

# THIS WEEK'S NEWS

Arnie Adventure | Good Bye and Goodluck | Friends of the School

## Lateral Flow Tests for Households with Children?

You may have seen in the news that households with school age children are now able to access Lateral Flow Tests – up to two per week per household member.

**Primary children are not being tested but adults living with them and members of a support bubble or childcare bubble can.**

Regular testing of people without symptoms is important to help stop the virus spreading and protect your loved ones.

### How to get a rapid lateral flow test

There are different ways to get a test for members of your child's household, childcare and support bubbles who do not have symptoms of coronavirus.

### Members of households, childcare or support bubbles of school staff and pupils

From 1 March 2021, if you're a member of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of staff or a pupil you can get a twice-weekly test:

1. through your employer if they offer testing to employees
2. at a local test site
3. by collecting a home test kit from a test site
4. by ordering a home test kit



## Dear Parents & Carers

We have been back two weeks already! Who would believe it? Welcome back to our summer term– the last term of the year! Where does time go?

This half term our value is CONFIDENCE and to help us out, we have Arnie Adventure – our risk-taking values leaf.

In our virtual assembly, the children enjoyed a story about 'Arnie the Donut'. A lively character who spoke out when he didn't want to be eaten. The children and I have talked about the importance of pushing ourselves to try new things and to speak out if they see something happening that is wrong. We have talked about the fact that, the more we are brave and try things, the easier they get which gives us CONFIDENCE.

CONFIDENCE is not something you are born with but something that you grow through being brave.



**Get a test through your employer**

Your workplace may offer rapid lateral flow testing to you. Contact your employer to find out more.

**Take a test at a rapid lateral flow test site**

You can take a rapid lateral flow test at a local site. Testing at these sites is assisted, which means you will swab yourself under the supervision of a trained operator.

You may need to book an appointment.

[Find your nearest rapid lateral flow test site.](#)

**Collect test kits**

You can collect up to 4 home test kits at a local collection point. Each kit contains 7 tests.

Anyone 18 or over can collect. You can check online if the location is busy before you go.

**Order home test kits online**

If you cannot get tested at your workplace, or are unable to go to a test site or collect test kits, you can order a home test kit online.

Do not order online if you can get a test through other methods. This frees up home delivery for those who need it most.

[Order rapid lateral flow home test kits](#)

**What twice-weekly testing involves**

1. take a test twice a week  
(every 3 or 4 days apart)
2. report every result to NHS  
Test and Trace on the  
same day you take the  
test

[Report your test result online](#) or by  
calling 119.

Across the school, I have seen the children showing confidence in their learning. They have lost the shyness that they returned back from Lockdown with and are starting to blossom like the trees. They have even bigger smiles than before Easter!

With a full term, uninterrupted by the usual SATs and such like, we can plough on with learning, making sure that the children are ready to move up to the next class. We will be pushing on with teaching and starting to fix any blips that were caused by lockdown. At the end of this term, you will receive a written report to let you know how your child is doing and a chance to talk to your child's teacher. Right now the children are beginning to progress very quickly; it is lovely to see.

Remember that this weekend is a Bank Holiday weekend. There is no school on Monday!

I can't wait to see you all again on Tuesday but, until then, have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Ross

Goodbye Mrs Kelleher!

Today, we are very sorry to say, 'Good Bye' to Mrs Kelleher. Mrs Kelleher has worked as a Teaching Assistant since she started at Alford Primary School in 2014. She has worked with many of the children and has always made them smile with her kindness and warm personality. Mrs Kelleher is moving on to try a change of career. We wish her the very best and hope that she will pop back to see us lots.  
Good Luck!

The Results Are IN....!

Some of you will remember the Easter Egg Colouring Competition that was organised by the Friends of the School last term. I had the privilege of announcing the winners this week. A big well done all the children who

## Attendance

Attendance is now compulsory. If your child is unable to come to school, please ensure that you let school know using the usual methods.

Class Attendance for this week was:

Ladybirds - **97.9%**

Butterflies - **100% - Well done Butterflies!**

1H - **89.3%**

1W - **96.5%**

2CH - **97.1%**

2HW - **97.1%**

3B - **94.6%**

3L - **92.7%**

4BS - **100% - Well done 4BS!!!**

4K - **94.3%**

5M - **87.8%**

5S - **99.1%**

6D - **99.2%**

6HS - **97.3%**

## Term Dates

TERM 5: 2020/2021

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021 until  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May - May Bank Holiday

TERM 6: 2020/2021

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021 until  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021

TERM 1: 2021/2022

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021 until  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021



took part – it was a tough one to judge. In the end the following children just pipped the rest to win a yummy Easter Egg treat.

