



# Newsletter

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Just one week back and we have already had lots of exciting learning taking place: Year 4 have been out visiting Gainsborough Hall as part of their Tudor unit of work; we have had a story café in Year 1; wonderful descriptive writing from Year 2 and Egyptian art from Year 6...excellent work coming out of our ears.



house-point system in place. The Houses are: **red, blue, purple and green**. The children have been working hard to earn merits and for every merit they get, it is a house-point for their team too. They have also been able to get extra housepoints for outstanding work or attitude. We can't wait to see which team manages to get the most house points this term!

This week, the school signed up to the **ALDI Kit for School Scheme**. Here's how it works: Every time you



spend over £30 in any Aldi store you'll receive a Team GB sticker. Bring your stickers to school to help complete our poster. Once complete with 300 stickers, we will send the poster back to receive an exclusive sports kit and to be in with a chance to win £20,000 for our school.

Finally - Don't forget to drop in to classes after school next Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> September at 3.15pm and **'Meet the Teachers'**. You can find out what your children are learning this term, have an informal chat with the teacher and see the classroom. I look forward to seeing many of you then. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Ross

**Ollie Organisation** is our leaf character for this half-term. At this point of the year, it is important for children to get into routines, learn how to organise themselves and their belongings at home and at school.



Ollie is helping the children to be more **INDEPENDENT** by teaching them to organise themselves at home, at school and in their learning. Simple routines such as getting everything ready for school the night before, and making sure that you have everything you need before you start a task, can make all the difference!

As you know from the colourful sports tops, the children are all in



**Houses** and we now have a new

## Attendance

Our attendance for last was an amazing **97%**. What a wonderful start to the new school year! Let's keep it up.



Very well done to the Ladybirds, 1H, 2CH, 5M, 5S and 6D who all had 100%.

I am continuing to monitor attendance data and if I am concerned about the attendance of any individual child, I will be contacting parents.

## Parent Evenings

Parent Evenings will be on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>** and **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October**. Invitations will be sent out soon.

## Wrates Photographs

Wrates will be in School on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September** to take individual and family group photographs.

If you want to have a family photograph taken with younger and older siblings (**who do not currently attend Alford Primary**) these will be taken from 8.30am in the Hall.

## Names and Classes

Can I please stress the importance of putting your child's first and last names, and class (**not just the year group**) on any forms, menus, consent slips, permission slips, dinner money etc which you send into school. We often have children with the same name and it can sometimes be difficult to identify who these things belong to!

## Drop Box

Just a reminder, if you don't want to wait in a queue to see somebody in the office at busy times of the day, you can use the drop box to leave forms, dinner money etc. It is locked and will be emptied daily.

## GB Athlete

A reminder that we have a GB athlete visiting our school. Leon Baptiste, a previous gold medallist in the 200 metre sprint will be visiting on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September to work with the children. Your child will have brought home a sponsorship form 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 three open mornings on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October @ 9.15am, Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October @ 9.15am and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November @ 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 18<sup>th</sup> September from 3.15pm – 3.45pm.

## Secondary Transfer

Information was sent out via Parent Hub this week regarding secondary transfer. The deadline to complete applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019. Please use the link below for further information:

[www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

## Diary Dates

23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Drop Books and Boogie Day – Bring 50p donation for NSPCC
24 <sup>th</sup> September	GB Athlete, Leon Baptiste, in school
25 <sup>th</sup> September	Writes Photographs (individual photos)
8 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parents' Evenings
8 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Book Fair
10 <sup>th</sup> October	Wear yellow for World Mental Health – 50p donation
16 <sup>th</sup> October	School discos

## Community News

**Alford Football Club** are looking for Year 3 children, with an interest in playing football, to join them for some footballing fun with a view to building an Under 8's team.

Sessions are held every Friday from tonight (13<sup>th</sup> September) from 5-6pm. Sessions are £2, but the first taster session is FREE.

Call or text James on 07957 801 771 or email [jaysaunders@uwclub.net](mailto:jaysaunders@uwclub.net) for more information.

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Are you or your children interested in a new and unique opportunity to learn how to play the **Steel Pans**?

If you are, lessons are available at the Alford Silver Band Rehearsal Centre (behind Alford Co-op) on Wednesday and Thursdays – **no musical experience necessary**.

30 minute 1:1 lessons are available for £10 per lesson, or if you attend as part of a group lessons are 45 minutes for £6 per person.

For more information, please contact Charlotte on 07738 239 507 or email [rhythmandsteelalford@gmail.com](mailto:rhythmandsteelalford@gmail.com) or see the website [www.rhythmandsteel.co.uk](http://www.rhythmandsteel.co.uk)

## Online Safety

It is at this time of the year, when children are making new friends in class, that they may start sharing information so that they can communicate online. Please make sure you revisit the safety rules about keeping safe and secure online.

If you need advice about how to increase security settings on your home devices, the following websites provide help and support.

[www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com)

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

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents>

<http://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

The infographic is titled "BE SMART ONLINE" and features a red background with white and yellow text. At the top right is the Childnet International logo. Below the title are icons for a smartphone, a tablet, and a game controller. The main content consists of six horizontal bars, each with a letter in a circle and a corresponding tip:

- S SAFE**: Keep your personal information safe. When chatting or posting online don't give away things like your full name, password or home address. Remember personal information can be seen in images and videos you share too. Keep them safe to keep yourself safe.
- M MEET**: Meeting up with someone you only know online, even a friend of a friend, can be dangerous as this person is still a stranger. If someone you only know online ever asks you to meet up, for personal information – or for photos/videos of you then tell an adult straight away and report them together on [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk).
- A ACCEPTING**: Think carefully before you click on or open something online (e.g. links, adverts, friend requests, photos) as you never know where they may lead to or they may contain viruses. Do not accept something if you are unsure of who the person is or what they've sent you.
- R RELIABLE**: You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true. To find reliable information compare at least three different websites, check in books and talk to someone about what you have found.
- T TELL**: Tell a trusted adult if something or someone ever makes you feel upset, worried or confused. This could be if you or someone you know is being bullied online. There are lots of people who will be able to help you like your teachers, parents, carers or contact Childline – 0800 11 11 or [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk).
- BE SMART WITH A HEART**: Remember to always be smart with a heart by being kind and respectful to others online. Make the internet a better place by helping your friends if they are worried or upset by anything that happens online.

At the bottom of the infographic is the website [WWW.CHILDNET.COM](http://WWW.CHILDNET.COM).