



# Newsletter



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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

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](mailto: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-primary-school-children-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

**SUMMER READING CHALLENGE**

The Reading Agency and Lincolnshire County Council

**SILLY SQUAD**  
Summer Reading Challenge 2020  
libby.co.uk

5 June 2020

Read, get silly and have fun!

Summer Reading Challenge 2020 launches Online this week

Lincolnshire's Library buildings may be closed at present but that's not going to stop Lincolnshire's young readers taking part in this year's Summer Reading Challenge 2020.

Better Libraries in partnership with The Reading Agency and Lincolnshire County Council are going online to launch this year's challenge on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> June at: [summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)

The summer reading challenge promises loads of silly fun for children aged 4 to 11. Once children have signed up they can head to Lincolnshire Libraries' social media channels for fun activities and book recommendations and download the free library app Libby to borrow e-books to complete the challenge.

The theme for this year's challenge is 'Silly Squad' and the aim is to encourage children to read whatever makes them happy, get silly and have fun!

Cllr Nick Worth, executive member for culture at Lincolnshire County Council added: "The Summer Reading Challenge has always been popular with young people in normal times, but our current situation has provided us with online alternatives that are both fun and maybe a little silly! It is great opportunity for our young people to enhance their reading skills and most importantly to have fun while doing it."

After signing up on the summer reading challenge website, and discovering all its free quizzes, games and downloadable activities, children and their families can visit the Lincolnshire Libraries Facebook and Twitter channels @Lincolnlibraries and join in the fun there. Library staff have all sorts of silliness planned for the summer and every Friday at 10am and 3pm they will be running their online Silly Squad Club sharing crafts, activities and reading recommendations. By downloading the free library app, Libby, children can borrow a range of riveting reads to help them complete the challenge. Library staff have created a special Silly Squad collection of ebooks on Libby too, to help inspire and enthuse young readers around the county.

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THE READING AGENCY

**LEARNING THIS WEEK**

Let's start with a beautiful butterfly made from play doh – Great work Reuben!



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.

