

5 November 2019

Dear Parents

Congratulations to:

- The following pupils who have achieved their **Bronze Merit Awards**:
Oliver Jeffs (7C) Olivia Brown (7S) Emily Button (7S)
Lilly Murray (7S) Emerson Watts (7S) Lucy Housman (8T)
- The following pupil in the Middle School has attained **25 merits**:
Rebecca Millward (11T)

Y7 are currently completing a project on Alford as part of their Business Studies work and need to go into Alford during lesson time to conduct some primary research. Mrs Reyes has planned this for the following dates, supported by several sixth form students:

7S Tuesday 12 November - P1
7T Wednesday 13 November - P5
7C Thursday 14 November – P4

Please ensure you wear a warm coat on the day!

On that note, the colder weather prompts me to remind you of our arrangements during **poor weather conditions**. If it is necessary for the school to be closed before pupils leave home in the morning, I will put a message on the intranet and also try to email all parents. In addition, notices should be broadcast on Lincs FM, 102.2 FM and on their website. Should it be necessary to close part-way through a day, due to deteriorating weather, it is important that children are able either to gain access to their own home or to wait at a friend's or neighbour's house. We would be grateful if you could make the necessary arrangements now and make sure your child knows the plan. We will liaise closely with the bus companies regarding road conditions and arrange return transport for pupils at the appropriate time. If, on the day concerned, it is not possible for your child to gain access to your home or a friend's, we would, of course, look after them until alternative arrangements can be made with you. I know that there will be occasions when circumstances change and messages need to be communicated to pupils, but is helpful if these can be kept to a minimum, as it is difficult for the office to deal with a large number of individual messages for pupils when we are also trying to co-ordinate bus arrangements and liaise with local schools. We are keen that arrangements run as smoothly as possible, so that pupils' safety is assured.



Congratulations to our budding young journalists!

Isla Kneen 7C and Casey Broddle 7T have been chosen by The Young Journalist Academy to showcase their work:

<https://youngjournalistacademy.com/petrifying-pets/>

<https://youngjournalistacademy.com/remember-remember-2/>



This Sunday, 10 November, senior students will represent the school at the **Remembrance Day Service** at St Wilfrid's Church. Poppies are on sale at school all of this week.

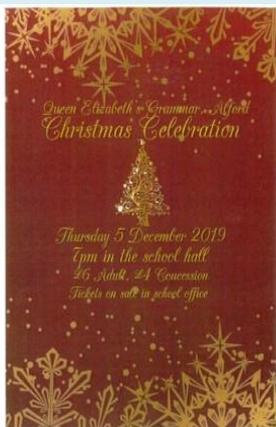
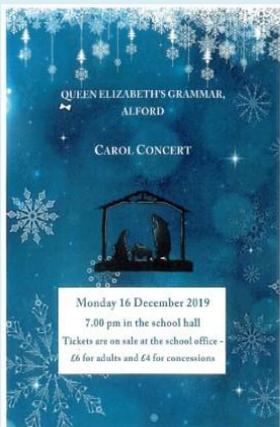
Mr Fry has served on the governing body for the school for 9 years, but is now stepping down from the governing body and his current role as **parent governor**. We would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Fry for being an exemplary ambassador for the school and contributing much in this role. In line with the school's Articles of Association this means a vacancy has now arisen for a **parent governor**. Any parent of a registered pupil at the academy may seek nomination, unless disqualified because of bankruptcy or criminal offence. The closing date for nominations is **midday on Friday 15 November** and the application form is attached. If nominations are received for more than one parent, all parents will receive voting slips and details about the electoral process. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact any serving governor or myself.

May we draw your attention to the **bank holiday** on Friday 8 May 2020, this will be the beginning of a three-day weekend of VE commemorative events in the UK to mark this important date, moving the May bank holiday from the Monday. It should also be noted that Friday 3 January 2020 is a staff training day and on Friday 3 April 2020 the school is closed, which differs from the termly calendar.

Best wishes



Mr G Thompson
Headteacher



Tickets are on sale!

Christmas Celebration (Thursday 5 December)
and Carol Concert (Monday 16 December) from
the School Office.

Tickets are priced at £6 for Adults and £4 for
Concessions for each event.

There is a discounted rate of £10 Adults and £6
Concessions if you wish to attend both events.

Refreshments will be served at both events.