



# Newsletter

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Rain, rain, rain! That pretty much sums up this week! Our thoughts go out to all those families that have been affected by the flooding.

The weather has been miserable but the Alford community have done an amazing job of keeping positive. The children have been very upbeat despite not being able to play outside, and took the decision to cancel Sports' Day very well.

In school, Year 1 have been completing Phonics Assessments and I have been very impressed by the resilience and dedication they have shown. The children have made so much progress this year in their reading –the most important skill that they need for future success. A child that can read, can learn ANYTHING!



Our youngest children, in butterflies and Ladybirds have also been very busy practising their reading skills. They

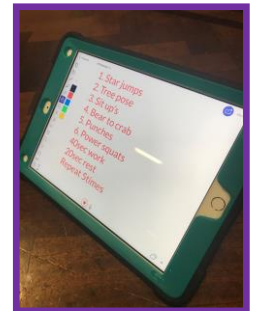
have had lots of fun playing a new reading game called 'Loop Cards'. All of the children have enjoyed using their sound and tricky word knowledge to read simple captions and sentences before finding the matching loop cards. It was a race to join all of the loop cards together!

Further up the school, KS2 have been completing their reading assessments for the year ready to see how much progress they have made this year.



Finally, to make sure that we don't become lazy while

stuck inside, Year 4 have been working on an indoor workout: to boost fitness. They challenge you to have a go at it this week end.



Have a lovely weekend and fingers crossed for some sun next week,

Mrs Ross

## Attendance

Our attendance for last week was a slightly improved **96%**.

Well done to 1LW who had 99% attendance.



## Sports Day

Sports' Day will now be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July. The same timings as before.

We will be using the same orders for lunch as before too, i.e. if you requested a school packed lunch, we will provide one, and if you said you would provide a lunch for your child, we will assume you will again. If there are any changes, please let the office know.

## 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 18<sup>th</sup> June** please:

Toad  
Ratty  
Mole  
Rabbit  
Hedgehogs  
Ethel  
Jeeves Narrator  
Stoats  
Weaseks  
Wild Wooders

### Y5/Y6 Hubbards Hill

Thank you to those Y5/Y6 parents who have already sent a contribution in for their child's Hubbard's Hills trip on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

I am delighted to be able to tell you that we will be returning these contributions as we are able to use some money which Mrs Forster has kindly donated to the school for school trips. Your child will be bringing this money home with them tonight so please check book bags etc!

Could I please remind all other parents that we do still need you to complete the permission slip and that this should be sent into school, without a contribution, no later than next Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> June.

### Summer Fair

Thank you to everybody who has already sent in donations for The Friends of the School Summer Fair which is being held on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July** - after school until **5.30pm**.

We would still 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.

### Colouring Competition

Children will be bringing home a picture tonight which they are invited to colour in if they would like to part in The Friends of the School colouring competition. Winners of the competition will be announced at the Summer Fair on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July.

It is just 50p to enter and entries need to be returned to School no later than Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June.

Please write your child's name and class on the reverse of their picture and attach 50p (lightly) below their name.

### Frozen Friday

Once the nice weather returns, the Friends of the School will be selling ice pops on a Friday after school in the main playground (at the bottom on the Y4 ramp). So you may wish to send your child to school with 20p to purchase one.

### Colour Run

The Colour Run which was planned for this **Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> June** has been postponed. We will let you know when another date is arranged.

### 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.

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
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day (weather permitting)
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.