

THIS WEEK'S NEWS

GET 'On Ya BIKE' | Active Learning | Alford in the NEWS!

Office Online Links

Over the last year, with visitors not allowed into the building, we have created lots of online links to our usual forms and office goods such as uniform. Here they all are....

School Shop

The school shop is available through our school website to allow you to make a range of purchases or bookings at time convenient for you!

[Alford Primary School Web Shop](#)

Uniform, both new and pre-loved

[Uniform \(alfordprimary.co.uk\)](#)

PE Kit – including our fantastic House Team polo shirts

[PE KIT \(alfordprimary.co.uk\)](#)

Accessories – such as reading pets and book bags

[Accessories \(alfordprimary.co.uk\)](#)

Wrap around Care – we offer both a breakfast and after school club

[Online Bookings \(alfordprimary.co.uk\)](#)

Educational Visits – pay for any visit or trip easily

[Educational Visits \(alfordprimary.co.uk\)](#)



Dear Parents & Carers

As we draw to the end of this half term, it is great to look at all the events that the children have been taking part in. Even though we cannot get out into the community in the same way right now, it is fantastic to be able to still contribute. The children have been working on supporting the Alford in Bloom 2021 'On Ya BIKE' competition. The bikes they have decorated are amazing! They will also be sharing art work at the Alford Craft Market (albeit over a year later than expected). To top it all, the children have been featured in the Skegness Standard and Louth Leader. More about all that below.

Over the last term, classes have been venturing out of 'normal' learning to be more active with our outdoor learning focus. The children have been learning outside as much as possible, including treasure hunting and completing activities and discussions outside. I've been told Year 4 will be doing a grammar hunt next week. This is a brilliant way to stay fit, improve mental health and learn at the same time. Ask your children which lessons they have been up to outside!

With a big push on wellbeing following the COVID-19 lockdowns, Alford Primary has also been discussing how to improve the children's wellbeing. Year 1 have been working on

Website Links

Our school website contains online forms which may be completed if required when:

- your child has a medical need or requires medication to be administered whilst in school.
- You wish to request to take your child out of school during term time
- If you have a child due to start school in our EYFS class in September

The link to access all of these forms is: [Online Forms \(alfordprimary.co.uk\)](https://alfordprimary.co.uk/online-forms)

COVID-19 CASES OVER HALFTERM?

We have been incredibly fortunate to have had no members of the school community test positive since before Christmas. However, if your child does test positive over half term, please email the primary school on primaryschool@alford.lincs.sch.uk with the subject line – COVID POSITIVE.

Please include:

- Your child's name and class
- The date their symptoms started – and what the symptoms were.
- The date that they were tested – this must be a PCR test – not a lateral flow test.

This email account will be monitored and a member of senior staff will then contact you.

If a bubble is affected, then a Parent Hub message will be sent. Please check your ParentHub regularly.

mindfulness with Miss Wakelin: an exciting project which will be rolled out across the school next year. The Wellbeing Team have also met with our wellbeing governor, John Hynes, to plan for the children's health and happiness. I can't wait to tell you all about it!

But right now, it is half term and I've heard that the sun may be making a long overdue appearance this weekend. So I wish you the very best for the holiday. Remember to keep distanced and safe and we will see you all on Monday 7th June.

Have a lovely break.

Kind regards,

Mrs Ross

Sports for Champion!

Last Friday, we were delighted to have our first visitor in school for over a year! Olympic Athlete Eden Francis.

The day was a brilliant success and to top it all, we made it into the press! Here is what the Skegness Standard had to say....



'Eden Francis was on a special trip to Alford Primary School to share her own experience of sport and the benefits of leading a healthy and active lifestyle. The event on Friday took place through 'Sports for Champions UK', who work with Pro Athletes and Team Great Britain Olympians to educate, enable and empower

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 TERM was:

Ladybirds - 97.2%

Butterflies - 96%

1H - 89.8%

1W - 98% Well done!!!!!!

2CH - 96.3%

2HW - 95.5%

3B - 94.1%

3L - 95.3%

4BS - 97.7%

4K - 93.9%

5M - 93.5%

5S - 97.4%

6D - 97.6%

6HS - 96.5%

Term Dates

TERM 5: 2020/2021

Monday 19th April 2021 until
Friday 28th May 2021

Monday 3rd May - May Bank Holiday

TERM 6: 2020/2021

Monday 7th June 2021 until
Wednesday 21st July 2021

TERM 1: 2021/2022

Monday 6th September 2021 until
Thursday 21st October 2021

young people in schools across Europe.

Eden is an expert in the field of Discus and Shot Put and has competed for Great Britain and England. During the visit she also delivered a fun-packed sponsored fitness session to each class.

