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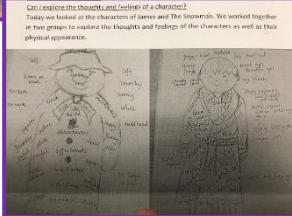
It is hard to believe that we are in December next week! The year has just flown by, and now the build up to the Christmas Holidays is upon us. Another John



Lewis advert has been made and enjoyed – although nothing beats ‘The Man in the Moon’ one for me! School is looking more Christmassy now too, thanks to BuildBase who very kindly donated our beautiful tree.



The next three weeks will be full of festive fun and oodles of festive learning too.

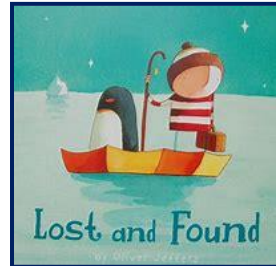


Year 4 have already started some fabulous English work based on the all-time favourite:

The Snowman. They have been analysing the characters to use in their own story writing.

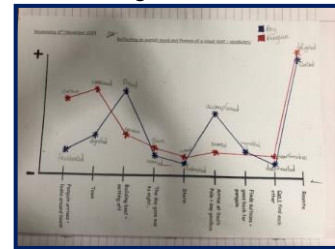
Year 4 have also been doing some Tudor cooking - they made Pottage. It smelled delicious through school! Lots of cooking skills practised including chopping, peeling, and slicing vegetables before adding to a vegetable stock with oats.

Well done Year 4!



To inspire their writing, Year 6 are watching ‘Lost and Found’. They have been developing their vocabulary and

understanding of inference through mapping out the beautiful story of a boy and his lost penguin. In addition, Year 6 still found time to read with Reception – sharing Christmas themed books.



In Year 5, the children have been learning how to evidence their opinions when answering questions.

They have been learning about play scripts in preparation for their end of term performance. Indeed, across the school, singing can be heard as practice begins in earnest for the Carol Service and Christmas performances.

I want to take this chance to ask you to support the community with us again. Our school council met earlier in the term, and wanted to collect food to distribute at local food banks. They wanted me to ask parents to donate non-perishable goods for our school collection. Donations could include tinned goods, coffee, long-life milk, pasta or even a special Christmas box of biscuits.



Now I must dash off to join in the preparations for our Christmas Fayre. I would like to say a very big THANKS to the Friends of the School for all the 'Ollie Organisation' that goes into this event. I hope to see many of you there. It will be a chance to hear our fabulous school choir sing; I heard them rehearsing this week, and can assure you that you are in for a treat. If you can't make it today, then you can hear them sing on Saturday at the Alford 'Switching on the Lights Ceremony'. Our choir will be singing at 4.30pm.

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs ROSS

Attendance

Unfortunately, we have had a considerable amount of illness again this week and our attendance has suffered because of this. Our attendance for last week was **92%**, Hopefully, we will see all recover quickly and our attendance will bounce back like the children!

PE Kits

During this chilly spell it is really important children have outdoor kit that is fit for purpose. Please ensure they have a warm top and jogging bottoms/leggings and suitable footwear.

PE kits should be brought in on a Monday and go home on Fridays for a wash!

**After School Club
 Final Session Dates**

	Final Session Date	
Archery (Group 1)	Friday 6 th December	This is the final session for Group 1. Group 2 will start on Friday 10 th January.
Christmas Craft Club	Monday 9 th December	This club will not be continuing next year
Tri-Golf	Monday 9 th December	This club will not be continuing next year
Choir	Tuesday 10 th December	This club will continue with it's current members next year on Tuesday 14 th January.
Christmas Film Club	Tuesday 10 th December	This club will not be continuing next year
Coding Club	Tuesday 10 th December	This club will continue with it's current members next year on Tuesday 14 th January.
Dance Club	Thursday 12 th December	This club will continue with it's current members next year on Thursday 9 th January.
Mindfulness	Thursday 12 th December	A selection of children will be invited to attend this club next year.

After School Clubs

A list of after school clubs for 2020 have been sent to you via Parent Hub today.

Please note that the following clubs will not be continuing next year.

Tri-golf, Tag Rugby, Hocket, Film Club, Multisports and Archery (for Group 1)

The following clubs will be continuing for their current members.

Coding and Choir

The following clubs will be starting next year – permission slips are available from the office.

Homework, New Age Kurling, Sports Hall Athletics, Multisports (Y1/Y2), Storybox and Archery (Group 2)

The Sun Newspaper Reading Challenge

Just to remind you that 'The Sun' newspaper has teamed up with HarperCollins to provide Primary Schools across the UK with a chance to win a free pack of 106 books, worth more than £600! All we have to do is simply collect 3,500 tokens printed in 'The Sun' and 'The Sun on Sunday' newspapers from this Saturday 23rd November 2019 to Saturday 18th January 2020. Please support us by collecting as many tokens as you can! Share this post with your family, friends, work colleagues or any local businesses that you may be involved with! We can do this! Please hand any tokens into your child's Class Teacher or put them in the collection box at the School Office!

Crossing Patrol

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

Christmas Performance Dates

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

Seating allocation slips have been returned to the children today indicating how seats have been allocated for the EYFS//Year 1 and Year 4 performances.

Allocation slips will be returned to parents for the Year 5 performance next week.

Christmas Performances DVD Order

We will be making DVDs of the Christmas Performances. If you would like to place an order (at a cost of £3.00 each) could you please complete the slip below and return it to School with the correct payment (*any cheques should be made payable to Alford County Primary School*)

Please could you ensure that ALL orders with payment are handed into school in a sealed envelope.

CHRISTMAS DVD ORDER

Child's Name:

Class:

	How many	Cost (£3 each)
EYFS/Y1		
Y4		
Y5		
Total Amount		£

**PLEASE DO NOT HAND THIS ORDER
IN UNLESS IT IS IN A SEALED ENVELOPE**

Other Diary Dates

29 th November	Friends of the School Christmas Fair
29 th November	Seats will be allocated for the EYFS/Y1 nativity and the Year 4 Christmas performance.
6 th December	EYFS Visit to Rand Farm
6 th December	Seats will be allocated for the Year 5 Christmas performance.
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

Manor House Colouring Competition

Pictures are available from the school office for anybody wishing to take part in the Manor House's children's Christmas colouring competition.

Prizes will be awarded in each age group and there will be a small prize for those children who collect their picture from the Manor House at either their Christmas Extravaganza on Friday 6th December (from 4pm – 8pm) or their Christmas Tree Festival on Saturday 7th December (10am – 3pm).

Entries need to be returned to school or the Manor House no later than Tuesday 3rd December. All entries will be displayed at the Christmas Extravaganza.

What we are collecting

Plastic milk bottle tops.
Books for Schools tokens from
The Sun newspaper

Community News

Christmas Tree Festival

Visit the Manor House on the following dates to see their decorated Christmas trees.

Tuesday 3rd, Friday 6th, Tuesday 10th
and Friday 13th December.

10.00am – 4.00pm

&

Saturday 7th December

10.00am – 3.00pm

Free Admission

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Christmas Extravaganza at Alford Manor House

Friday 6th December

4.00pm – 8.00pm

Free Admission

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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