

# THIS WEEK'S NEWS

## 'Be Happy Be Healthy' Day | NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe

### Christmas Cards

It is getting to the point of year when we are thinking about writing Christmas cards to our friends and family.

Unfortunately, in school, due to the paper free environment that we are trying to maintain, we will not be able to allow Christmas Cards written by children into school this year. This is to stop the accidental spread of COVID-19. We are suggesting the following alternatives:

Write your Christmas cards, photograph them and email them to all your friends using TEAMS

OR

Design and create a large Christmas card/picture to put up in the front window of your house. You can then try to spot them on your way around town. (Make sure you don't put your name in them to keep you safe!)



### Dear Parents & Carers

Despite a not so great start, it has turned into a lovely week in school. The children have been working hard - as always – some in school and some at home! I must say a massive well done to 1H and their adults who have shown amazing resilience and commitment to their remote learning. Miss Hicks and the Year 1 team have loved talking to 1H on TEAMS, and on the telephone each day but are looking forward to being back in on 30<sup>th</sup> November. It is not easy learning from home!

In school, it has been Anti-bullying week and we have been thinking about, and talking about, being kind. Many of the classes have completed their 100 acts of kindness this week. They have become quite the experts at supporting each other, helping adults and complimenting each other.

There has also been fun and games afoot with the beginning of our in-school Christmas play – more about that in December...

Year 6 have had a brilliant Egyptian day, culminating with an Egyptian dance session on the playground with Miss Winter. It was brilliant to see the children having such fun with their



## Starting in Reception 2021

Just a reminder to those parents and carers who have a child due to start school in September...

You can now apply for a school place online!

Starting school is a big step and we would love your child to join Alford Primary and be part of our flourishing school community, where high aspirations and a caring family ethos are at the heart of what we do.

We can offer:

- A curriculum designed to excite, challenge and support every child, to find their strengths and to build their aspirations;
- Pure year groups with excellent adult to child ratios;
- A strong commitment to the transition process, from pre-school to school, offering home visits;
- High quality wrap around childcare from 7.45am-5.30pm.

Have a look at our 'Starting School' brochure to find out more!

[alfordprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/School-Starter-Pack-2021-Public.pdf](http://alfordprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/School-Starter-Pack-2021-Public.pdf)

Please use the link below for further information:

[www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

learning.

Year 2 have been exercising, inspired by Joe wicks and his 24-hour exercise session for Children in Need last week.

Next week, is going to be amazing fun. It is our 'Be Happy Be Healthy Week!' Friday will be a 'Be Happy, Be Healthy Day' – don't forget to come in dressed in PE kit. All week the children will be learning how to keep themselves healthy through a mixture of fitness, good diet, and positive mental health strategies. We also have our 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' assembly from the NSPCC who will talk about the PANTS rule.



We hope you have a lovely weekend,

*Mrs Ross*

## 'Be Happy, Be Healthy' Day

On Friday 27th November, we are going to have a 'Be Happy! Be Healthy' day in school! The aim of this day is to promote a happy and healthy lifestyle through a range of fun and exciting activities!

On this day, the children will be taking part in a range of different activities within their 'Bubbles' including...

- A live online dance session;
- Fun fitness challenges;
- Exciting playground games (newly purchased equipment for every class!);
- Healthy cooking / food tasting sessions;
- Disco playtimes;
- And more!

In addition to this, every child will receive a FREE reusable water bottle complete with our 'Be Happy! Be Healthy! slogan on!

We will also be sharing with you some healthy recipes at the end of this week for you and your child to make together at home should you wish to. Junior MasterChef here we come! Every class will also be taking part in 'The Chase' leading up to this day - a challenge to see how many laps each class can complete around the school field in the fastest time. Ready, Steady, Go!

Your child will need to come to school wearing their PE Kit on this day as we aim to be active all day! Please make sure that your child's PE Kit is warm and that they come to school

## Attendance

Our attendance for this week has dropped a little but will hopefully pick up over the next few weeks.

A reminder that any child with attendance below 85% is considered to be a persistent absentee and will receive a notification letter from the school.

## End of Term

A reminder that Thursday 17th December is the last day of this half term for children.

**The Spring term will start on Monday 4th January 2021.**

## Term Dates

TERM 1: 2020/2021  
Thursday 3rd September 2020 until  
Thursday 22nd October 2020

TERM 2: 2020/2021  
Monday 2nd November 2020 until  
Thursday 17th December 2020

TERM 3: 2020/2021  
Monday 4th January 2021 until  
Friday 12th February 2021

TERM 4: 2020/2021  
Monday 22nd February 2021 until  
Wednesday 31st March 2021

TERM 5: 2020/2021  
Monday 19th April 2021 until  
Friday 28th May 2021

TERM 6: 2020/2021  
Monday 7th June 2021 until  
Wednesday 21st July 2021

wearing a water proof coat. Many of our activities will be taking place outside!

