



Newsletter

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Dear Friends, Parents and Carers,

First of all, I would like to say, 'Welcome back to the Summer term!' I hope one and all have had a restful holiday? It has been lovely walking around school this week, listening to all the different journeys and adventures the children have had over the Easter break.

SAY HELLO TO ARNIE...

With a new term comes new values. In assembly the children were introduced to the new value of CONFIDENCE

and our new character -to help us be CONFIDENT, 'ARNIE ADVENTURE'. Arnie will be popping up all term to help the children to learn to have courage, be confident in taking chances in their learning, and to be willing to try new things.

I can help you to have the CONFIDENCE to use your skills in new situations... and to try new things.



Arnie Adventure

EYFS ON AN OUTDOOR ADVENTURE...



Last term, the Ladybirds and Butterflies used their IZZY INITIATIVE and took part in a sponsored reading challenge. They

raised a grand total of **£670.30**, which is fantastic! This money is going to be used to buy some new

resources and equipment for their 'Outside Classroom'. This week, the children have

been like ARNIE ADVENTURE and had lots of fun exploring and investigating their new water play resources!

The children have enjoyed filling and pouring using giant teapots, constructing a water world cascade and using sweeping brushes to make marks with water!



YEAR 2 TERRIFIC TUDOR HOMES

All classes have started their new topics and many of the children have



prepared for this by making magnificent models. Look at the stunning Tudor Houses that Year 2 have designed and made for Homework! Their topic for this term is The Great Fire of London! Well done! Look out for more work, from other year groups, in future newsletters and on Twitter @AlfordPrimary.

THE LIBRARY RENOVATION BEGINS ... AND A BIG THANK YOU

Over the Easter holiday, the first stage of developing our new library area took place, and we now have the start of our 'Reading Garden'



completed. The Friends of the School have pledged a generous sum of money towards

decorating and stocking the library. We were also very touched when the author Rachel Wakeman, who donated her new book: 'The Mystery of Mr Bogwin' to us earlier in the year, kindly donated £50 towards new books. Thank you, Rachel!!

Mrs ROSS

Attention Year 6 Parents ...

If your child is starting primary school or transferring to secondary school in September 2019 they may be eligible for school transport. If you think your child is eligible please apply for transport as soon as possible. Applications can be made online at the website below or a paper application form can be requested from the Customer Service Centre on 01522 782020.

For more information about the home to school transport policy and online applications please go to

www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooltransport.

Queries can be emailed to

schooltransportapplications@lincolnshire.gov.uk.

Attendance



Our attendance for the last week of last term was a very impressive **96%** - well done everybody.



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

Wrates Photographs

Wrates Photographers will be in School next **Wednesday (1st May)** to take class and group photographs – don't forget your hairbrush and your smile.



Y5 & Y6 Swimming Timetable

Children in Year 5 will swim on Monday mornings, and children in Year 6 will swim on Thursday mornings, **beginning next week.**

It is really important that the children remember to bring their swimming kit with them on their swimming days (as described below), to avoid having to make an extra journey to school.

Children will require a swimming costume and a towel on their swimming days.

Girls must wear a one-piece swimsuit and

Boys must wear trunks that come above the knee

Year 5 Mondays	Year 6 Thursdays
29 th April	2 nd May
13 th May	9 th May
20 th May	23 rd May
3 rd June	6 th June
10 th June	13 th June
24 th June	20 th June
1 st July	27 th June
8 th July	11 th July
15 th July	18 th July

After School Clubs

There is still time to apply for places for after school clubs this term. However, please be aware that Y1/Y2 Craft and Y3-Y6 Dance clubs are full.

Confirmation letters will be sent out by the end of the next week. You will not receive confirmation letters for Running Club and End of Term Production as all children that apply are guaranteed a place.

Meeting for Year 1 Parents

Parents and carers of children in Year 1 are invited to attend a short meeting to find out about a key event which takes place during their child's time in Year 1; the 'Phonics Screening Check'.

This meeting will take place on **Monday 13th May** at **3.30pm**. in your child's classroom and should last around 15 minutes.

Diary Dates

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

Friday 26 th April	Final payment date for Y5/Y6 Caythorpe visit.
Monday 13 th May	Phonics meeting for Y1 parents @ 3.30pm
Wednesday 15 th May	11+ meeting for Y5 parents @ 5pm
Wednesday 22 nd May	End of Term Discos
Wednesday 5 th June	Caythorpe meeting for Y5/Y6 parents @ 5pm
Tuesday 11 th June	Sports Day (details to follow)
Friday 28 th June	Y5/Y6 Caythorpe Residential Trip
Wednesday 3 rd July	Y6 JSTC Induction Day
Thursday 4 th July	Y6 JSTC & QEGS Induction Day
Thursday 11 th July	Reports and new classes to parents
Friday 12 th July	End of Term Production (Wind in the Willows) @ 6pm
Wednesday 17 th July	Y6 Leavers' BBQ and Rounders Match (details to follow)
Friday 19 th July	Y6 Leavers' assembly (details to follow)

Year 6 Leavers' Party

Parents have organised a leavers' party for children in Year 6. This will take place from 2.00pm – 4.30pm at Alford Cricket Club on **Saturday 20th July**. Admission is by ticket only.

Tickets are £1 each and are available from the School office, but this must be handed into the office in a named and sealed envelope as the money will be handed onto the organisers.

Community News

Wildlife Watch, the Junior branch of The Wildlife Trusts and the UK's leading environmental action club for kids, would like to invite you and your children to join them for Rigsby Wood Open Day on **Sunday 5th May**. From **2.00pm – 3.30pm** you can take part in pond dipping and a woodland wild flower trail.

Why not bring a picnic and enjoy the bluebells!

For more information, directions and to reserve your place please e-mail: **charlton.margot@gmail.com**

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Why not visit the **Northcote Heavy Horse Centre** at Great Steeping Spilsby.

The sanctuary is run entirely by volunteers and provides a forever and loving home to horses, alpacas, rabbits, birds of prey and other animals. It is **FREE** to enter, but you are welcome to leave a donation to help with the running of the sanctuary.

This year they are celebrating their 30th anniversary, so have the following special events organised which you may be interested in attending.

Sunday 26 th May	Medieval Tournament
Saturday 22 nd June	30 th Anniversary Event
Sunday 23 rd June	Craft and Car boot sale
Saturday 27 th July	Medieval Banquet Evening
Sunday 18 th August	Medieval Tournament

For more information about the Centre and their events and opening times, please visit their website: www.northcotehorses.com. or email them at northcotehorses@gmail.com