

Alderman Jacobs School (Academy Trust)

February 2019 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

Fabulous things happen every day in school, here is a snapshot of things we are pleased to share:

Alderman Jacobs have, in principle, been awarded a grant for nearly £10,000 from the Glassmoor Local Environment Fund to support outdoor learning.

School have applied for support from the Awards for All Grant to allow us to put astroturf style flooring around our 'Blue Sky' Gym and make a pathway to it so we can make better use of the equipment in all weathers.

Key Stage 2 children participated in 'Bikeability' - learning how to control their bikes and ride safely when out and about.

Miss McCutcheon visited us with baby Isla, who was born a week ago weighing 8lb 6oz.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the school

Cathy Carlisle

Attendance ~

up to 1/2/19 ~ 95.81%

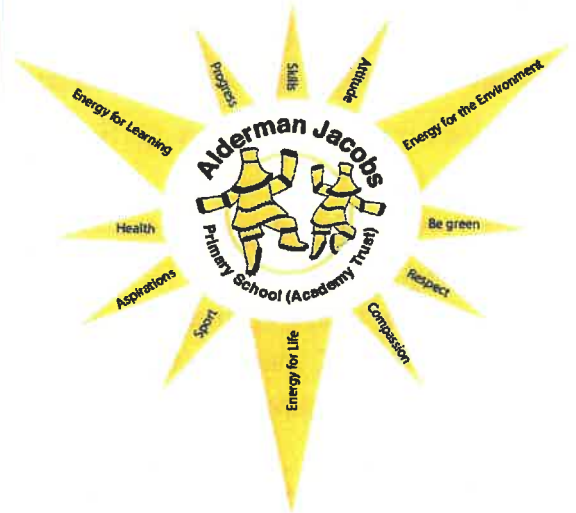
Nut allergies—Reminder

Please can we remind parents that we are a nut free school. Please do not send children to school with nuts or nut products. We have several children in school with severe allergies.

Sponsored Spell

Our Sponsored Spell will be held during the week beginning 25th February. All year groups have their own word list. Copies of these, and the sponsor forms will be available in the racks in the office foyer shortly.

There will also be a special gift for those raising £5 or more. Keep a look out for the e-mail being sent out shortly.



Pupil Achievements

Congratulations to the following pupils:

Lacey V. ~ passed proficiency Level 5 in Gymnastics.

Elizabeth W. ~ 4th place in Contact Karate



Contact Details—Annual Review

We are doing our annual review of contact details, mobile numbers and addresses. Parents will be able to call into the office on the following dates to check the details registered for their child between

8.30 ~ 9am Monday to Friday and 2.45pm~3.30pm Mon, Tues, Weds and Friday:

Early Years & Year 1 ~ w/c 11th February

Years 2 & 3 ~ w/c 25th February

Years 4 & 5 ~ w/c 4th March

Year 6 ~ w/c 11th March

Mrs L Wright

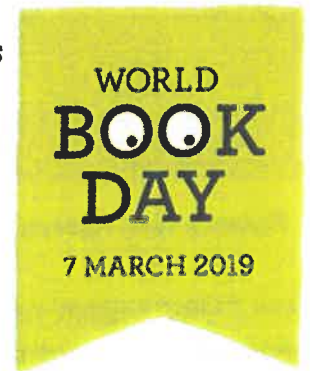
World Book Day – Thursday 7th March

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March (the date has changed from our previous newsletter) and the theme this year is ' Share a story' therefore children (and adults) will be encouraged to come dressed as their favourite book character.

We will be having a read-aloud event in the afternoon, so we would like the children to bring in a story from home for this event.

We look forward to seeing all the children dressed up!

Miss Miles



AJS Pre-School

We are now taking applications for the school year 2019-2020, please pick up an application pack from the main reception.

Reminder

The school day starts at 8.45am. Children should be on the playground, ready to come into school at this time.

Thank you.

Circus Skills ~ Spain Class

On Friday 25th January, Spain class were lucky to be invited to Neale Wade Academy in March to take part in a Circus Skills festival. When we arrived, some older pupils took us through to the main hall where we took part in lots of different activities including spinning plates, twirling ribbons and balancing peacock feathers! The children had a fantastic time learning new skills and their attitude towards trying new things was amazing. Well done Spain, and thanks to the pupils at Neale Wade who were so patient!

Mrs Smith



Red Nose Day ~ Friday 15th March

We will be supporting this charity by having a non ~ uniform day. Children can wear anything they wish. (Safe and appropriate) We will be collecting donations on the day. Please note that we will not be selling any merchandise this year.



Spare Clothing for School ~ Please help!

We are running low of girls underwear in our spares box. All sizes are required. If you have items that are in a good condition, washed and clean and that you no longer need then we would really appreciate them. Please hand them into the main reception. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

Straw Bear 2019

Twenty Six children from Year 4 took part in the Strawbear Festival on Saturday 19th January. The children had been practicing for 8 weeks and were ready to showcase the 3 dances they had learned. As they arrived at the Manor Leisure Centre the excitement was seen in all of the children's faces. They were dressed in colourful clothes and they wore masks that they had decorated. We first of all took part in the procession through the town to our first dance spot which was outside the Whittlesey War Memorial. We took it in turns with 3 other groups to perform and after each performance the children got a loud clap and cheer from the audience watching.



We then moved onto our next dance spot which was the market place. Again the children remembered their dance moves and to perform to the crowd. All the children did an amazing job and thank you to the parents who gave up their time to bring them to this event.

Mrs Cradock

Saxon Day ~ Year 4

In the first week back to school after the Christmas break, the children experienced what it was like to live in Anglo-Saxon Britain. Dressed as Anglo-Saxon's, the children had the opportunity to experience a range of exciting, hands-on activities to learn about what life was like then. This included; making their own ink and then using it to write their Anglo-Saxon name, making clay pots, sewing their own purse and making candles. In the afternoon, the children became archaeologists and used artefacts to develop their understanding of the past.

Miss Reed



Diary Dates

Class Assemblies/Learning Markets

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

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

FEB

5 Tue Safer Internet Day
 12 Tue FoAJS AGM 6.30pm
 13 Wed Grafham Residential Parents Meeting ~ Main Hall ~ 6pm
 14 Thu FoAJS Valentines Disco
 18 ~ 22 Half 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
 6 ~ 8 Year 5 Grafham Residential
 7 Thu World Book Day
 Year 1 Ramsey Heights Trip ~ France class and 1/2 Italy class
 11 ~ 15 Science Week
 13 Wed SATs Information evening for Parents ~ KS1 ~ 5.30pm & KS2 ~ 6pm
 14 Thu Year 1 Ramsey Heights Trip ~ Spain Class and 1/2 Italy class
 15 Fri Comic Relief ~ Red Nose Day
 18 ~ 22 Yr 6 Mock SATS week
 19 Tue FoAJS Meeting ~ 6.30pm
 26 Tue Parents Consultations ~ 3.30~6.30pm
 27 Wed Parents Consultations ~ 3.30~6.30pm
 29 Fri FoAJS Family Bingo

APR

1 Mon Mums in School
 3 Wed Year 3 Mosque & Cathedral visit
 3 ~ 5 PGL Residential
 5 Fri Spring term closes
 23 Mon Summer term opens
 29/4 ~ 3/5 Stibbington Residential (1)

MAY

1 ~ 3 Stibbington Residential (2)
 3 Fri Yr 3 Evacuation Day
 6 Mon May Bank Holiday
 W/C 13th Year 6 SATS
 27 ~ 31 Half Term