



# Newsletter

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First of all, a warm welcome back to you all!

I trust all our Alford families enjoyed a restful half term break. The last term is upon us and has started with a bang!

Although we have only been back for a week, we have already had two trips, baking, butterfly releases, a visit from the Police - with their police car - all alongside our regular brass band group, swimming, clubs and the start of our season finale rehearsals of 'Wind in the Willows. It has certainly been a lively start. In fact, 'lively' is not the correct word... engaging, active and enthusiastic are probably three words that are more appropriate to use!

## Teamwork Twins

We use these words all the time...

- Lead (one or more)
- Compromise
- Take responsibility
- Take turns
- Lead/Captain/ Referee
- Direct
- Manage
- Undertake
- Galvanise



On Monday, the children were introduced to the latest VALUES characters - **THE TEAMWORK TWINS** - through a fun assembly. The children had to work out how to eat a cake with 1m long forks. Inspired by the Chinese story, the



answer was that the children had to feed each other - as it was impossible to feed themselves - demonstrating good teamwork. The Twins will help the children to understand teamwork and our termly value of **COMMUNITY**.

Across the school, the children have been seen showing excellent team work already.

Year 5 worked in teams to produce flapjacks on Monday, and Year 1 worked together reading during their library visit.



A massive well done to Year 1 whose behaviour was described as 'impeccable'.



In Reception, the Ladybirds and Butterflies enjoyed the fruits of their teamwork when they were able to release the real



butterflies that they have grown from tiny caterpillars.



They are also working together to run a tricky word Post Office: writing sentences using tricky words and then delivering them at the end of the day.

Year 4 have been converting their 'Man on a Wire' writing into pop-up books. They have needed to rely on help from Resilient Rosie to keep going when it got tricky! Well done Year 4!

The week ended with a visit from the Police, who came to show Year 1 their Police Car and talk about 'People Who Help Us' This was a great opportunity for the children to learn how the emergency services work together to support the community.



Have a lovely weekend,

**Mrs Ross**

## Attendance

Our attendance for the last week of last term was **95%**.

Well done to 4BS who had 99% attendance.



## Sports Day

A reminder that Sports Day this year will be held next **Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> June 2019** from **10am**. It will finish at approximately 11.45am after which you are all invited to join your children for a picnic on the school field. Children will go back into lessons at 1pm but if parents need to leave before then, children will be supervised as normal.

Unfortunately, the weather doesn't look too good this weekend, so please keep an eye on Parent Hub for any messages in case we have to cancel last minute. This isn't something we like doing but obviously it would be very difficult for the event to go ahead if the field is wet.

## Sports Day Picnic

Thank you to those of you who have let us know if your child will require a free school meal packed lunch on Sports Day. If we haven't received your reply, we have assumed that you will be providing a pack up/picnic lunch for your child.

## Uniform

I recently sent out the dress code for children as I have started to notice that a small number of children are not coming to school wearing the correct uniform. Being part of a successful community means following rules such as dress codes, and we ask for your support in ensuring our whole school community looks the best it can. In addition to wearing the correct uniform, please remember that nail varnish and oversized hair accessories should not be worn. Thank

you to the parents who ensure our school community looks like a team by making sure their children are in the correct uniform

## Wind in the Willows Rehearsals

Parents of children who are taking part in this year's performance should have received a copy of the dates when their child needs to attend for rehearsals, which are now running until **4.45pm** on both Tuesdays and Thursdays.

**ALL** children need to attend on a **THURSDAY** please.

The following children need to attend on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June** please:

Sarge  
Stoats  
Harry  
Bert  
Badger  
Ratty  
Mole  
Toad  
Weasels

## Safeguarding

This term, children will be revisiting the NSPCC PANTS rule. This is a campaign designed to support children in protecting themselves from sexual abuse and to respect their privacy. Follow this link to watch Pantosaurus and see how the PANT rule will keep you safe.

**childline**  
ONLINE,  
ON THE PHONE,  
ANYTIME  
childline.org.uk  
0800 1111

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/>

NSPCC also helps children stay safe through their free-to-call Childline Number:

## Summer Fair

The Friends of the School will be holding a Summer Fair on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July** - after school until **5.30pm**. We hope you will be able to join us as there will be lots of stalls and games such as:

Face painting/glitter art  
Guess the name of the teddy  
Guess how many sweets are in the jar  
Cake stall  
Sweets tombola  
Raffle  
Sponge the teacher  
Hook a duck  
Duck spray knockdown  
Book stall  
Bric a brac  
And much more

The Friends will be providing refreshments (tea, coffee, slush, lemonade and fruit stall) and the choir will be there to entertain you.

Two weeks before the Fair, the children will have the chance to take part in a colouring competition which will be judged on the night.

We would be enormously grateful for any donations of the following:

Tombola prizes  
Sweets (not chocolate)  
Bric a Brac  
Nearly new books  
Cakes/biscuits/muffins nearer/on the day

Thank you as always for the support which you give to our school – we really do appreciate it.

## Colour Run

Are you or your children interested in taking part in Alford's Colour Run on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June**?

If so, registration is at **9.30am** at Alford Town Football Ground in East Street and the run starts are approximately **10.30am**. This event is a **5km** fun run, walk or skip with a

difference – you will get covered with colours at every colour station.

Registration forms are available from JB Flowers, South Market Place, Alford or you can download one from the Alford Town FC website

[www.alfordtownfc.co.uk](http://www.alfordtownfc.co.uk)

The entry price includes a t-shirt, sunglasses and a wristband.

Adults: £10 in advance (£12 on the day)

Child: £5 in advance (£6 on the day)

Family of 4 (2 adults/2 children/ £25 in advance (£30 on the day).

Refreshments will be available on the day from the clubhouse.

## What we are collecting

At the moment we are collecting milk bottle tops – these can be handed to your child class teacher or the office.

## Race 4 Life

A reminder that on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June, we will be holding our very own Race 4 Life event for Cancer Research UK.

On the day of the event, we would like all children to come to school in their PE kits. Depending on weather, they may need to bring sun cream and a hat. Across the whole school, the children will take part in a variety of activities surrounding healthy eating and exercise. The highlights of their day will be a sponsored run and a workout. The children will be running the following distances:

- Reception and the rest of KS1: **1km**
- Year 3 and 4: **2km**
- Year 5 and 6: **3km**

Alongside the running, each year group will complete an additional workout.

If you or anyone would like to kindly sponsor your child for their run and workout, a Race For Life giving page has been set up for Alford Primary School to donate to following this link:

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/alford-primary-school>

The page is live and donations will go directly to Cancer Research.

### Would you like to support Callie

Not long now until one of our pupils, Callie, has her hair cut for charity (Clic Sargent).

If you would like to make a donation or would like more information, please use the link below:

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

### Diary Dates

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

Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day @ 10am (weather permitting!)
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
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fair
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 Rounder's Match (details to follow)
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> 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 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 Event

The Alford Corn Exchange will be holding a community event where local residents of Alford and the surrounding areas can go along and find out what up and coming events are going on, and what community groups, clubs and organisation are available to them.

If you are organising any events, trips etc, why not take this opportunity to promote your details and information of 'What's Going on'.

The event is being held on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July** from **9.30am – 2.00pm** at the Corn Exchange.

Entry is free and refreshments will be available.

If you would like to promote your group, club or organisation please contact Patricia Davis at [ratty15patricia@gmail.com](mailto:ratty15patricia@gmail.com) or 07598 964 944 no later than Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July.

### Community News

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June is Open Farm Sunday at Farmer Brown's Ice Cream. This is a fun day out for all the family.