

ISSUE 06

11th October 2019

The weeks have flown by since Summer and the children are now settled in their new classes; the progress that they are making is really starting to show. With parents' evening this week, it was a very proud moment for many parents, and for me, looking at the work that had been produced by the children. In many books, in just a few short weeks, the improvement in the children's writing and maths was outstanding. Well done to all the children for working so hard, the staff for the wonderful teaching, and, of course, the parents for supporting the learning at home.

Battle of the Readers
Let the battle commence...

- read a book of your choice - not too hard, yet not too easy;
- talk to others about the book you are reading;
- collect a raffle ticket and fill in your book review;
- hand it to your teacher and they will put it in the raffle box;
- the raffle will be drawn every long term.

WILL YOU WIN THE GOLDEN ENVELOPE?

Talking of home learning, KS2 were introduced to their revamped reading reward scheme this week. Miss Hill launched the

'Battle of the Readers'. Children can collect raffle tickets as they read, adding a dash of incentive into their home learning. Our mantra of 'Reading Makes You Clever!' is already driving children to read but with this added bonus, there will be no stopping them!



To help kick start the reading, we also had the book fair in. Nothing like a new book to make reading even more enjoyable!



Look at the Year 1's having fun reading their favourite book, 'The Gruffalo'



Other fun learning through the week has been varied. I will leave you with a few photos of

Reception enjoying National Teddy Bear day and Thursday's Hello Yellow day to raise money for mental health support. The children



really were rays of sunshine in their beautiful yellow outfits. I must thank all the adults for their donations to support this worthy cause. Hopefully we will get a little bit of real sunshine this



weekend.



Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Ross

Fundraising

I am delighted to let you know that we raised £215.78 on Hello Yellow Day and £264.40 for NSPCC. Thank you so much for your support.

Attendance

Our attendance for last week was **96%**.



Well done to 6BHS and 3L who had 99% attendance.

Clubs – Final Session Dates

Please be aware that Running Club and Netball Club will finish next week. Tag Rugby will continue into November.

New Club

After half term, commencing Tuesday 5th November, Miss Hydes will be running a (Christmas) Film Club for children in Y3 and Y4. Permission slips are available from the office.

End of Term Discos

End of term discos will be held on **Wednesday 16th October 2019** as follows:

EYFS, Y1, Y2 & Y3 : 5.00pm – 6.00pm
Y4, Y5 & Y6 : 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Entrance fee is £3 (payable on the night) which includes drinks and sweets.

Book Fair Opening Times

Friday 11 th	3.20pm – 3.45pm
Monday 14 th	3.20pm – 3.45pm

Secondary Transfer

A reminder that the deadline to complete applications is 31st October 2019. Please use the link below for further information:
www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions

School Council Ideas

Our school councillors have been thinking about the things that their classes would like to see happen/change in school. Here are just a few ideas that they have had...

Kirsten: Cinema Day and Pyjama Day

Dexter: more sports – eg. badminton

Jude: more PE equipment

Tommy: non-uniform day every October

Iris: More pogo sticks as these are very popular at lunchtime. Also could they have foam to protect people's legs

Tables painted rainbow colours

Isla: Longer playtime. More time to eat lunch as some children feel rushed

Amelia: Class pet (eg. guinea pig/turtle)
Older children to help younger children play games at lunchtime

Tilly: More exciting maths resources.
More toys for lunchtimes including swings

Eliza: Outside eating area. Swimming pool.

Freddy: More toilets. Self-defence classes.

Children in Need 15th November 2019

Look out for news of what the school will be doing for Children in Need 2019. Our school councillors are 'Ollie Organising' the event with the rest of the school and will be giving out the details next week.

Diary Dates

11 th & 14 th October	Book Fair
16 th October	School discos
18 th October	Last day of term
Tuesday 29 th October	Return to School
7 th November	Friends of the School AGM @ 6pm
15 th November	Children in Need
6 th December	EYFS Visit to Rand Farm
13 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
18 th December	Carol Concert @ St Wilfrid's Church @ 10am
18 th December	Class Parties
19 th December	Last Day of Term
6 th January 2020	Return to School

Community News

Wildlife Watch

(children's branch of the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust)

This Sunday, you and your children are invited to **forage for fungi** at Swinn Wood, near Aby. This is a FREE event taking place from 2.00pm – 3.30pm.

Directions to Swinn Wood from Alford Police Station: head down Tothby Lane, at the bottom bear left towards Aby and you will see a sign for the Wood on the right.

Please dress appropriately for the weather and take along a container for 'treasures'.

Online Safety Tip of the Week

Keeping your devices safe...

Use anti-virus software

You can get anti-virus software for mobiles as well as tablets, laptops and PCs. Make sure that you keep it updated or ask an adult to help you.

Check a website is secure

Before entering private information such as passwords or payment details, look for the padlock symbol after the web address or 'https' in front of the web address in your browser.

Think before you click

If you receive an email from a stranger, think before clicking on a link or an attachment - it could contain a virus.

Cover your webcam

If you're not using your webcam:

- unplug it
- cover the lens
- point it at a blank wall
- turn off your device when you're not using it.

Check your privacy settings

Check the settings on your apps and devices regularly to see what's being shared. Switch off location sharing and set your social media accounts to private. Don't add people unless you know who they are and block anyone you don't want seeing your posts.

Check what's saved on your device

Smart devices can store a lot of information about you, including passwords, apps and photos. When you let someone use a device remember that they might be able to see a lot of that information.

Only share your device with someone you trust, and make sure it's got a strong password when you're not using it.