

Alderman Jacobs School (Academy Trust)

Spring Term 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back and a very happy new year. This half term we are pleased to welcome back Miss McCutcheon from maternity leave. We are also pleased to share that just before the holiday, Mrs Holdsworth gave birth to twin boys and her new family her doing extremely well.

We have noticed an increasing number of children wearing nail varnish, oversized hair bows and jewellery to school, possibly these were Christmas presents and although great for the weekend are not suitable for school days. Our uniform code is designed with both practicality and safety in mind and is available on our website if you are unsure. Nail varnish remover will be made available in school for those who require it.

For information about supporting your child's learning, back to school blues or creating a positive school gate culture the website www.familylives.org.uk is a useful source. We are looking forward to a great term and would like to thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely
Cathy Carlisle



Attendance ~

95.94% up to 21/01/2020 ~

Coffee and Carols

We had a wonderful festive morning with every year group and choir showcasing their singing talents and entertaining the audience with Christmas songs and Carols. The event was very well attended and the audience seemed to enjoy all of the performances. Thankyou to all of the children and families for supporting the event.

Church Services

We were very proud to take the children to perform in the church. Both services included a range of familiar and new Christmas carols and songs. The singing was fantastic and of a very high quality and both services were well supported by family and friends. The choir performed at both events and brought a tear to many eyes. We were also extremely proud of the two soloists, Bailey-Mae W and Sommer B for their beautiful solos and having the confidence to perform in front of over 400 people! Thankyou to all of the children and families for supporting these events.

Mrs Combes

Pupil Achievements

Congratulations to the following pupils:

Jasmine B ~ awarded a trophy for best weapon skills in her Karate class.

April S ~ Passed level 6 in swimming.

Well done everyone !



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School



FoAJS

Thank you to everyone that took part in the Christmas Cards, Bingo, Raffle and Secret Santa. We raised an amazing £2,745.56 for FoAJS.

Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you to all who took part in Christmas Jumper Day, we managed to raise over £350 for Save the Children.

Mrs Montgomery



Parent Trustees

Are you interested in joining us? We are looking for volunteers to be involved in supporting the school and are currently recruiting two roles for Parent Trustees.

The core responsibilities involved are:

- Ensuring accountability
- Acting as a 'critical friend' to the Head Teacher
- Monitoring and evaluating the school's progress
- Budgetary allocation and control
- Shaping plans for school improvement and overseeing their implementation
- Setting the school's aims and values
- Appointing senior members of staff including the Head Teacher

The expectations are:

- 2 evening meetings per term
- Approximately 6 hours per month including meetings and time to read supporting notes
- 2 supported trustee visits within school time per school year
- Attending relevant training
- 4 year post

Ideally we are looking for Trustees with HR and finance experience or links with the local community/businesses, however this is not essential. Anyone who is interested, please contact the Clerk to Trustees Miss Sarah Woods at swoods@aldermanjacobs.cambs.sch.uk or in person at the front office for further information. Trustees provide an external perspective and an ability to challenge assumptions and look for the best solutions. We are a supportive team that bring enthusiasm, experience and expertise from other areas of life and act together as a well balanced group of people to effectively support the school and staff to drive AJS forward.

Miss Sarah Woods

Book Fair

A huge thank you to all of you that came and visited the book fair in December. We raised £348.00 which has enabled us to order 100 new books for our library.

Once again, thank you for your support.

Miss Miles



Winter Conditions

During the colder weather please take extra care on the roads and pathways leading to school. Pathways will be cleared and gritted to create an access to school but not the whole playground. Please supervise children first thing in the morning on the playground. In the event of a school closure for severe weather, notification will be made on local radio, our school website and by SchoolComms.

Thank you.

Site Team

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 during the school day.

Asthma

If your child uses an inhaler, please can you ensure they have one in their classroom and that it is in date.



School Uniform Swapping Event

Total Clothing are doing a Swap Event on 1st February 2020 from 10am until 1pm in their Botolph Bridge Shop.

They are now taking in clothes for the swap day. Simply drop off your grown out uniforms into them, they will then check them and give you a token to use on the swap day.

No swap is guaranteed. Swap depends on availability of items for swapping.

Please note that the uniform that is being swapped needs to have been previously purchased from Total Clothing.

The shop is open Monday to Friday 9am until 5pm for the swap drop off.

There will also be 10% off all new school uniform in their showroom (in stock) on the swap day.

Diary Dates

Class Assemblies/Learning Markets

Wed 5 Feb ~ Class Canada
 Wed 12 Feb ~ Class USA
 Wed 11 Mar ~ Class Australia
 Wed 18 Mar ~ Class Fiji
 Wed 25 Mar ~ Class New Zealand
 Wed 29 April ~ Class Spain
 Wed 6 May ~ Class Italy
 Wed 20 May ~ Class France
 Wed 10 June ~ Class Chile
 Wed 17 June ~ Class Brazil
 Wed 24 June ~ Class Egypt
 Wed 1 July ~ Class Kenya
 Wed 8 July ~ Class Morocco

9am starts ~ All Welcome

15 July ~ Year 6 performance ~ time TBA
 16 July ~ Year 6 performance ~ time TBA

Professional Days

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

Weds 22nd and Thurs 23rd July 2020

Thur 3rd and Fri 4th Sept 2020

Fr 23rd Oct 2020

Mon 2nd Nov 2020

Mon 4th Jan 2021

School Term dates 2019/20

Half Term ~ Mon 17th ~ Fri 21st Feb 2020

Spring Term closes ~ Wed 1st Apr 2020

Summer Term opens ~ Mon 20th Apr 2020

May Day ~ Fri 8th May 2020

Half Term ~ Mon 25th May ~ Fri 29th May 2020

Summer Term Closes ~ Tue 21st Jul 2020

School Term dates 2020/21

Autumn Term opens ~ Mon 7th Sept 2020

Half Term ~ Mon 26th Oct ~ Fri 30th Oct 2020

Autumn Term closes ~ Fri 18th Dec 2020

JAN

24 Fri Passport Day
 27 Mon Japan Maths Café ~ 2pm
 Y4 Saxon Day
 28 Tue Canada Reading Café ~ 2pm
 India Maths Café ~ 2pm
 29 Wed USA Reading Café ~ 2pm
 30 Thu Morocco Reading Café ~ 2pm
 China Maths Café ~ 2pm
 31 Fri Jamaica Reading Café ~ 2pm
 Y1 Circus Skills ~ France & 1/2 Spain

FEB

10-13 Y5 & Y6 Bikeability
 6 Thu NSPCC Speak out, Stay Safe
 Y1 Reading Café ~ 2pm
 7 Fri NSPCC Number Day
 12 Wed Parent Working Party ~ 9am
 Grafham Parents meeting ~ 6pm
 26 Wed PGL Parents meeting ~ 5.45pm

MAR

4~6 Y5 Grafham Residential
 5 Thu World Book Day
 10 Tue Y1 Ramsey Heights ~ Spain & 1/2 France
 11 Wed SATS Information evening for parents ~ KS1 ~ 5.30pm & KS2 ~ 6pm
 12 Thu Y1 Ramsey Heights ~ Italy & 1/2 France
 13 Fri Sports Relief
 23 Mon Mums in School
 Parents Consultation Evening
 24 Tues Parents Consultation Evening
 25 Wed Year 2 Stibbington trip (Kenya & Morocco)
 Year 2 Stibbington trip (Egypt)
 27 Fri Y4 PGL Residential
 30~1stApr

APR

1 Wed Last day of term
 20 Mon Summer term opens

