



Newsletter

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Welcome Back

It has been lovely to welcome back the children this week; I'm absolutely positive that they have all grown a foot since they were here in July. As I have walked around the calm, focused classes, I've noticed that they have all seem to have matured in attitude too.

This week, the children have been introduced to the new leaf character, 'Ollie Organisation' – he helps us to develop ourselves and be independent. More about him next week!

On Wednesday, the children were excited when they were given their new house T-shirts - PE has been a riot of colour since then. Today, we had our first house assembly where the children learned about the new house point system. Who will be the team to win this half-term's competition?

This week, as part of our School Development Plan, all staff have attended training days about our new maths schemes: 'Fluent in 5', and 'PowerMaths'. These will improve fluency and mastery in maths across the school.

Our School Development Plan also has a focus on reading. You will see and hear much more about reading this year, through exciting initiatives like the Red Ted Programme.

This year, we hope to see even more parents and carers in school. We will be having our 'Meet the

Teacher' meetings on Wednesday 18th September, straight after school. If you can't make this, then we encourage you to speak to the class teacher and see if you can drop in on a different day for a quick chat.

This and so much more to come this term, I will keep you updated through Parent Hub, Twitter and the newsletter.

Remember we are here to listen. If you need to communicate with us, please email on:

primaryschool@alford.lincs.sch.uk;

We always aim to get back to you within two days – sooner if it's urgent. You can also book an appointment via the school office. Unfortunately, we can rarely facilitate walk-in appointments (as we are teaching the children) but if it is urgent leave a message via email.

Looking forward to another successful year,

Mrs ROSS

Absence from School

If your child is absent from school due to sickness, or any other reason, we must be informed before **8.45am** on the first day of absence and **everyday thereafter**. If your child is suffering from diarrhoea or vomiting, they cannot be in school until

48 hours after the last bout of the illness. Please report your child's absence on the school answering machine or via ParentHub, explaining the reason for absence.

Attendance

A reminder that children are expected to be in school. Unauthorised absence is being closely monitored and will result in a fine by the local authority if it exceeds set limits. We will let you know if you are getting close to these limits by letter.

Uniform

The children have come back looking lovely and smart for the new year. However, a reminder that children should be in school skirts, school trousers or school shorts. Please do not send your child in tracksuit bottoms, leggings or casual shorts unless this has been discussed with the class teacher. Thank you for this.

Morning Crush

In the morning, could I ask that parents either leave the playground **before** the classes come in, or **wait** for the classes to come in and then exit the playground. Some of our smallest children are losing sight of their teacher as parents cut across the line.

Park and Stride

Could I respectfully remind parents that, for the safety of children who walk or cycle to school, we discourage parking in Finsbury Street and Hanby Lane. Parking in JTSC carpark is strictly off limits.

We are very lucky to have a Park and Stride facility at the bottom of Hanby Lane. You can either park free in the

overflow car park at the back of the Library (and you can then walk through the gate into Hanby Lane) or alternatively you can get a permit from the office which allows you to park free in the main library car park between 8.45am - 9.15am and 3.00pm - 3.30pm whilst delivering or collecting your child.

Thank you for your support in keeping our children safe.

Walking Bus

We continue to provide the walking bus service. Mrs Teanby will meet parents in the usual place (the visitors' car park) at **8.45am** and a register will be taken.



Contact Details

Please let us know if you wish to update your address, telephone number or email address. As you know, we have moved to a paperless information system where possible. For people who do not have an email address we will continue to send paper copies of newsletters etc.

If you haven't joined **Parent Hub** please pop into the office and ask for help with this.

Breakfast Club and After School Provision

A reminder that Breakfast Club and After School Provision must be booked and paid for in advance.

Booking forms for September, October and November are now available from the office. If you would like forms sending home with your child, please contact the school and we will arrange this for you.

Behaviour Policy

Last year, there were lots of exciting changes to our school values. In light of this, the behaviour policy has been rewritten to reflect these values. The revised Behaviour Policy is now on the school website to read and being sent out with this newsletter for you to read.

GB Athlete

We are really excited to have a GB athlete visiting our school. Leon Baptiste, a previous gold medallist in the 200 metre sprint will be visiting on Tuesday 24th September to work with the children. Your child will be bringing home a sponsorship form tonight to help raise money for this programme which supports talented young athletes to achieve their future goals.

EYFS Open Days

If your child is due to start in Reception in September 2020, there will be two open mornings on Thursday 10th October @ 9.15am and Thursday 31st October @ 9.15am. Please ring the school office to book a place or just turn up on the day.

Meet the Teacher

Come along and meet your child's class teacher. Drop in after school on Wednesday 18th September from 3.15pm – 3.45pm.

Secondary Transition

If your child is due to start Secondary school next year, information regarding this will be sent out next week.

Summer Reading Challenge

On Friday 13th September from 3.30pm, children who took part in the Summer Reading Challenge are invited along to the library to receive their certificates.

Don't worry if your child hasn't finished the Challenge, they are still invited to go along, enjoy the evening and take part in the activities.

Diary Dates

12 th September	EYFS Parents' Meeting @ 9am
13 th September	Year 1 Story Café @ 9am
23 rd September	Drop Books and Boogie Day – Bring 50p donation for NSPCC
24 th September	GB Athlete, Leon Baptiste, in school
25 th September	Writes Photographs (individual photos)
10 th October	Wear yellow for World Mental Health – 50p donation
16 th October	School discos

Term Dates

TERM 1: 2018/2019

Wednesday 4th September 2019 until
Friday 18th October 2019

TERM 2: 2018/2019

Tuesday 29th October 2019 until
Thursday 19th December 2019

TERM 3: 2019/2020

Monday 6th January 2020 until
Thursday 13th February 2020

TERM 4: 2019/2020

Monday 24th February 2020 until
Thursday 2nd April 2020

TERM 5: 2019/2020

Monday 20th April 2020 until Friday
22nd May 2020

TERM 6: 2019/2020

Monday 1st June 2020 until Tuesday
21st July 2020