



# Newsletter

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Dear Friends, Parents and Carers,

With **Arnie Adventure** in charge this term, the children have launched into exciting 'adventurous' learning. This could be new experiences, learning outside or just being courageous enough to tackle learning in a different way.



The key words for this term are **EXPLORE, VENTURE, DEVELOP, INVESTIGATE, TRACK, GROW, TRY and MAKE.**

Last week we took part in a girl's football tournament in Skegness. Mr Hextall had this to say about the day.

*'The girls were fantastic today! Their behaviour was spot on, both on and off the pitch, and we all (myself included) had a fantastic time. The girls were smiling and laughing regardless of the score and there was some fantastic teamwork. They were very supportive of each other, even when things didn't quite go to plan.'*

*In terms of results, it was a bit of rude awakening for both teams – they played very good teams and lost, but it didn't put them off. They found their feet and put in some good performances to get some hard fought draws and some wins. We weren't told of the overall standings at the end, apart from winners and runners up, but we had some good results!'*



This week, Justin Owen (Cricket Development Officer) and Nick (Coach) came in to deliver an interactive assembly about 'All Star' cricket. KS1 then **VENTURED** outside

where the children were involved in mini taster sessions and they played a huge game of 'crazy caterpillar cricket'. It was so much fun and the children had a fantastic time.

The children now have the opportunity to sign up to the All Star cricket sessions, which will take place on a Monday night at the Cricket club for ages 5 - 8. The children have a card to take home in their book bags, which has the website on for them to sign up to.



Reception have been **MAKING** mud pies, **TRYING** their new equipment out and **EXPLORING** in all weathers (now they have their brand new puddle suits).

They are also going

to watching how butterflies **GROW** in the next couple of weeks. I'm sure they will share lots of butterfly related learning with us all!



Today I had the great honour of judging the Year 2's recent project. They were asked to design and create a Tudor house at the time of the Great Fire of London. The standard was exceptional and it was really difficult to make a decision. However, with a lot of deliberation I would to congratulate the following children.

Amelia (2CH) for capturing the essence of a Tudor house 'on fire'.

Charlie (2CH) for his attention to detail, complete with outstanding research.

Harlow (2H) for her attention to detail and perfect Tudor design with a light inside.

Neive (2H) for constructing a Tudor house which really captured the essence of the Great Fire of London.

Well done to everybody.

Finally, a team from 'Alford in Bloom' came into talk to us today about DEVELOPING our planters - now that the tulips are starting to fade. I'm really looking forward to seeing the new look to the front of the school once the team and children have given them a makeover. If you have any spare seeds or bedding plants to help us with this, we would be wonderfully grateful.

Have a lovely BANK HOLIDAY weekend – See everyone on Tuesday.

Mrs Ross

## SATs

Year 6 children will be sitting their SATs during the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> May.

## Attendance



Our attendance for last week was an amazing **97%** - well done everybody.

Congratulations to Miss Wakelin's class (1LW) and Mrs Murray's class (5M) who both had 100% attendance.



## Would you like to support Callie

I have been asked to let you know that one of our pupils, Callie, is having her hair cut for charity (Clic Sargent) on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

Callie has been growing her hair for a long time and she is being very brave and having between 8 – 10 inches cut off (the more money she raises, the more she will have cut off).

Her hair will be donated to the Little Princess Trust, in Christian's name and funds raised will be donated in Keira's memory. Both Christian and Keira are former pupils of Alford Primary School and Callie is hoping to raise at least £200.

If you would like to donate or would like more information, please use the link below:

[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/cu-tsforkeira?utm\\_id=25](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/cu-tsforkeira?utm_id=25)

## 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, Y3-Y6 Dance and End of Term Production clubs are full.

Confirmation letters have been sent out so please check book bags. You will not receive confirmation letters for Running Club as all children that apply are guaranteed a place.

## Diary Dates

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

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

## 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.

## 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, so have the following special events organised which you may be interested in attending.

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

For more information about the Centre and their events and opening times, please visit their website: [www.northcotehorses.com](http://www.northcotehorses.com). or email them at [northcotehorses@gmail.com](mailto:northcotehorses@gmail.com)