

Dear Families,

What a pleasure it was to welcome everyone back after the Easter holidays; there were lots of beautiful summer dresses, shorts, smart haircuts, and stories to tell us. It sounds like lots of you were able to enjoy the sunshine, take-aways, trips to the beach and picnics at the park. Life is slowly returning to normal.

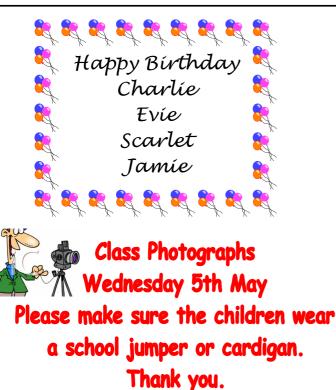
We will continue to adhere to our Covid-secure measures until the Department of Education tells us differently. Thank you for continuing to follow the rules, wearing your masks and sticking to the arrival and departure times – all of these things help to minimise contact between groups of people and will limit the potential spread of the virus.

We realise contact continues to be tricky for us all. Well, you may be pleased to know that we are organising opportunities for you to either meet with your child's class teacher face to face (if you feel comfortable) or to have a telephone conversation with them in the next three weeks. This will be a great chance to catch up and find out how your child is settling back to learning, their strengths and areas to develop in reading, writing and maths and their motivation to remember more, know more and do more every day. We will be able to share ways you could continue to help them at home.

Check out the times and then please either book a 15-minute appointment on Parentmail or by calling school.

Here's to a safe, sunny, virus-free Summer term full of exciting learning opportunities!

P.S. Watch out for your child's knowledge poster to put up somewhere in the house to help them remember important this term's key topic facts. Use them to encourage your children to commit knowledge to their long-term memory!



Parent Governor Vacancy More information coming soon. To be sent via Parentmail.

Parents' Meetings

Tuesday 27th April Friday 30th April Tuesday 4th May Thursday 6th May Monday 10th May Tuesday 11th May Wednesday 12th May

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Mrs Fountain Year 4 Mrs Langdale Year 3 Mrs Roberts Year 2 Miss Wickland Year 5 Mr Goddard Year 6 Mrs Shaw Reception Miss Newson Year 1

Please book your 15 minute face to face appointment on Parentmail. Please wear a face mask. If you would prefer a telephone conversation please book your slot and then contact the school office. Thank you.

# After School Club

### Spaces still available.

'To celebrate the love of reading'

Starting on Thursday 29th April, 2021 3:30-4:30pm Mrs Roberts will be running a weekly after school reading for pleasure club for the Year 5 children. They will also enjoy hot chocolate and cookies on the orchard!

This club is limited to 10 children so will be offered on a first come basis. If your child would like to attend please complete the consent form below and return to the school office.

#### After School Reading For Pleasure Club

I/We consent to ...... attending the reading for pleasure after school club.

Signed .....

Date .....

### Snnnyside Garden

There has been lots of seed planting, potting on of young plants and weeding the vegetable plot during the Easter holiday. Longer days and warmer weather are encouraging plants to grow quickly.

The potatoes have been planted in the garden but most of the seeds and young plants are in the greenhouse or sun lounge at present because of the cold frosty nights. I have sweetcorn popping up, tomatoes, peppers and aubergine doing well inside.

The peas, sweet peas and leeks are in the cold frame being prepared to plant outside next week. I have a pot of lettuce seedlings which I will be able to eat soon.

You could plant radish, carrots, lettuce, peas, beans and lots of annual flowers in the soil now. Look on the back of the seed packet to find out how quickly the seed will be ready to harvest or see flowering.

Happy gardening.







#### Alford Cricket Club Coaching sessions for ages 5–8 and 8–11 years, starting on Monday 10th May at Well.



Coaches ae fully trained and DBS checked. Please book using the link below.

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https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/BookCourse/0b8e0e40-917b-4e46-aa4c-a62499a343ce

- Specifically designed for the budding bat and ball heroes of the future, these courses are open to all and GREAT FUN.
- Allstars is for the 5-8yr olds from 6-6.45pm
- Dynamos for the 8-11yr olds from 6-7pm
- These courses are the perfect introduction to cricket and our coaches and activators are not only brilliant but they are also super fun!
- Registration and bookings can be made from March 16th for previous AllStars and Dynamos participants.

## NSPCC Number Day Friday 7th May Please come dressed in numbers! A donation of £1 will be gratefully received for NSPCC.

#### <u> Term Dates 2020 - 2021</u>

Term 5	Monday 19th April 2021 To Friday 28th May 2021
Term 6	Monday 7th June 2021 To
Staff Training	Wednesday 21st July 2021 Thursday 22nd July 2021



School will be closed Monday 3rd May 2021 which is Bank Holiday Monday.

#### Alford Manor House and Museum of Rural Life



We are looking forward to seeing you all when we re-opent