



Newsletter

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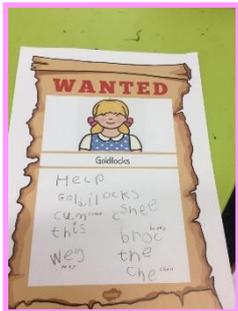
Let's start with some splendid work produced by Year 6 this week. The children have been reading and understanding a variety of poems which inspired

them to write their own poems with a message. They have been focusing on the issues surrounding deforestation – spreading the message to protect the world.



We have been recognising 'National Storytelling Week' in school. Through stories and poems, the children have been enjoying the vibrancy of

spoken – rather than read – stories. In assembly, the children laughed at 'The Car Trip' by Michael Rosen and in Thursday's assembly were entertained by our 'Open the Book' team who are a community team who visit and share Bible stories with the children.



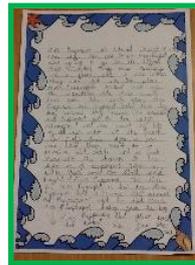
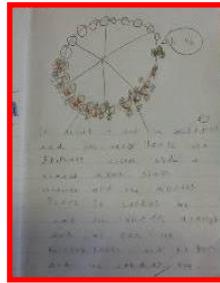
EYFS were celebrating 'National Storytelling Week' too! 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' was their focus story. The children have had lots of fun re-telling this wonderful story in the 'Home Corner' but were

horrified to find that Goldilocks had visited their classroom and damaged a pink stool. Wanted posters were written by the children to try and track her down.



Year 1 visited me this week to share their marvellous writing. They have been

comparing Alford to London and Ayla was bursting to tell me that she had written 3 pages. Combined with wonderful drawings of the London Eye and Big Ben, the writing was delightful.



Year 2 have been reading stories about

Mrs Pepperpot this term. Mrs Pepperpot loves going on adventures! The children have created this amazing 3D map of Alford for Mrs Pepperpot to travel around our town! Look at their fantastic writing too!



Finally, for those who have asked: a guinea pig update. Robbie, Jeff and Chase have been enjoying the windy weather. They have really been enjoying their daily playtimes in their outdoor pen. Hopefully, we will have some warmish weather over the weekend so that we can spend time outside as well.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Ross

Attendance

We have quite a high incidence of illness across the school at the moment which means that our attendance for last week dropped to **94.62%** - hopefully once the coughs, colds and chickenpox go away, attendance will improve.

Amazing

Well done to Miss Wakelin's class (1W) who had 100% attendance last week.

Can you help the Friends of the School?

Over the next few months, the Friends of the School will be arranging events with a view to raising money to purchase playground toy provision and a wooden outdoor classroom for the school.

It would be great if you could help to support us in any of the following ways:

- ❖ By donating an Easter egg for the Easter Egg Raffle. These can be handed in any time at the office or to your child's class teacher.
- ❖ By buying a raffle ticket for the Easter Egg Raffle. (more details to follow)
- ❖ By saving silver coins for our Silver Coin Challenge. Each class will have a tin to collect the silver coins and a prize will be awarded to the class who has raised the most money.
- ❖ By coming along and having some fun at our Family Bingo and Quiz Games Night.
- ❖ At any time during the year the Friends of the School would welcome any donations of prizes which they can use in raffles etc.

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 11th February is Safer Internet Day. Help keep your children safe online by reading our 10 tips below.

1. **Only talk to people you know and trust in real life**
2. **Don't give away personal information to strangers** - like what street you live on, or where you go to school. Say "no" if they ask you to share photos or videos of yourself
3. **Set your profiles to private**
4. **Be 'share aware'** - once you share something online, you've got no control over what anyone else does with it. And it's illegal to take, share or view indecent images of under-18s
5. **Be mindful of your digital footprint** - it could come back to bite you
6. If you see something upsetting, or someone bullies you, **tell an adult you trust**
7. **Don't assume everything you see is true to life.** People often make their lives look more exciting online
8. **Watch out for hoaxes and scams**, like messages you're asked to pass on or that ask you for payment details or passwords
9. **Be wary of schemes** that promise easy cash in return for you receiving and transferring money, and don't be fooled by anything that glamorises gang lifestyles
10. **Watch out for loot boxes** or other ways that games get you to pay - before you know it you can spend a lot on them

Diary Dates

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

Thursday 13 th February	Last day of term.
Monday 24 th February	Return to School
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Thursday 5 th March	WORLD BOOK DAY Children can come to School dressed up as their favourite book character
w/c 9 th March	WOW Science Week/Sport Relief Week
Friday 13 th March (pm)	Y3 Performance (The Pied Piper)
Tues 17 th Wed 18 th March	Y1 – Y6 Parent Evenings
Thursday 2 nd April	Last day of term
Monday 20 th April	Return to School for the Summer Term

Dangerous Driving

Once again, I have been approached by a parent who is extremely concerned about the manner in which cars are moving in nearby streets to the school.

This parent described a transit van reversing and nearly hitting 2 children!

We are not sure if this vehicle was a parent or not, however, we would like to remind parents about safe driving and parking in the vicinity of the school. If a vehicle is seen parking/driving dangerously, please pass on the registration details to the school or, in serious cases, to the police via their 101 number.

Weather Warning

With winter well underway, we would like to remind parents that, in the event that School needs to be closed for bad weather, we will use Parenthub and Lincs FM radio to publicise this.

What we are Collecting

Milk bottle tops
and
Used stamps