



Newsletter

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6th December 2019

December is here - and it has been a week of our children being out and about in Alford.

It started on Saturday with a wonderful 'Switching on the Lights' Ceremony in Alford Market Square. Our choir were invited to sing on the Lincs FM stand, and I must say they sang spectacularly. The choir also took a trip to the War Memorial Hall on Wednesday to sing for the Dementia Support Group. They were very well received and there were smiles all around. Even that is not enough for our choir though: as I write, they are warming up ready to sing at the Manor House tonight at the Christmas Extravaganza.



While talking about Christmas, we would like to say a massive well done to the Friends of the School and all the very generous parents

and carers who attended the Christmas Fair. A huge thank you also to all the local business that donated gifts and prizes. A grand total of **£851.54** was raised at our Christmas Fair on Friday night. A huge well done to the Friends of the School for putting on a great event and many thanks to everyone who helped and supported us in any way.

This week, along with Mrs Teanby, our children visited the Manor House to decorate the Christmas tree. They made all of the



decorations themselves. It looked truly beautiful!



Year 5 and Year 2 took a trip into town on Wednesday. They visited the Corn Exchange which was hosting the Planetarium. Inspired by the Planetarium visit, Year 2 children



have been writing algorithms using the program Scratch. They had to move a spaceman

through space visiting every planet. Wonderful work!

Lots of great cooking at Alford Primary this week. Year 3 made Quesadillas! They have been learning how to chop, slice, cut, peel and grate safely. Such



delicious aromas! Higher up the school this week, Year 6 enjoyed making and tasting different types of bread as part of their Ancient Egyptians topic! They tasted a variety of



different bread types before baking their own bread. The smell of fresh bread made everyone feel very hungry!

KS2 jumped on a bus to a Tag Rugby match on Tuesday - and I'm so proud to announce that Mr Le'Gates fierce training regime paid off when they fought off the competition to reach the final. They battled bravely and showed amazing teamwork and sportsmanship. Well done to the whole team.

In school, there has been Christmas confusion as EYFS heard a small meow...which they discovered to be a lost cat. The children had great fun designing 'lost' posters, creating cat toys and even binoculars to try and find him! Tom the Cat finally ended up safe after I discovered him in my office!



Also in EYFS was another new visitor. Meet 'Elf' – everyone's Literacy friend! Elf will be bringing a different Christmas story to read at story time each day during December. Their first story was 'Bella gets her Skates on!' What a great way to promote a love of reading at Christmas time.

It has been lovely to see parents so often this week. Year 5 had a Reading Workshop where children could read with their parents; Year 1 had a Phonics Workshop and, of course, Year 4's spectacular performance of 'Joining Joseph the Joiner's Family' was a real hit!

Finally, as I finish off this newsletter, the Ladybirds and Butterflies are having a brilliant time at Rand Farm. I will be sure to put in lots of photos next week.

How have we fitted all of this into one week? I just don't know! Well done to everyone involved in any of these exciting events.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Ross

Attendance

Last week our attendance increased to **95%**.



A huge well done to Miss Wakelin's class (1W) who had 100% attendance.

Carol Concert and walking to Church

You are invited to join us for our Carol Concert at St Wilfrid's Church on **Wednesday 18th December** at **10.00am**.

Children will be escorted to Church by members of staff and volunteer helpers.

Christmas Jumper Day Friday 13th December

Next Friday is Christmas Jumper Day. Children can wear a Christmas outfit if they want – this could be a Christmas Jumper, whole outfit or just a Christmas hair bobble. We are suggesting a £1 donation for this which will go towards Children in Need.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Thank you for all the donations that have been coming in for the Alford Food Bank. Just to remind you, the 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.

Party Day Arrangements Wednesday 18th December

Children **DO** need to wear their school uniform on Party Day as we have a Carol Service at the Church in the morning.

Lunchtime arrangements will be as normal, but children may have the option to bring in snacks for their party in the afternoon. Different year groups are organizing this in different ways – including sponsored spelling competitions to raise money – so please look out for more information from your child's teacher.

School Closure Information

With possible snow showers forecast for next week, this is a good time to remind you that, in the event of bad weather forcing us to close, we will inform parents via ParentHub and on LINCS FM radio station.

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	Has now finished	A selection of children will be invited to attend this club next year.

After School Clubs

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)

Crossing Patrol

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

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!

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

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

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.

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

10.00am – 4.00pm

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Saturday 7th December

10.00am – 3.00pm

Free Admission

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Christmas Extravagana 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

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