

THIS WEEK'S NEWS

Christmas is Coming! | outdoor Carols! | Good Bye!

Office Online Links

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

Medication requests and requests to take your children out of school.

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



Dear Parents & Carers

As we enter the last week of this term, the festivities at home, and in school, are truly ramping up. The children have been busy recording their sections of the whole-school Christmas play and, once our annual parent permissions update is completed, we are looking forward to sharing this with you. If you haven't updated your permissions, then please do so as soon as possible!

So what has been going on in school?



Last week, our youngest children had a fun trip to Rand Farm. They decorated Christmas biscuits and saw Santa.

For some families, they have had Hannukah to celebrate! In school, the children enjoyed learning about the menorah and learning how to play the dreidel game!

Our wonderful After School Club have visited the Alford Manor House to decorate our school tree. The decorations were all

Attendance

Class Attendance for last WEEK is:

Ladybirds - 96%

Butterflies - 94%

1H - 96%

1AW - 99%

2CH - 96%

2HW - 95%

3BM - 90%

3K - 94%

4BS - 96%

4S - 90%

5M - 96%

5L - 90%

6D - 90%

6HS - 93%

made by the After School Club children and they had a lovely trip into town, with parents to make the tree look beautiful.

This week, all classes have been practicing their Christmas singing – something we really missed being able to do last year. We hope that you will be able to join us for our outdoor Christmas Concert next week. All the children will have a song to sing – adults too! More information about this is later in the newsletter.



Next week, lots of classes will be having their end-of-year parties in their classrooms. They are really looking forward to this too – last year, COVID just didn't allow it.

Today, we had Christmas Jumper Day - Part 1 – to raise awareness for Save the Children. If you are able to, we are asking that you make a donation to Save the Children via their website.

Then next Friday 17th December we have Christmas Dinner day; another chance to wear our Christmas outfits!

Christmas is a time of giving and charity. Over this term, the children have organised and taken part in so many activities and acts of kindness for charity and the local community. Whole school events have raised £247.61 for Children in Need, £487.95 for the Poppy appeal and £260.40 for YoungMinds. Individual year groups have also taken part in fundraising events. They have delivered letters to the local care home, made hampers for the NHS, made friendship bracelets, made Thank you cards for COVID nursing staff, and written letters to thank the local shop keepers.

I'm so proud of the children, staff and whole community that have worked together to think of others.

Now it is time to get ready for the break and try to rest (if that is possible over Christmas) ready for a fresh start in the new year.

I hope that everyone has a lovely weekend and, if I don't see you before, a lovely holiday.

Mrs Ross

Term Dates

2021/2022

TERM 1: 2021/2022

Monday 6th September 2021 until
Thursday 21st October 2021

TERM 2: 2021/2022

Monday 1st November 2021 until
Friday 17th December 2021

TERM 3: 2021/2022

Tuesday 4th January 2022 until
Friday 11th February 2022

TERM 4: 2021/2022

Monday 21st February 2022 until
Thursday 31st March 2022

TERM 5: 2021/2022

Wednesday 20th April 2022 until
Friday 27th May 2022

TERM 6: 2021/2022

Monday 6th June 2022 until
Friday 22nd July 2022

2022/2023

TERM 1: 2021/2022

Tuesday 6th September 2022 until
Friday 21st October 2021



Cumberworth Christmas Trees!

Ever generous with their time, the Friends of the school have been busy elves, organising and decorating our beautiful Christmas tree (kindly donated by Cumberworth Christmas Trees), and raising money for the school through their Christmas Hamper raffle and a wonderful Christmas tombola. Thank you Friends of the School!



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Goodbye and Good Luck!

This term, we are saying a sad farewell to Mrs Smith. Mrs Smith has worked in the school as a Breakfast and After School Club Assistant, 1:1 Teaching Assistant and given many of her own hours, for free, to support the learning of the children in our school. We wish her every success in the world with her next steps - she will be missed. Good Luck!

OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

As most of you will know, we are organising an OUTDOOR Christmas Concert at school. We are hoping that all children will be able to take part, bringing a little Christmas cheer to you, our wonderful parents and friends.

This concert is going to be on Tuesday 14th December, on the playground. Gates will open from 2:15pm with the singing starting

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

November

Friday 5th - Individual School Photos

Tuesday 9th - Monday 15th Book Fair

Wednesday 10th - Flu Vaccination

Monday 15th Anti-bullying week

December

Friday 3rd - EYFS Rand Farm Trip

Friday 17th - Christmas Dinner and
Christmas Jumper Day

January

Tuesday 4th January - Back to school



promptly at 2:30pm. It will be finished in time for the children to go home at 3:15pm.

On the day, we ask that you send children in with winter coats, hats, scarves and gloves if they have them as the children will be outside for up to 30 minutes.

TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THE CHILDREN, WE ARE ASKING VISITORS TO...

- We are requesting that all adults take a lateral flow test, to ensure they are covid negative before attending.
- ALL PARENTS AND CARERS MUST ACCESS THE PLAYGROUND FROM THE DOUBLE GATES ON THE JOHN SPENDLUFFE/QWACKERS SIDE - PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO ENTRY THROUGH THE CAR PARKS ON FARLESTHORPE ROAD.
- CAMERAS AND VIDEOS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED; PLEASE DO NOT TAKE PHOTOS OR VIDEOS OF THE PERFORMANCE
- WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE VISITORS TO WEAR FACE COVERINGS
- VISITORS MUST NOT CROSS THE BOUNDARY TOWARDS THE CHILDREN
- NO DOGS/PETS ARE PERMITTED ONTO THE SCHOOL SITE
- NO SMOKING IS ALLOWED ON THE SCHOOL SITE
- HOT DRINKS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON THE SCHOOL SITE

As we are outside, this will be weather permitting, and is subject to change if the situation with COVID changes.

We can't wait to see you all,
Mrs Beezer and the Creative Arts Team

ALFORD SANTA SEARCH

TUESDAY 21 DECEMBER



- Help us find Santa
- Wear your Christmas jumper



ALFORD TOWN PROMOTIONS

Please visit the website for more information on what is happening
WWW.ALFORD.INFO

#alfordsantasearch