



March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy time we have all been having over the last few weeks! So many exciting things happening for the children.

Here are some of the pupils to give you an overview of their experiences. We will send on a selection of all our photographs to you separately (too many to include in a newsletter!)

P4 Visit to London and Palace of Westminster – “We got a tour round parliament and then we saw the Prime Minister. He looked at our book and we got our photo with him. We saw Buckingham Palace and we saw horses. There was a parade. We went to the park and went on a tube train. It was great fun on the tube and we didn’t hold on! We fed the pigeons and the pelicans, they tried to bite our feet! We went to the British Museum. We saw the Egyptian mummies and bones. We saw special artefacts. We were all tired on the train going home.”

Ayla P4

Spring Show – “We looked at the tractors and looked at the differences between them. We saw harvesters and learned about oats and seeds. We learned about different kinds of milk. We watched the working of a sheep machine. We watched cows being judged. It was really, really busy. I loved the cows, it was so much fun!”

Flo P6

Aberdeen University – “We got the bus and met Pam. We went to the zoology building after our snack. We saw stuffed animals. We had partners. We drew the animals and wrote descriptions. We then sorted the animals into different groups. We went to the library at the university. We had lunch and then saw the sculptures. On the top floor of the library we looked down!! It was good there.”

Finn P2 and Eloise P3

Assemblies / Values – Many thanks to all the children and families who submitted their designs for our 'Kindness' character. All the children and staff have voted and our parents, friends and families will also get a chance to vote at the Hungry Haggis Café on Thursday. Our next value which we are looking at is 'achievement' – we look forward to receiving your designs for this one!

P7 Transition – Our P7 pupils have begun a series of transition activities to prepare them for joining the Academy in the summer. This week, they had a visit from Diane Forbes and Louise Anderson from Alford Academy who explained about timetables, the school building and answered some initial questions from the children.

Bake Sales – We have such a lot of budding entrepreneurs at the moment. All are keen to raise funds for their chosen causes or charities. These are excellent opportunities for our pupils to develop their skills for learning, life and work along with creating business plans, dealing with profit/loss and consumer purchases. Well done to all the pupils who have done this recently and good luck to the next few groups!



World Book Day – On Thursday this week we shall be celebrating World Book Day! World Book tokens will be issued to the children on the day and the staff and pupils are invited to come to school dressed as a character from any Roald Dahl book. We shall no doubt have some interesting and creative costumes on show!



Hungry Haggis Café – Our first Hungry Haggis Café of the year will be held on Thursday 7th March from 1.30pm – 3.00pm in our school hall. Please invite all your family friends and neighbours and join us for your 'fly cup and fancy piece'! Donations at the door.

Rotary Quiz – A group of our P7 pupils are taking part in this year's School Rotary Quiz held in Alford Academy on Wednesday 13th March. The 'Monymusk Moustaches' (the children decided on their name!) are busy practising their general knowledge. Good luck!



Comic Relief 2024 – This year, Comic Relief will be on Friday 15th March. We are going to come to school dressed in red – go as daring as you want to be! Donations to the charity can be handed in to school if you wish.



Dates for your Diary

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| Thursday 7 th March 2024 | World Book Day – Roald Dahl themed dress-up 1:30 – 3:00pm Hungry Haggis Café |
| Monday 11 th March 2024 | P1 medical screening 11:30am |
| Wednesday 13 th March 2024 | 11:30 School Dentist to see P1 and P7 pupils |
| Wednesday 13 th March 2024 | Alford Rotary Quiz, 4pm at Alford Academy |
| Thursday 14 th March 2024 | P7 transition visit – Tree of Knowledge |
| Friday 15 th March 2024 | Comic Relief Day – wear something red |
| Monday 18 th March 2024 | Glee Competition, Beach Ballroom, Aberdeen. |
| Thursday 28th March 2024 | School closes |
| Monday 15th April 2024 | School opens |
| Monday 6th May 2024 | Holiday (May Day) |
| Tuesday 14 th May 2024 | P7 Link Day, Alford Academy |
| Tuesday 7 th & Thursday 9 th May 2024 | Parents' Evenings (times to follow) |
| Tuesday 7 th & Thursday 9 th May 2024 | Scholastic Book Fair – open during Parents Evenings |
| Monday 3rd June 2024 | Holiday (Occasional Day) |
| Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st June 2024 | P7 Link Week, Alford Academy |
| Friday 5th July 2024 | School closes |

Should you have any queries, please, as always, do not hesitate to contact the school.

Kind regards,

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