

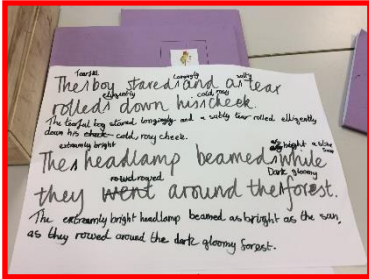


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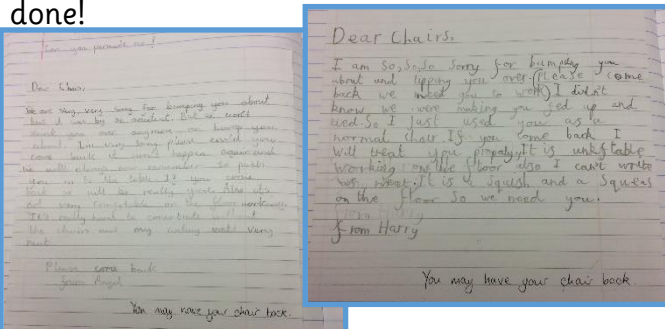
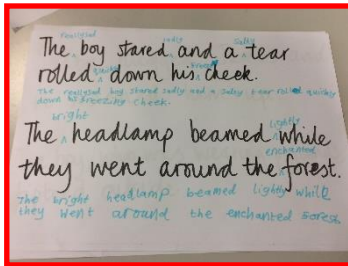
8th November 2019



In school, more than ever, the curriculum supports the holistic development of our children. However sometimes it is good

to remember how important the basics are too. One of the fundamental tasks of primary education being, of course, teaching children to read and write. With this in mind, I thought I would share some of the wonderful learning in reading and writing happening across the school.

Let's start looking at some of the fantastic writing in Year 4! The children have been busy improving sentences using descriptive language. Mrs Bailey found it difficult to choose pieces of writing to photograph - amazing effort Year 4! Well done!



More writing from Year 3 - Persuasive writing was the focus in English this week. Having fun too, the children have been very busy writing persuasive letters after their chairs 'walked' out of class! Luckily they managed to get them back by producing some emotive letters to pull on the heart strings of any self-respecting chair!



Over to our KS1 home reading reward scheme - EYFS have their first RED TED winner! A huge well done to Isobelle who received her RED TED Bronze certificate - she has won over 80 RED TED stamps for reading at home! What a fantastic achievement!

The **MORE** that you **READ**, the more things you will **KNOW**.
The **MORE** that you **Learn**, the more places you'll **GO**.

Developing their empathy and compassion, we are so proud of our Year 6 children! What fantastic Reading Buddies they are! On Tuesday, many of the children brought in a story from home to read to the children.



'Princess Mirror-Belle and the Dragon Pox' was a particular favourite!



More reading was needed in Year 1 this week, when a dinosaur invasion launched their 'Time Machine' topic for this term! Can you believe that they had a dinosaur visit in the classroom over the

weekend...? The children have also explored dinosaur eggs, read dinosaur books plus lots more dinosaur fun too!



Back to Year 4 - What a stunning display! Mary Poppins is so well known and magical character to promote a love of reading and books! The cover is not the book so open it up and take a [look...@MaryPoppins](#)

I can't wait to share more English successes with you next week!

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Ross

Attendance

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



Very well done to Miss Wakelin's class who had 100% attendance. Also, Miss Kerr's class who had 99% attendance.

Remembrance Parade

A reminder that 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.

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**.

Admissions September 2020

If your child is due to start school in September 2020, you will be able to go online from 14th November 2019 to apply for a place.

Please use the link below for further information:

www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Crossing Patrol

A reminder that there is currently not a crossing patrol at the bottom of Finsbury Street (crossing to South Street).

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
- ❖ Raffle hamper prizes (Christmas themed)
- ❖ New or nearly new soft toys

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

New After School Club

Mr Smith will be starting a Coding Club for children in Y5/Y6 on Tuesday evenings, commencing Tuesday 19th November 2019. Permission slips are available from the office.

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

You will be receiving letters shortly offering you tickets for the above performances.

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 Pyjamas 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

Singing Workshop

Do you have a child aged 7 – 14 years who would be interested in attending a fun-filled singing workshop which includes musical games, activities, socialising and singing in harmony?

If so they may wish to join the 'In Harmony' singing workshop which is being held on Saturday 16th November from 10.00am – 1.00pm at Alford Corn Exchange.

Entry is £5 per child which includes a drink and snack.

For more information or to book a place
please contact Mrs Rachel Jeffery on
07595 672 455 or
inharmonycommittee@gmail.com

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.

Community News

Alford's Christmas Spectacular Saturday 30th November 2019

This event, which is being hosted by Lincs FM, starts at 12 noon in Alford Market Place. There will be Santa's Sleigh procession at 4.00pm and lights will be switched on at 5.30pm.

Please come along and enjoy the Christmas market, Santa's Grotto (from 4.30pm), late night shopping, live music, food stalls and vintage amusements.

Entry for Santa's Grotto is by making a donation.

A FREE bus will be running to and from surrounding villages.

Please see full details online at
www.alford.info