



# Newsletter

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## Bonus Books

This week saw the last day of the Travelling Books book fair. We raised £814.32 in total, which gives us £442.99 to spend on books for

our school! This will be a big help when we are stocking our new library area that will be appearing over the Easter holidays. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped at our Book Fair!



## Friday's Funky Fandangos

On Wednesday, it was really wonderful to watch the children having a 'boogie' ... and keeping fit ... with our new outside music system. The children (and one teacher who shall remain nameless) spent the entire lunch hour singing and dancing to 'The Greatest Showman' soundtrack. This will be a new way to help our children be active. We are going to be dancing through Friday lunchtimes in the future.

## Fierce Football

This weekend our boys' football team will be heading off to Woodhall Spa. They are playing a tournament and we wish them all the luck in the world. A big thanks must go to Karen and her son, Cory, for showing resilience and dedication in training them. Fingers crossed for a win or two!

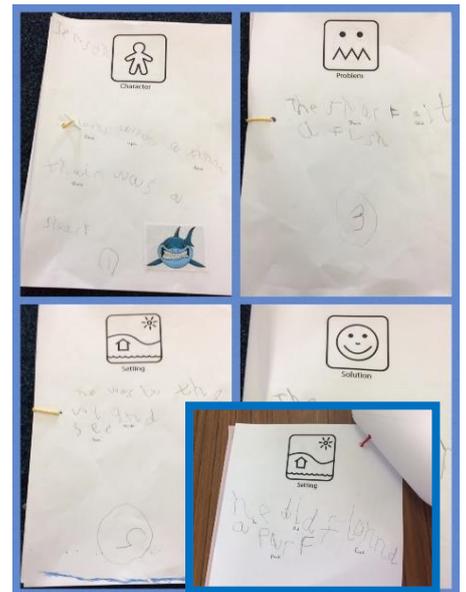
## Wonderful Writing



On Thursday, we had a visit from a local authority writing moderator who was very positive about the quality of writing

and the progress that children are making. It was not a surprise as I see the amazing teaching and learning that goes on across the school, day in and day out. Even our youngest children are now

writing story BOOKS in the 'Talking Tales Writing Area'. They have learned how to join pages together to make a book using a hole punch, treasury tags and wool. All of the children showed great



perseverance when tackling the different joining techniques! They have then had lots of fun using their imaginations to think of different Characters, Settings, Problems and Solutions to create stories! It has been lovely to see the children attempting to use their sound and tricky word knowledge when writing independently. We have had some fantastic stories about Peter Rabbit, Ironman, Cinderella and more! Have a look at Jenson's Shark story.

## Congratulations...



I would like to end with a big well done to our own superstar, Mrs Debbie Foxwell. Not only has she been feeding the children and keeping us all tidy and organised, she has also been

helping keep the children safe in her role as crossing patrol. On Thursday she was presented with a certificate and gift to mark 20 years of service as a 'lollipop lady'. We are so lucky to have someone with her dedication. Go Debbie – You are an inspiration!!!

Have a lovely weekend, everyone!

Mrs Ross

## Y5/Y6 Swimming

A reminder that Y5/Y6 swimming contributions and consent slips must be returned before the end of term, as children will be starting their lessons early in the new term.

**Please do not put swimming money in the same envelope as dinner money etc.**

## Attendance



Our attendance last week was **96%** - well done everyone.

## After School Clubs

Miss Willoughby will be putting on an extra choir club on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April if you could put this on your calendar please.

All other clubs will have their final sessions during the previous week, commencing 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019

## Fashion Show Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March

We do hope you can come along and support the Friends of the School fashion show on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March.**

If you haven't ordered a ticket you can pay on the door on the night. Entrance fee is £5.00 which includes a free drink and entry into the raffle to win a £25.00 voucher to spend on the night.

Doors open at 5.30pm with the Show starting at 6.00pm.

## Diary Dates

Please find below some dates for your diary. More information will be sent out about events nearer the time.

Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	FASHION SHOW –
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3/4 Change4Life Festival at Skegness – 1.15pm
w/c 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Bikeability for Y5
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Y3-Y6 Cross Country Event at St Hugh's at 1.30pm
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of term
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Return to School for the Summer Term
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Final payment date for Y5/Y6 Caythorpe visit.

## Community News

### Alford Focal Point (Alford Library)

On **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April** your children are invited to attend a storytelling and Easter craft session at the library.

This is a FREE event and will take place during the morning. We will let you know the exact time of the event next week.

On **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April** from 10.30am to 12 noon there will be a workshop to paint the mice for The Great Alford Mouse Trail. The theme this year is 'Mice from Outer Space'.

Again this is a FREE event and is open to all ages, but children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

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On **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April**, the Alford Events Committee would like you to join them for a truly Eggciting event!

They are holding an Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Bonnet Competition, as well as a cake sale. All proceeds from the event will go towards Alford's Christmas event.

The Easter Bonnet competition and parade starts at Alford Library at **10am** and the Treasure Hunt (which will take about an hour to complete) starts at **10.30am**. The Hunt will have easy clues that take you around Alford, tracking down landmarks, answering questions and collecting stamps. At the end of the Hunt children will receive an Easter egg prize.

**Entry is £1.50 per child.**

*All children under 10 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.*

## Farlesthope Road

A concerned parent has brought to my attention how congested Farlesthope Road is. I understand many people are parking on the roadside, particularly at the end of the day, when collecting children from school.

I appreciate that we don't have a huge car park, but we are very lucky to have a park and stride scheme whereby you can park in the South Market place car park or the overflow car park near the Library. Permits to park free in the main car park can be obtained from the office.

I would urge parents to consider using this scheme to help alleviate the amount of traffic and keep our children safe.