

# Alderman Jacobs School (Academy Trust)

## December 2018 Newsletter



### Dear Parents and Carers

This year our Year 6 children took part in a joint service of remembrance with the other local schools to mark and remember the 100 years since the end of the First World War and we very much hope that this can become an annual event. We have been chosen by Cambridge University to take part in an interesting, four year, research project and children from different year groups in school have been working with researchers to help them find out how reading skills develop. We had a brilliant run out of family and friends at our recent learning markets which was a great way for the children to share everything they have been doing in school. We are looking forward to seeing as many as possible at our Look & Share session.

The staff and governors of Alderman Jacobs wish you a festive holiday and a Merry Christmas!

Regards

Mrs C Carlisle

### Attendance ~

up to 3/12/18 ~ 96.3%

### Church Services

#### Years 4, 5, & 6

On Tuesday 11th December, we will hold our annual Carol service at St Mary's Church at 1.45pm. Children will walk to the church after lunch on this day.

#### Years 1, 2, & 3

Wednesday 12th December is our annual Christingle service, also at St Mary's Church, at 10am. Children will walk to church after registration.

Parents and carers are welcome to attend both events and all children will return to school once the services have finished.

If you are available to walk to either of the services with your child's class, please speak with the class teacher.



### Pupil Achievements

Congratulations to the following pupils ~  
keep up the good work!

Savanna J ~ Passed Swimming Stage 4  
Luis S~H ~ March Marlins Swimming competition won 2 gold, 2 silver and 3 bronze medals

Alex K ~ Passed an audition to become a Cathedral Chorister

Elizabeth W. ~ 3rd in Contact Martial Arts Competition.

Yasmin C. ~ won 3 trophies at the swimming gala.

Lacey V. ~ Won the freestyle trophy and the youngest mile at the swimming gala.



### Look and Share ~ Thursday 13th December

Once again we welcome parents into school on this date for you to spend some time with your children and for them to show you some of the work that they have completed this term. We will open the gates at 2.45pm for you to meet your child on the playground and join them in class.

### Christmas Jumper Day

Don't forget Christmas Jumper Day is Friday 14th December! Please do not feel that you have to buy a jumper for your child, but you could "modify" their normal school uniform jumpers. This is not a dress-down day, the rest of the school uniform should be worn. In order to raise money for this worthwhile charity, we ask for children to donate £1 each, to be collected by class teachers in the morning.



### Book Fair

This is being held in the Main Hall from Wednesday 5th December to Tuesday 11th December, 8.20 am ~ 8.45 am and 3.10 pm ~ 4.00 pm. Please note that the last session to come and purchase books is on the morning of Tuesday 11th December.



### AJS Pre-School

Since opening in September, children starting at Alderman Jacobs Pre-School have been busy engaging in lots of exciting learning opportunities. They have explored their newly resourced classroom whilst playing alongside new friends and our experienced Early Years Practitioners. Throughout their time at our Pre-School we aim to provide the children with many experiences to spark their imaginations and support their development. So far this half term the children have been on an Autumn walk, explored the different textures, colours and smells of a range of vegetables and even made their own soup! Outside of the classroom, our specialist PE coaches have provided themed sessions where our children have become Superheroes and Pirates in order to complete a range of exciting and active challenges. Parents at our school have shared with us how pleased they are with the way in which their children have settled into school life saying "thank you to all the Early Years staff for making my child's journey into school so positive". When commenting on our Online communication tool parents have told us "we love to see what the children have been getting up to on Tapestry"

If you are interested in a place for your child at our pre-school, why not come along to our next open session on Thursday 24th January at 1.30pm.

### Year 6 ~ Duxford trip

Year six were fortunate enough to visit Duxford due to the theme this half term being the Battle of Britain. This was an amazing experience because we were able to look around all of the different scenes of the Battle of Britain which included land warfare. This showed you all of the different types of vehicles especially the tanks. There were also different types of planes: the Spitfire, Hurricane and Messerschmitt were our favourite. There was one hanger in particular that was the Battle of Britain. A man, who was a worker there, came up to us and talked about rations and showed us some bullets.

We also got to explore inside a few planes: a Concorde and a Comet 4, which we found very interesting. We also looked at some American planes and Indian planes, we know this because there were different pictures and patterns on some of the planes. We had a wonderful time at Duxford air museum and hope to come again soon.

Jayden G, Emily B and Leiana A



### Children in Need

Once again AJS supported Children in Need by covering Pudsey bears with coins. The event was well supported and the final amount raised was £798.82. All of the children in school, including our pre-schoolers were invited to take their turn covering Pudsey! Staff also supported the day by counting up the donations, purchasing cakes from Alfie L who baked them especially or donating for doughnuts.... All very popular!

A huge thank you to all the parents who supported us again.

**Mrs Baker**



### Year 2 Café for All

Year 2 had a reading café. We read the book called How to Catch a Star. We made a shooting star and we wrote our wishes on them.

How wonderful it was!