Let's 'Be Happy! Be Healthy!'

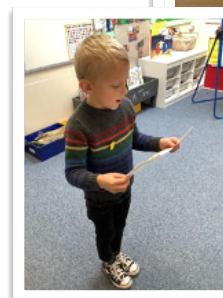
## A Look into our Learning This Week



Look at the fantastic simple Victorian toys that Year 5 have designed and made! Super DT work!



Year 2 have been researching 'The Beatles'! They enjoyed choosing one of the well-known band members to write clues about. It was great fun guessing the different band members! What fantastic riddles!



Super Scientists in Year 4



exploring freezing and melting! The children took part in an experiment to see which ice cube would melt the quickest - vinegar, golden syrup, honey, milk, pure water or cooking oil!

Last Friday, as well as Children in Need, it was 'World Kindness Day'! To celebrate this special day, we had a themed 'Kindness Week' in school! The children learned about the importance of kindness and took part in many activities themed around being kind to each other.



## Save the Children: Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 11th December, it is Christmas Jumper Day.

## Medicine in School

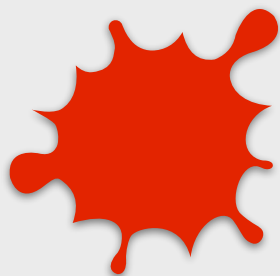
It is school policy to only administer medicines that are prescribed by the doctor (including a prescription label). If your child requires this medicine in school time, please ensure you have spoken to a member of staff and completed a Medical Form; you can find it on our website or by clicking [here](#): Please do not put medicine in your child's book bag.

**Reminder** If your child is asthmatic or has an EpiPen, please ensure it is in school and in date.

## Contact Details

Please let us know if you wish to update your address, telephone number or email address. As you know, we have moved to a paperless information system where possible. For people who do not have an email address we will continue to send paper copies of newsletters etc.

If you haven't joined **Parent Hub** please ensure you do as all communication is happening this way for 2020.



This is to raise awareness and money for Save the Children. Children, and staff, will be invited to wear a Christmassy outfit on this day. If you are able, please make a donation to Save the Children via [www.savethechildren.org.uk](http://www.savethechildren.org.uk)

## NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe

Next week we will be participating in the **NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. online** programme. This consists of an online assembly and supporting classroom based activities. *Speak out. Stay safe.* is a safeguarding programme available to all primary schools in the UK and Channel Islands. It aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse in a child friendly, interactive way. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a trusted adult or Childline.

Look out for a letter with more details to follow via Parent Hub

See you next week!

## Time for Road Safety

The newsletter from the LRSP Education Team



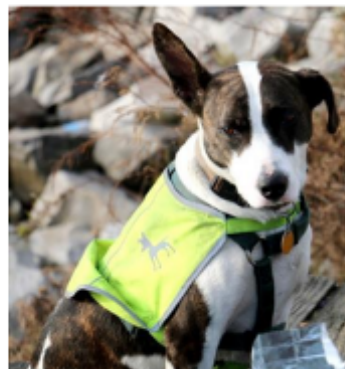
Term 2 Primary School Parents 2020/2021  
Be Safe Be Seen

This term's theme is the important topic of being seen. When the clocks go back and it gets darker earlier, drivers find it harder to see people who are out and about.

### Bright Ideas



- In the dark and on dull days it is even more important for children to stay close to adults.
- Fluorescent or bright colours are ideal for dull days.
- After dusk you should wear or carry a light or something reflective so that you are more visible.
- If there is no pavement, ensure you always walk along the road facing the oncoming traffic. In the dark move to the verge to allow vehicles to pass as they may not see you.
- Choose routes and crossing places that are well lit.
- Accessorize your outfits with bright and reflective accessories.



### LRSP Education Team

Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership has a team of Road Safety Officers who provide road safety education to schools.

Ask your school to contact us about the covid-safe road safety education we can provide after lockdown finishes.

Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership can be reached on 01522 805800.

Look out for your next newsletter in Term 3.

### Cycling

For safety reasons it is a legal requirement for a bike to have:

- A red reflector to the rear. Front white reflectors and pedal reflectors are also recommended.
- After dark bikes **must** have a white light to the front and a red light to the rear.
- To help with being seen, cycle the correct way down cycle lanes and ensure road signs and signals are followed.