashion and you will hopefully be tempted by their range of scarves, handbags and jewellery.

All items will be on sale following the Show, all at heavily discounted prices, ensuring you leave with some fabulous bargains having had a great night out too.

Entry per person is £5.00 which includes a free drink and entry into a raffle for a £25.00 voucher to be used on the night. Payment on the night is by cash or card.

### FASHION SHOW TICKET ORDER

I would like to purchase ..... tickets (priced £5.00 each).

I enclose £..... (cash only please).

We will send your ticket(s) home with your child so please enter their name and class below.

Child's name: .....

Class: .....

## Diary Dates

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

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	Y2 Visit to Skegness ECO Centre
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Y3-Y6 Cross Country Event at Well (4.00pm – 5.00pm)
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Y1 Visit to Skegness ECO Centre
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 12 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> March	WOW Science Week 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

## 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.