



Newsletter

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What a week! The arrival of Ofsted in school is always a big event in the school calendar. It was a demanding time for staff – who always strive for perfection – and want to ensure that visitors see the school for the wonderful place that it is – something that was definitely achieved. I must tell you that I have never been so proud of the entire

Alford Primary School community. The children were exemplary – their excellent behaviour was commented on by the inspector after an hour of meeting them, and the children’s amazing attitude to learning shone through.



I must thank the parents too - for your support at this time. Parents were so kind, wishing us luck, and I believe, of 35 parents spoken to in the playground, and 76 online responses, you all spoke positively of many aspects of the school. I look forward to reading and sharing the final report when it comes to us in a few weeks’ time.

As you would expect, lots of other exciting things have happened this week. On Wednesday, we held our first Celebration Tea. This was a special recognition of one child from each class who has shown themselves to always be making the right choice. It was a wonderful atmosphere for



our ‘Stars of the Term’ and their family. The awarded children and their families enjoyed cakes, biscuits, popcorn and more to celebrate their fantastic attitude to learning in school. Well done!

Here are the children who were chosen:

Ladybirds	Isabelle	3B	Harry
Butterflies	Ava	4BS	Jayden
1W	Ross	4K	Kaylee
1H	Molly	5M	Dominic
2CH	Yasmin	5S	Harry
2HW	Harry	6D	Freddie
3L	Millie	6BHS	Toby

Year 2 were out and about in Alford investigating the town. They were looking at things to see in Alford as part of their Geography topic. They took photos and drew pictures – a lovely way to learn.



In school, children were having fun as always. In Reception, the children were taking part in an exciting STEM experiment using skittles and warm water! The children discovered something very magical happened when the water mixed with the skittles - a rainbow of beautiful colours appeared!



Year 1's topic for this term is 'Paddington goes to London!' Paddington needed a new coat this week!. Linked with this Year 1 have been investigating waterproof

materials, and the children had to predict which materials they thought would be waterproof. I think you can see from the photographs that they had a very exciting method of testing! Brilliant work from all!



Hopefully the rain will disappear this weekend so that we don't need our raincoats too.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs ROSS

Attendance

Our attendance last week rose to **97.50%** which is amazing. Well done everyone.



Congratulations to The Ladybirds, 1W, 2HW and 3L who all had 100% attendance last week.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Clerk to the Govenors (Mrs Catherine Murray) through the school office.

Reception Places 2020

Applications for Reception places in September 2020 are now CLOSED:

If you have not applied, please contact the Lincolnshire Admissions service as soon as possible.

Collecting your Child

Just a reminder that if your child is going to be collected by somebody other than yourself, you need to contact the school office each time – preferably before 2.30pm.

We will ask you to set up a password which any person other than yourself will be asked for by our members of staff.

Film Night – Postponed

Unfortunately the Film Night which was planned for tonight has had to be postponed. This will now be held next term. Children who have already purchased a ticket will be informed of the new date.

Congratulations to Amber who won the Rand Farm family day pass.

After School Clubs

There are still places available at the following after school clubs.

MONDAY:

Y3-Y6 Homework Club with Miss Kerr
Y3/Y4 New Age Kurling with Mrs Winter

TUESDAY:

Y5/Y6 Sports Hall Athletics with Mrs Winter

WEDNESDAY:

Y1/Y2 Multisports with Mrs Winter

THURSDAY:

Y1/Y2 Storybox Club with Mrs Cooper and Mrs Hall

Diary Dates

Please find below some dates for your diary. More information will be sent out about events nearer the time.

Monday 27 th and Wednesday 29 th January	EYFS Parents' Meetings
Thursday 13 th February	Last day of term.
Monday 24 th February	Return to School
Monday 24 th February	EYFS Balanceability – all week
Thursday 5 th March	WORLD BOOK DAY Children can come to School dressed up as their favourite book character
w/c 9 th March	WOW Science Week/Sport Relief Week
Wednesday 17 th & Thursday 18 th March	Parent Evenings for Y1 – Y6 parents
Thursday 2 nd April	Last day of term
Monday 20 th April	Return to School for the Summer Term

Community News

Writing Workshop

A FREE Writing Workshop is being held at Alford (Library) Focal Point on Monday 20th January from 1pm – 3pm.

It is being led by Hammond House Publishing for published and want-to-be published writers.

A chance to learn the practical skills taught on university Creative Writing courses!

To book a free place contact Mikyla on 07533 969353