

# Newsletter



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### **ISSUE 28**

Dear Parents, Carers, Friends and Children,

Well, this has just been the strangest week in school – even stranger than before – and I didn't think that could be possible! Now, some of us are in school, and some of us are not. I can hear the sounds of children around the school floating into my office but when I look around school there are hardly any about.

It has also been the busiest week ever too – so busy that this newsletter is not very long, I'm afraid!

Beyond measure, the best part of my week has been seeing children who I haven't seen in a long time bouncing into school smiling. Year 1 yesterday, were full of smiles as were Year 6. If the children were nervous in any way, I didn't see it. I know that the other staff have enjoyed seeing the children immensely. Although they have worked so very hard (and still are) setting remote work for the children, nothing beats the relationship and interactions of being with the children themselves.

This week, I have asked lots of adults to make lots of phone calls to catch up with the children at home. If you see a withheld number, make sure you answer because it could be one of you teachers trying to speak to you. I have really enjoyed reading about the activities that you have been doing at home, and it is nice to hear that so many of you are missing school and missing your friends and teachers.

As each week moves into the next, we wait to hear what the next plan will be; how the government plans to bring more children back to school. It seems likely that, if social distancing is here to stay, that the only

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answer will be a 'blended learning'. This would involve the children being in school part-time and remote learning for the rest of the week. But who knows? Hopefully, we will hear soon and then we can start to see more of you in school. Until then look after yourselves and keep well!

## Mrs Ross

### FREE SCHOOL MEAL PAYMENTS

A reminder that from next week ALL Free school meal online payments will stop. Anyone who is eligible for a Free School Meal will need to visit school between 10am and 11am to collect a fresh packed lunch that is being prepared daily by JSTC.

If you are picking up a lunch, please come to the front gate and observe the 2 metre social distancing whilst on site.

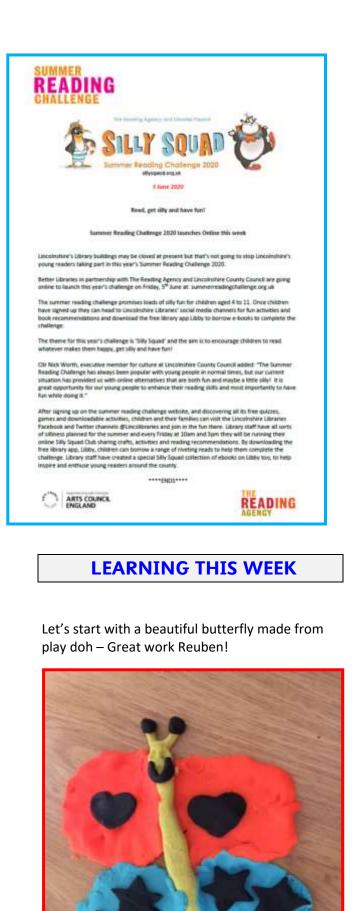
If you do not require a lunch, please email the office at primaryschool@alford.lincs.sch.uk

#### **DFE Information for Parents**

Message from the Department for Education:

The DFE have updated their guidance on helping primary school aged children learn at home to include information on the wider opening of educational settings. The guidance can be found here:

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-primaryschool-children-continue-their-education-duringcoronavirus-covid-19



Super Science - This was what happened when we added 1 tsp of each to a glass.... Just a small fizz..



Last week, Isla participated in a well-record attempt to see if she could join in with the biggest drawing session online. She also made a sculpture of a zebra out of recycled materials.