**Charley T.**

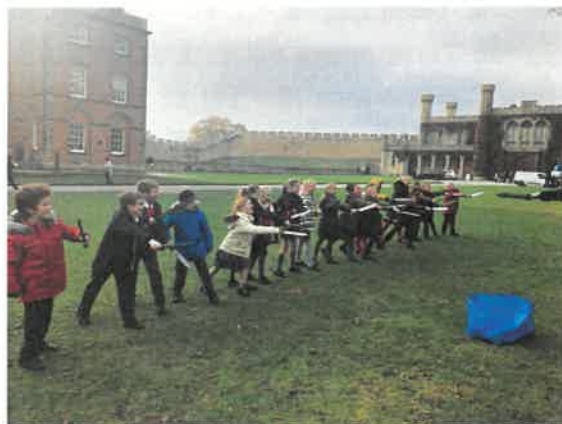
### Christmas Lunch ~ Friday 14th December

The Christmas lunch will be on Friday 14th December and is only available to the children that have pre-booked online. Please note that only the advertised lunch is available and that there will be NO sandwich option on this day.

### Year 4 ~ Lincoln Castle Trip

Year 4 ventured out on an exciting trip, back in time, to Lincoln Castle as part of their Roman topic. Throughout the day, the children were archeologists, Roman warriors, shield designers and armour testers. We even got to look out across Lincoln from the top of the castle wall. It was a great immersive start to our topic!

**Miss Vidler**





# Diary Dates



## Class Assemblies/Learning Markets

Wed 23 Jan ~ Class Australia  
 Wed 30 Jan ~ Class New Zealand  
 Wed 6 Feb ~ Class Fiji  
 Wed 27 Feb ~ Class Canada  
 Wed 6 March ~ Class USA  
 Wed 13 March ~ Class Jamaica  
 Wed 20 March ~ Class Chile  
 Wed 27 March ~ Class Peru  
 Wed 3 April ~ Class Brazil  
 Wed 12 June ~ Class Kenya  
 Wed 19 June ~ Class Egypt  
 Wed 26 June ~ Class Morocco

9 am starts ~ All Welcome

Tue 4 Dec ~ Early Years Nativity ~ 9.30am  
 Wed 5 Dec ~ Early Years Nativity ~ 2.00pm  
 Wed 5 Dec ~ Pre~School Singing ~ 9.30am  
 16 & 17 July ~ Year 6 Performance ~ time TBA



## Professional Days

School will be closed to pupils on the following days:-

Mon, Tues, Weds 22nd, 23rd, 24th July 2019

## School Term Dates 2018/19

Autumn Term closes ~ Wed 19 Dec 2018  
 Spring Term opens ~ Thu 3rd Jan 2019  
 Half Term ~ Mon 18 ~ Fri 22 Feb 2019  
 Spring Term closes ~ Fri 5 Apr 2019  
 Summer Term opens ~ Tue 23 Apr 2019  
 May Bank Holiday ~ Mon 6 May 2019  
 Half Term ~ Mon 27 ~ Fri 31 May 2019  
 Summer Term closes ~ Fri 19th July 2019

## DEC

5 ~ 11 Book Fair  
 7 Fri Coffee and Carols ~ 9am ~ 11.30am  
 10 Mon Year 6 Pantomime  
 FoAJS Secret Santa - 3.15pm-4pm  
 11 Tue Years 4/5/6 Carol Service  
 at St Mary's ~ 1.45pm  
 FoAJS Secret Santa—3.15-4pm  
 12 Wed Year 1/2/3 Christingle  
 at St Mary's ~ 10am  
 Christmas Story Night ~ 5.30pm  
 13 Thu Look and Share ~ 2.45pm  
 14 Fri Christmas Jumper Day  
 Christmas Dinner Day  
 19 Wed Autumn Term Closes

## JAN

3 Thu Spring Term opens  
 4 Fri Year 4 Saxon Day  
 7 Mon Early Years Height and Weight  
 Measurements  
 Year 3 Café for All ~ Canada~2pm  
 8 Tue Year 6 Height and Weight  
 Measurements  
 Year 3 Café for All ~ Jamaica~2pm  
 9 Wed Year 3 Café for All ~USA~2pm  
 16 Wed Parent Working Party ~ 9am  
 18 Fri Circus Skills ~ Class France  
 19 Sat Straw Bear Festival  
 24 Thu Pre~School open session ~ 1.30pm  
 25 Fri Passport Day

## FEB

1 Fri NSPCC Number Day  
 5 Tue Safer Internet Day  
 28 Thu Year 2 Stibbington Plants Trip

## MAR

1 Fri Year 2 Stibbington Plants Trip  
 5 Tue AJS World Book Day  
 6 ~ 8 Year 5 Grafham Residential  
 7 Thu Year 1 Ramsey Heights Trip  
 11 ~ 15 Science Week  
 13 Wed SATs Information evening for Parents  
 KS1 ~ 5.30pm  
 KS2 ~ 6pm