

# Alderman Jacobs School (Academy Trust)

## January 2019 Newsletter

### Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the New Year. I'm pleased to start this school year by sharing the fabulous news that the Alderman Jacobs' results has put us in the top 20 schools in Cambridgeshire (out of 262 primary schools) for children achieving age related expectations in reading, writing & maths. We are also in the top 20 for the numbers of children who receive the Pupil Premium who attained an Expected and Greater Depth level in these subjects. Well done to children and staff for their continued hard work!

I have recently received feedback about school communication, which we are always keen to improve. We are trying to achieve the target set by the DfE for making schools sustainable and improving the environment and as much communication as possible is done by email. For those that need one, paper copies of letters and forms are kept in the main entrance. Teachers are always happy to help and make sure children can access any resources linked to their learning - please just ask. Equally, if you need to use a computer our Computer Suite is available for internet access.

Thank you for your continued support, we look forward to seeing you at our various events this term.

Cathy Carlisle

### Early Years for September 2019 ~ Closing Date 15.1.19

Please remember that the closing date for online applications for Early Years 2019 is Tuesday 15th January 2019. For further information or to apply please visit [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions).

### Book Fair

Thank you to all those who supported our Book Fair before Christmas. We sold an amazing £1091 worth of books! The commission from these sales will enable us to buy many more books for school.

### Contact Details

Please remember to keep your contact details up to date with the school office. It is important that we can get hold of you should your child become unwell.



### Attendance ~

up to 10/1/19 ~ 96.07%

back to  
School



### Book Fair Winners

Congratulations to the following children who each won a £5 book voucher to spend at the Book Fair last term were:

Caden B.

Malaki N.

James B.

Elliott M.

Jack S.



## Christmas Jumper Day

What a huge variety of Christmas Jumpers we had in school on this day! Thank you to all those who donated. We raised a fantastic £375 for Save the Children!



### AJS Pre-School

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.

We are now taking applications for September 2019, you can pick up an application pack from the main reception.

### Year 6 Pantomime Visit

Our pantomime trip was amazing. We had an awful lot of fun (especially when they pulled out the water guns and we all ended up soaked- thanks to the front row seating!) There were some very funny moments, such as they had some very strange names for people living in different houses - please don't get us to repeat it, we all ended up very confused by the end! There was a lot of audience participation that we thoroughly enjoyed, some parts more so than others! We are very grateful and thankful to the FOAJS for allowing us to go, for some of us, it was our very first pantomime. The ice creams were incredible too. Overall, we had a really enjoyable morning, and we are all left feeling incredibly festive. Thank you.

By Keenan N, Jayden G, Memet G, Lizzie S

### Christmas Performances in Early Years

The Early Years Nativity was once again a fantastic performance. The children enjoyed telling the story of Christmas and they sang beautifully. Pre~School also had their first performance and sang a variety of Christmas songs. Thank you for all your support over the festive season, we were very proud of all the children.

Mrs Holdsworth



### Christingle and Carol Service at St Mary's Church

Once again we visited St Mary's church for our Christmas celebrations. The children enjoyed the services, sharing some of the Christmas carols and songs we have been learning. The quality of the singing was excellent as usual and the choir performed with confidence and enjoyment. The soloists sang beautifully and were very proud to share their skills. Thank you to all parents and friends that supported us with these events and we look forward to next year!

### Coffee and Carols morning

We enjoyed another festive morning where the whole school came into the main hall in year groups to perform a variety of Christmas songs to their parents. The morning was very well attended and created a very festive feeling for the last few days in school. As always the quality of the singing was fantastic and the children enjoyed showcasing their new musical skills.

**Mrs Combes**

### Christmas fun at AJS!

The month of December is always full of excitement and fun at AJS especially as we get nearer to the festive season. This year was as busy as ever with a wide variety of entertainment organised for our children.

As we reached December our decorations went up in school with some very original and child lead decorations which set the perfect backdrop to the "Coffee and Carols" morning, which was extremely well attended.

Following on from this our Year 6 children were taken to the pantomime, where the usual merriment (it was Robin Hood!) took place and ice-creams were enjoyed by all.

This year once again the Friends of AJS paid for this treat which has a total cost with transport of over £1200. At the other end of school, we had our Early years and Pre-schoolers making their performances to some very nervous audiences and many a tissue was needed!

St Mary's hosted our two church services and again the children took part in very festive services which help us all remember the religious importance of this time of year to Christianity.

As well as all the above we managed to squeeze in parties, a Christmas story night, A Christmas book shop, a delicious Christmas dinner and we still found time to wear our Christmas jumpers in aid of "Save the children."

The Friends of AJS managed to order and deliver over £1000 worth of Christmas cards, mugs etc. as well as help the children choose their secret Santa presents... no wonder we were all tired at the end of term!

Thanks to all those who supported our events by making donations or attending.

**Mrs Baker**



# 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

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  
 Mon 2nd and Tues 3rd Sept 2019  
 Fri 18th Oct 2019

## School Term Dates 2018/19

**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**  
**Autumn Term opens ~ Wed 4th Sept 2019**  
**Half Term ~ Mon 21st ~ Fri 25th Oct 2019**  
**Autumn Term closes ~ Thur 19th Dec 2019**  
**Spring Term opens ~ Mon 6th Jan 2020**  
**Half Term ~ Mon 17th ~ Fri 21st Feb 2020**  
**Spring Term closes ~ Wed 1st Apr 2019**

## JAN

**16 Wed** Parent Working Party ~ 9am  
 EY Phonics Info evening ~ 5.30pm  
**18 Fri** Circus Skills ~ Class France  
**19 Sat** Straw Bear Festival  
**24 Thu** Pre~School open session ~ 1.30pm  
**25 Fri** Passport Day  
**28 ~ 1/2** Yr 5/6 Bikeability

## FEB

**1 Fri** NSPCC Number Day  
 Year 4 Bikeability  
**5 Tue** Safer Internet Day  
**13 Wed** Grafham Residential Parents  
 Meeting ~ Main Hall ~ 6pm  
**15 Fri** End of term  
**25/2 ~ 1/3** Sponsored Spell  
**27 Wed** PGL Parents Meeting ~ 5.45pm  
**28 Thu** Year2 Stibbington Plants Trip ~  
 Morocco and Egypt Classes

## MAR

**1 Fri** Year 2 Stibbington Plants Trip ~  
 Kenya Class  
**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  
**14 Thu** Year 1 Ramsey Heights Trip  
**15 Fri** Comic Relief  
**18 ~ 22** Mock SATS week  
**20 ~ 27** Book Fair  
**26 Tue** Parents Consultation Evening  
**27 Wed** Parents Consultation Evening

## APR

**1 Mon** Mums in School  
**3 ~ 5** PGL Residential  
**5 Fri** End of Term  
**29/4 ~ 3/5** Stibbington Residential