



Newsletter

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Dear Friends, Parents and Carers,

What a wet week we have had! The rain just hasn't stopped. Easter now seems to have been a lifetime away and we are already only 2 weeks away from our next holiday!

This week has been a focused and hardworking week for all the children, but in particular, Year 2 who have started their end of Key Stage tests. The many times I have been to visit Year 2, the children have been putting in their best effort and have not seemed in the slightest worried about the testing process – and nor should they. It makes me proud of them! Next week, Year 6 complete their tests and I'm sure they will put in the same effort as our younger children.



Across the school, the children, as always have been showing great resilience - just like Resilient Rosie - and have impressed us all. Year 1 have been showing particular resilience in building complicated landmarks, including the London Eye, and I was really impressed with how much effort Year 5 were putting into working out the patterns in their science investigations.

However, this week has been sad for us too. Today, we said a farewell to Karen Hickinbottom, our Learning Mentor. She has been a huge part of school life for

many years, and has worked with countless families and children during her time at Alford Primary School. Indeed, in the short time that I have been the



Headteacher at Alford, I have come to value Karen immensely and will miss her greatly. I'm sure all will wish her well and hope her dreams for the future come true.

Mrs Ross

SATs

Year 6 children will be sitting their SATs during the week beginning 13th May. Please ensure children are in school on time and that any illness is reported to the office promptly.

Attendance



Once again our attendance for last week was an amazing **97%** - well done everybody.

Congratulations to the Butterflies who had 100% attendance. And also 1LW and 4BS who had 99% attendance.



Wrates Photographs

If your child had their photograph taken with their class recently, they will have brought home an order form. If your child was absent on the day but you would still like to order a photograph, please see pop into the school office for an order form.

Please can you ensure that all orders are returned to school by **next Wednesday, 15th May at the latest.**

Would you like to support Callie

A reminder that one of our pupils, Callie, is having her hair cut for charity (Clic Sargent) on Saturday 22nd 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

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.

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.