



# Newsletter

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## **CORONAVIRUS UPDATE**

***It has been a time of uncertainty in education recently, with speculation as to when school opening will be affected by Covid-19 (Coronavirus). Yesterday, the Prime Minister announced that schools in the UK will not be closing and only trips abroad should be cancelled. With this news, in school, we will carry on as normal.***

***Parents have asked about other trips. We will be reviewing guidance for local/national trips daily - to keep abreast of any new developments, however, until we hear otherwise, we will not be cancelling these. We will be putting in extra hygiene measures surrounding the use of hand sanitisers for trips and a reminder that we have implemented regular handwashing as per the government guidance.***

***The Prime Minister has also stated that anyone developing coronavirus symptoms, however mild, such as a continuous cough or high temperature must now stay home for seven days. This will be the case for the school community and ask for your understanding with this if your children become ill and are asked to stay at home.***

***Preparations are taking in place in school, should we need to close in the future. If this happens, most of our communication with parents will be through our website and through ParentHub. I am asking parents and carers to ensure that they have given the school their most up-to-date email address and that you can ensure that you are able to access ParentHub. If any of your details have changed, then please can you email the changes into the office at [primaryschool@alford.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:primaryschool@alford.lincs.sch.uk). If you***

***cannot access ParentHub or the internet at home, please ring the school to let us know.***

***We will be monitoring the situation closely and will update you as soon as there are changes.***

**Regards,  
Mrs Ross**

Other news....

It's been 'Sport Relief' this week. Year 4 have organised lots of fun-packed activities to raise money. Here are some highlights from Monday: Hula hooping, Who can plank the longest, and a colouring competition plus Year 1 walking the 'Sport Relief Mile'. Lots of children were dressed up today, donating money to help with the effort to raise money for charities around the country. Well done all the adults and children that have worked really hard to arrange this – and sorry to any parents who had muddy shoes to deal with after the Sport Relief Mile. We have raised £268 so far – Well done all!



This week has also been Book Fair week at Alford Primary. The children have really enjoyed



browsing the wonderful collection of books. We hope to make lots of money to buy books for our school!



To reinforce the message of 'Eat them to Defeat Them', the children at Cooking Club made 'Pizza Faces' this week! The smell around school was delicious - lots of

staff members came to see!. The children enjoyed exploring and tasting another range of foods including mozzarella, olives and Parma ham!



Look at the fantastic 'Thank You' letters that Year 1 have written to say thank you to the Young Farmers who came to visit school with their tractor last week. Super writing Year 1! Year 1 have also been out and about in Alford – exploring the local community and looking at different types of houses.



Finally, the Year 3 play, 'The Piper', was a delight to behold this week. There are so many very talented singers; the singing in parts was just stunning. Well done to the adults and children in the Year 3 team.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Ross

11+

Can I please remind parents of children in Year 5 that, if you haven't already done so, you need to return the form indicating whether or not your child will be taking the 11+ test **no later**

**than Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March.** We need to have a form from every child by that date please.

Unfortunately, the Grammar School's form does not actually give you the option for your child not to take the test, so could you please write the words 'I DO NOT WANT' at the top of the form and cross out the words 'I would like'.

### Attendance

Our attendance rose last week to **96%** - well done everyone.



to Miss Hicks' and Miss Wakelin's classes who had 100% attendance last week. Well done Year 1!

Well done also to Mrs Beezer's class who had 99% attendance last week.

### What to do if your child cannot attend an afterschool club

Could I please remind parents and carers the importance of contacting the school office before the end of the day if your child is not going to be attending an after school club which they are signed up for.

This information will then be written on the club register and will then mean that we do not have to make unnecessary telephone calls.

### Year 3 Jorvik Trip

At the moment, government advice is that overseas trips should be cancelled, however domestic visits can take place. We are monitoring this closely. Should the advice change then we will be postponing this trip. Until then, could all contributions and paperwork please be returned to school no later than Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

## Friends of the School Fundraisers

This term, the Friends of the School have launched their new money-raising INITIATIVES for the school. Each class is taking part in the SILVER COIN CHALLENGE. They are collecting silver coins and the class with the most will win a treat.

Raffle tickets are now on sale for the Easter Egg Raffle. Tickets will be on sale for £1 and we are encouraging children to bring their money in a sealed named envelope. If any parents could donate a chocolate egg or silver coins, these would be gratefully received.

EASTER EGG RAFFLE TICKETS  
£1.00 each

Please state how many tickets  
you would like: .....

Child's Name: .....

Class: .....

## Diary Dates

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

Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> & Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Y1 – Y6 Parent Evenings
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Last day of term
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Return to School for the Summer Term

## Book Fair



The Book Fair will still be held in School tonight and **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March** from 3.20pm – 3.45pm.

Children can use their £1 World Book Day voucher, which they should have brought home this week.

As a parent or carer, you can now purchase 'Extra Value Book Fair Gift Vouchers' online (<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers>) for your child to spend at the Book Fair. You will save 20% when you buy these vouchers online meaning a £12.00 voucher costs only £10.00 and a £6.00 voucher costs only £5.00. Once a purchase has been made, you will receive the voucher in an email which can be printed and given to your child to spend at the Book Fair. Use the link below to find out more! Please note that if vouchers are used, they do need to be spent in full as change cannot be given.

## Community News

### Alford Town FC Girls' Football Club

Alford Town Football Club run training sessions for girls at Alford Sports Hall (JSTC) on Wednesday evenings.

The session from 5.30pm – 6.30pm is for girls in Years 4, 5 and 6.

The session from 6.30pm – 7.30pm is for girls in Years 7 and 8.

All sessions are run by an FA Qualified Coach who has an enhanced FA CRB (DBS) Certificate. There is no need to book – just turn up at the Sports Hall with appropriate kit.

Cost is just £3.00 per session