



# Newsletter

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We have had a delightful week this week. It was lovely to finally have a little respite from the rain and enjoy outside – albeit a little cold.

A couple of weeks ago, I said that I would tell you a little more about reading at Alford Primary School. With this in mind, I must start with last Friday. As you know, it was Children in Need and the children dressed up in Pyjamas. Year 5 went one step further and had a wonderful end to the day! The children made dens in the classroom using material and then snuggled up underneath with blankets and cushions to read their favourite books by torch light.



The final total for Children in Need was an outstanding **£403.52**. We had a tweet from Peter Levy too, to say, 'Well Done!'



On the subject of social media, we have expanded our social media presence to updating Facebook as well now. On our school page, we will be sharing key school events, community activities, as well as celebrating children's achievements in school. Click on the link below to follow and like our page!.

[facebook.com/AlfordPrimarySchool](https://facebook.com/AlfordPrimarySchool)



We were very excited this week as 4 huge boxes arrived in school. The Friends of the School have been generous again, and have brought us £500 worth of fiction books for KS2. This is in addition to the books bought for EYFS and KS1 last year. A massive thank you to them for supporting the school in this way.



Finally, a reminder that 'The Sun' newspaper has teamed up with HarperCollins to provide Primary Schools across the UK with a chance to win a free pack of 106 books, worth more than £600! All we have to do is simply collect 3,500 tokens printed in 'The Sun' and 'The Sun on Sunday' newspapers from this Saturday 23rd November 2019 to Saturday 18th January 2020. Please support us by collecting as many tokens as you can. Share this post with your family, friends, work colleagues or any local businesses that you may be involved with. We can do this! Please hand any tokens into your child's Class Teacher or put them in the collection box at the School Office.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Ross

## Attendance

Unfortunately, we have had a considerable amount of illness this week and our attendance has suffered because of this. Our attendance for last week was **94%**. Hopefully, we will see all recover quickly and our attendance will bounce back like the children!

## Friends of the School Christmas Fair

### Colouring Competition

**Please could all entries be returned to School by Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November.**

Pictures are available from your child's classroom or the school office.

It costs just 50p to take part – please remember to get your child to put their name and class on the reverse of their picture before handing it back into school.

Prizes will be awarded to the best picture from EYFS, Y1/Y2, Y3/Y4 and Y5/Y6.

### Christmas Jokes

The Friends of the School would really like the children to hand in a Christmas joke to be used at the Fair.

Please could these be handed to the office no later than Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November.

### Donations

The Friends would still be grateful for any of the following:

- ❖ Donations of chocolate (for their chocolate tombola) and gifts for raffle prizes.
- ❖ Tombola prizes
- ❖ Raffle hamper prizes (Christmas themed)

These can be handed to your child's class teacher or the school office.

As always, thank you for supporting our fundraising events.

## Crossing Patrol

A reminder that there is currently not a crossing patrol at the bottom of Finsbury Street (crossing to South Street). Debbie is recovering slowly – you might see her out and about now – but she still has a long way to go before she is fighting fit enough to return to work. We miss you, Debbie – GET WELL SOON!

## Archery Club

A reminder that there will no archery club on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November. This club's final session will be held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

## EYFS Rand Farm Visit

The children in EYFS are looking forward to their visit to Rand Farm on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

Can I please remind parents that the deadline for payment for this trip is:

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November**

## Christmas Performance Dates

To support our working parents, we have made a decision as a school to spread out the year group performances. This is to try and help parents with more than one child in school.

This year, the Christmas performances will be organised as below.

Year 4	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December @ 2pm
EYFS/ Year 1	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December @ 2pm and Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December @ 10am
Year 5	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December @ 2pm

Seating allocation letters have gone out for these performances. Please return your slips straight away; seating (including extra seating) will be allocated the day after the deadline dates.

Year 6 will have a major part to play in the Carol Concert at St Wilfrid's Church on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December from 10am, and of course produce their legendary end of year performance!

Year 3 will be putting on a performance in February. Date yet to be confirmed.

Year 2 will be putting on their big performance in the Summer Term.

### Christmas Performances DVD Order

We will be making DVDs of the Christmas Performances. If you would like to place an order (at a cost of £3.00 each) could you please complete the slip below and return it to School with the correct payment (*any cheques should be made payable to Alford Primary School*)

**Please could you ensure that ALL orders with payment are handed into school in a sealed envelope.**

CHRISTMAS DVD ORDER		
Child's Name: .....		
Class: .....		
	How many	Cost (£3 each)
EYFS/Y1		
Y4		
Y5		
<b>Total Amount</b>		£
<b>PLEASE DO NOT HAND THIS ORDER IN UNLESS IT IS IN A SEALED ENVELOPE</b>		

### Other Diary Dates

25 <sup>th</sup> November	Final date for returning pictures for the Friends of the School colouring competition
26 <sup>th</sup> November	Final date for returning Christmas jokes
29 <sup>th</sup> November	Friends of the School Christmas Fair
30 <sup>th</sup> November	Seats will be allocated for the EYFS/Y1 nativity and the Year 4 Christmas performance.
6 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Visit to Rand Farm
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Seats will be allocated for the Year 5 Christmas performance.
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day; £1 donation to 'Save the Children' and wear a Christmas outfit ALSO Christmas Dinner Day for the whole school
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Concert @ St Wilfrid's Church @ 10am
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Class Parties
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of Term
6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	Return to School

### What we are collecting

Plastic milk bottle tops.

Books for Schools tokens from  
The Sun newspaper

### Food Bank Donations

Our School Council have been discussing ways they would like to support the community. They have suggested that we collect food for a Christmas donation to local food banks. We plan to start collecting non-perishable goods from the beginning of December.

These items can be handed to your child's class teacher or the school office.

## Community News

### **Christmas Tree Festival**

Visit the Manor House on the following dates to see their decorated Christmas trees.

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>, Friday 6<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>  
and Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

10.00am – 4.00pm

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Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December

10.00am – 3.00pm

*Free Admission*

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### **Christmas Extravagana at Alford Manor House**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December

4.00pm – 8.00pm

*Free Admission*

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### **Alford's Christmas Spectacular Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

This event, which is being hosted by Lincs FM, starts at 12 noon in Alford Market Place. There will be Santa's Sleigh procession at 4.00pm and lights will be switched on at 5.30pm.

Please come along and enjoy the Christmas market, Santa's Grotto (from 4.30pm), late night shopping, live music, food stalls and vintage amusements. Entry for Santa's Grotto is by making a donation.

A FREE bus will be running to and from surrounding villages.

Please see full details online at  
[www.alford.info](http://www.alford.info)