



Newsletter

For more school information please visit our website: www.alford.lincs.sch.uk

ISSUE 14

13th December 2019

This will be the last newsletter for this term, as we are not here next Friday. What an enjoyable term it has been!

As a school, we have begun several new initiatives and, as a result the children's achievement goes from strength to strength. The children and adults have worked so hard - and I must say that I'm very proud of them all. This term, in our learning, we have become more 'masterful' in Maths through Powermaths, and our love of reading is through the roof with our RED TED and Battle of the Readers winners being announced in assembly this week.



Ollie Organisation and Colin Communication have helped the children become more independent and taught them about communication and respect. The British Values of 'Democracy', 'Rule of Law', 'Tolerance of Faiths and Cultures', 'Mutual Respect' and 'Individual Liberty' have been reinforced through assemblies.



On top of all this learning, the children and their families have made a huge contribution to the community. Altogether, we have raised a significant amount of money for charities: local and nationwide. Today, we joined in with 'Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day!' The staff and children came to school wearing a variety of wonderful Christmas jumpers and outfits! We raised money which will go towards the charity

'Save the Children'. This term, we have also raised money for British Athletes, the NSPCC, Children in Need, World Mental Health and Alford local charities and foodbanks.

Your food bank donations have been very generous indeed.

So far, we have raised 10 full bags of food and are hoping to reach our first year target of 20 bags.



Since September, I think we have seen more parents in school than ever, with the multitude of workshops being held in school; we love having you in school to share our learning with you. I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at the Carol Concert at St Wilfrid's next Wednesday at 10am.

Through nearly 200 Twitter followers and 99% of parents on ParentHub, we have been able to share our successes – and with our Facebook page now in operation we are getting more 'likes' than ever.



Our parent questionnaire results were very positive – with many positive comments regarding after-school clubs. We have been running more afterschool clubs than ever and I'm looking forward to the addition of New Age Kurling and Storybox Club next term.

Our House Captains have been very successful this term. They have been involved in promoting the teams, handing out team points and representing the school at events. We will soon be counting up the house points and announcing the winners of our first term.

Look out for this news next term.



I'll leave you with some Christmassy pictures of EYFS at Rand Farm last week and our stunning Choir performing at the Alford Christmas Extravaganza!



Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Ross

Starting School in September 2020

We would like to remind parents and carers the importance of applying for a reception place at a school, if you want your child to start reception in September 2020. The date of birth for these children will be between **01/09/2015 and 31/08/2016**.

You can apply online at:

www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions

or ask for a paper application form, or make a phone application by contacting the Education Team on 01522 782030. Parents can only apply by using one of these 3 methods.

The closing date is 15 January 2020. If applicants live outside of Lincolnshire then they need to apply to their home Local Authority even if they want a school in Lincolnshire.

Attendance

Last week our attendance remained at **95%**.

Carol Concert and walking to Church

A reminder that 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.



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 so please look out for more information from your child's teacher.

Forthcoming Friends of the School Event

On Friday 17th January 2020, the Friends of the school will be holding another of their popular Film Nights. Doors will be open at 4.15pm for a 4.30pm start.

Tickets are £3 each which includes free popcorn and a drink.

Please collect a ticket from the school office or return the slip below.

Film Night Ticket Request

I would like to purchase ticket(s) @ £3 each and enclose

£ cash

Child's Name:

Class:

Friends of the School Christmas Fair

I would like to say a massive thank you to Mrs Evans' husband who arranged for a huge donation of chocolate from his place of work, which helped to make our chocolate tombola a success again this year.

After School Club

There will be no after school clubs running next week.

Don't forget permission slips are available from the office for next term's clubs.

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).

Christmas Performance Dates

Year 5 | Tuesday 17th 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

18 th December	Carol Concert @ St Wilfrid's Church @ 10am
18 th December	Class Parties (Some parties may be on Tuesday)
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

Alford Library (Alford Focal Point)

You are invited to take your children along to a fun-filled Christmas Storytelling and Theatre Workshop with Rhubarb Theatre on

Friday 20th December 2019
from 11.30am – 12.30pm

This is a FREE event for all ages.

BBC RADIO LINCOLNSHIRE

94.9FM | 104.7FM | Digital

School closed?



Foodbank Collections

Thank you for all your donations to our Foodbank collection. We will be taking the food to the foodbank next week. If you would like to donate, then please do so on Monday. Donations after this will miss the delivery!