### Winners

Reception – Eleanor and Erin

KS1 – Reuben and Grace

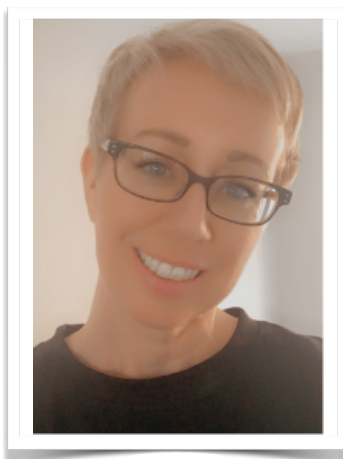
LKS2 – Joel and Lucas

UKS2 Katy and Harrison



Well done and a big thanks to the Friends.

## Meet Katy!



Hi, I'm Katy. I took on the role of Chairman of the Friends of the School last year, just before lockdown. When I'm not working, I enjoy being outside in the sunshine, watching movies and listening (and dancing!) to a wide array of music (old skool 90's dance classics are my

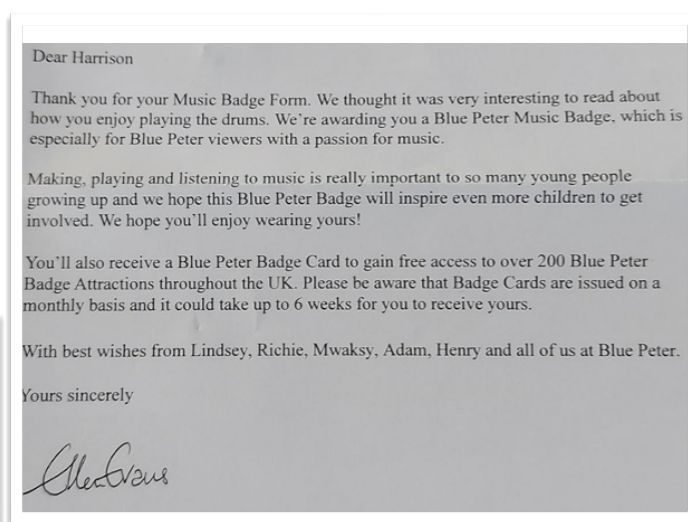
favourite!). I want to tell you about the Friends of the School.

The Friends of the School hold events throughout the year, including disco's, film nights, fayres and competitions: to raise money for the school. In the past the FOS have been able to buy books, outdoor equipment, benches, raise money for a new library, iPads and lots, lots more for the children to use and enjoy. We meet around 3-4 times a year to discuss future events and fundraising ideas. If you would be interested in joining our lovely, friendly team or would like some more information about what we do, please contact me via the school at [primaryschool@alford.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:primaryschool@alford.lincs.sch.uk)

## Blue Peter Success

Harrison just wanted to share with you all his Music Blue Peter Badge which he received in the post.

He wrote in to Blue Peter to tell them about his drumming lessons - how he has been practicing every day - and having to learn online with his teacher. Well done Harrison!



## A Message from our Community!

Alford and District are thrilled to be launching their All Stars and Dynamos Cricket programmes again this year, beginning Monday May 10th for 8 weeks.

Specifically designed for the budding bat and ball heroes of the future, these courses are open to all and GREAT FUN.

All Stars is for the 5-8yr olds from 18.00 – 18.45 every Monday (from May 10<sup>th</sup>)

Dynamos is for the 8-11yr olds from 18.00 – 19.00 every Monday (from May 10<sup>th</sup>)

These courses are the perfect introduction to cricket and their coaches and activators are not only brilliant but they are also super fun!

The links to book a place are here:

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/BookCourse/0b8e0e40-917b-4e46-aa4c-a62499a343ce>

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/Dynamos/BookCourse/95d81ce6-14c0-4ce0-b2a7-1b2aee8ba6af>

They tell us that all their activators and coaches are DBS checked and they offer a safe and fun environment for all.