The children received prizes for raising over £1,500 for 'Sports for Champions' as well as money for the school to spend on key sports resources.

Millie, a pupil in Year 4, commented; "It was really good fun and actually quite tiring!"

Teacher Caroline Bailey, who is part of the PE Team at Alford Primary School, said the children had an amazing day, "Eden's visit has lifted the children's spirits after such a difficult year.

We are very passionate about sport here at Alford Primary School and it has been wonderful for the children to hear Eden's inspirational story about how she became an athlete.' "Her fitness sessions were so much fun too. A truly fantastic sporting event."

Arnie Adventure Inspires Active Learning!

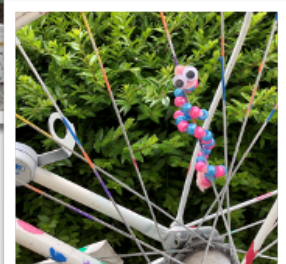
All of the children across school are really enjoying getting active in a range of different subjects.

What a fun way to find out about Buddhist Pilgrimages! Here are Year 4 outside in the sunshine taking part in an active RE lesson!



On Ya BIKE!

After School Club and the Ladybirds and Butterflies have been very busy this term transforming their outside areas. They have joined in with the 'Alford in Bloom' community project - 'On Ya Bike'! Look at their amazing themed displays! Won't they look beautiful when all of the pretty flowers grow!



The EYFS Team would like to say a big thank you for all of the very kind donations that have helped to make this project happen including a big thank you to:

MKM Building Supplies
in Skegness for their very kind donation of top soil for our garden;

Kevin, who works
on the Alford
Market plant stall
for his plants and;

The many kind
parents and
staff for their donations.



Here are some of the children taking part in the 'Alford in Bloom' project this term and are re-vamping their 'Garden Area' ready! They have had great fun emptying out the soil into the planters!

Mind to Be Mindful!



Year 1 have really enjoyed taking part in a block of 'Mindfulness' sessions this term. They have completed 6 weeks and have learned a variety of practices to help them, including belly and chest breathing, counting their breaths, finger breathing and mindful eating! Well done Year 1!



Alford Craft Market

This weekend, is the Alford Craft Market. The children are excited as, after making our clay birds over a year ago, they will finally be on display!

Make sure that you pop down to have a look at the amazing work done by the children - and maybe even meet Matt Wilcock, winner of the 1st BBC Great Pottery Throwdown



ALFORD CRAFT MARKET SPRING BANK HOLIDAY WORKING CRAFTS WEEKEND

Saturday 29th, Sunday 30th & Monday 31st May, 2021
10am - 5pm each day

Come and see the 1200 clay birds that local people made in 2020!

A celebration of contemporary ceramics. Meet the potters and watch demonstrations by the experts. Lots of pottery stalls plus other first class handmade crafts. To be opened by Matt Wilcock, winner of the 1st BBC Great Pottery Throwdown 11am Saturday.

THE GARDENS AND THE BIG MARQUEE
ALFORD MANOR HOUSE
WEST STREET, ALFORD, Lincs. LN13 9HT
ADMISSION: GIVE WHAT YOU CAN AFFORD

BUY Lincolnshire CRAFTS



Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum

LEARNING TO SEE THE LIGHT AFTER LOCKDOWN VIRTUAL (ZOOM)

Join LPCF and Nicole from Hummingbird Hypnotherapy for a **free** 90-minute Zoom session to help improve your mental health & wellbeing.

Nicole will be giving us proven techniques to help us make positive changes to our lives.

Relax with like-minded people in a positive atmosphere.



Thursdays @ 7:30pm
 22nd April 2021 6th May 2021
 20th May 2021 3rd June 2021
 17th June 2021 1st July 2021
 15th July 2021

These Free sessions are for LPCF members only (if you are a parent of a child with SEND you can join our membership via our website).

Email admin@lincspcf.org.uk for your invitation.

"Time2Talk"

We understand that finding the right information and support can be hard, so we are here to listen and help.

Need a listening ear? Got a little question you want to ask?

Not clear about something or perhaps you just want to share your thoughts with someone with experience of parenting a children with a Disability or Special Educational Need.

Join LPCF for these short meet ups for a quick chat to touch base.

No need to book - just be first in the waiting room as places are limited

Mondays @ 1:00pm on
 26th April 2021 17th May 2021
 14th June 2021

For Zoom meeting links please see the events page of our website.

Tel: 07925 232 466 Email: admin@lincspcf.org.uk

www.lincspcf.org.uk

Rainbows, Brownies and Guides

Dear Parents & Carers
We have been asked to let you know that the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides groups will be starting up again for girls in June.

You are welcome to contact Helen on 07855 725 892 for more information.

Goodbye!