



Newsletter

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Outside this week, it has been a blustery start to the second half term, and because of this, we arrived back on Tuesday to a multitude of autumnal leaves; the playground was a carpet of colour – which Mr Pickwell has worked very hard to clear!

In school, we started the week with an assembly on 'COMMUNICATION' and 'RESPECT', which are our new pair of values for this term.

We talked about the different ways to communicate and the importance of listening. Children were able to act out the different basic emotions that humans feel and, over the next few weeks, will be learning how important tone of voice and body language is when showing and gaining RESPECT.

One of the questions in our recent parent questionnaire asked, '**How does the school support your child's wider development?**'. I wanted to mention this as a recent Education Endowment Foundation Report: *Improving Social and Emotional Learning in School* talks about Core Skills at the heart of Social and Emotional Learning. It delighted me to read how the core skills in this report linked so closely with our school values character – our leaves. It is through these characters that we are supporting parents in the mammoth task of preparing children for life, and supporting their wider development.

This term we meet our final character...

Meet COLIN COMMUNICATION! Colin is our new values character for this term! Empathy and the ability to talk to different people will be our key focus. Some of the words linked to 'Colin Communication' that we will be thinking about and aiming to demonstrate in our learning are;



- Perform;
- Present and deliver;
- Represent;
- Recite;
- Contribute;
- Analyse;
- Write;
- Produce;
- Create;
- Edit;
- Describe.

He is the key to understanding and developing RESPECT for yourself and others and you will be hearing lots more about him over the next few weeks.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Ross

Attendance

Our attendance for the last week of last term was **96%**.



Well done to 2Ch and 2HW who had 99% attendance.

Morning Supervision

Please do not leave children unattended in the school playground before 8.45am as there is no adult supervision until then. Children arriving alone before 8.45am will be taken into school for their safety and their families will be informed.

To support working parents with this, we have a free walking bus from 8.35am and Breakfast Club which is £1 from 8.15am (£2 from 7.45am). Please ask at the office for details of these services.

New Clubs

Two new clubs are starting this term. If your child is interested in attending either club, please collect a permission slip from the office.

Y1 – Y4 Christmas Film Club
Tuesday evenings
Commencing Tuesday 5th November.

Y5 & Y6 Christmas Craft Club
Monday evenings
Commencing Monday 11th November.

Remembrance Parade

The Royal British Legion are holding a parade and service at St Wilfrid's church in Alford on Sunday 10th November.

If any families wish to join us to represent Alford Primary, we will be meeting at 9.30am at the Safelincs carpark on West Street. The parade will move off at 9.40am and the Church service is at 10.00am. Laying of Wreaths is at 11.00am. I hope to see you there.

We have received some lovely 'Poppy Appeal' merchandise that will be on sale from Monday next week. School Councillors will be visiting classes to sell these items if

your child would like to buy something.

Prices are as follows...

Wristbands - £1.00
Reflectors - 50p
Pencil sharpeners - 50p
Erasers - 50p
Pencils - 50p
Rulers - 50p

And of course a donation to buy a poppy.

Children in Need Friday 15th November



In order to raise money for Children in Need, the School Council have decided that for **£1** children can come into School in their pyjamas.

Children may also wish to take part in the colouring competition for **50p**.

Food Bank Donations

Our School Council have been discussing ways they would like to support the community. They have suggested that we collect food for a Christmas donation to local food banks. We plan to start collecting non-perishable goods from the beginning of December.

Crossing Patrol

A reminder that there is currently not a crossing patrol at the bottom of Finsbury Street (crossing to South Street). We wish Debbie a speedy recovery!

Friends of the School Fundraising Christmas Event

Christmas Fair

The Friends of the School Christmas Fair will be held on **Friday 29th November 2019**, after school until 5pm. They would be very grateful for any of the following:

- ❖ Donations of chocolate (for their chocolate tombola) and gifts for raffle prizes.
- ❖ Tombola prizes

These can be handed to your child's class teacher or the school office. As always, thank you for supporting our fundraising events.

Christmas Performance Dates

To support our working parents, we have made a decision as a school to spread out the year group performances. This is to try and help parents with more than one children in school. This year the Christmas performances will be organised as below.

Year 4	Friday 6 th December @ 2pm
EYFS/Year 1	Wednesday 11 th December @ 2pm and Thursday 12 th December @ 10am
Year 5	Tuesday 17 th December @ 2pm

Year 6 will have a major part to play in the Carol Concert at St Wilfrid's Church on Wednesday 18th December from 10am.

Year 3 will be putting on a performance in February. Date yet to be confirmed.

Year 2 and Year 6 will be putting on performances in the Summer Term.

Other Diary Dates

12 th November	Friends of the School AGM @ 6pm
15 th November	Children in Need – Wear Pajamas for £1 – Bring 50p to enter the colouring competition.
29 th November	Friends of the School Christmas Fair
6 th December	EYFS Visit to Rand Farm
13 th December	Christmas Jumper Day £1 donation to Save the Children and wear a Christmas outfit ALSO Christmas Dinner Day for the whole school
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

Under 8's Football Team

Alford Town Football Club are looking for Year 2 and Year 3 children with an interest in playing football to join them for some footballing fun with a view to building a team.

Sessions, costing £2 per session, take place from 5.30pm – 6.30pm every Friday. No need to book, just turn up. **The first taster session is FREE.**

Call or text James on 07957 801771 or email jaysaunders@uwclub.net for more information.