

# Alderman Jacobs School (Academy Trust)

## Spring Term 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term we are pleased to welcome Mr Adam Baldwin as our new Site Officer and Lead Midday Supervisor. Mr Baldwin has quickly been busy around school and has even found time to do some tiling and painting during the holiday.

School, much like life, is very busy and the timetable is extremely full. In order to support children's emotional health and wellbeing they now come into school 10 minutes earlier, at the end of lunchtime and use this time to complete Mindfulness and calming activities.

Please support our children's safety by driving and parking safely around school. Sometimes it may be necessary to park further away and walk which is even easier with more springtime weather around the corner.

Cathy Carlisle  
Headteacher

### Number Day 2020

Once again, we'd like to thank you for your support with the NSPCC number day earlier this month. This year was our best year to date, raising an incredible £406 for the NSPCC.

Children had fun cracking the code that got them inside the secret suitcase, and the creativity which went in to some of the tops the children were wearing was superb!

We're looking forward to next year already!

Miss Suttle and Mrs Taylor

### Nut allergies ~ Reminder

Please can we remind parents that we are a nut free school and Nutella in sandwiches and Nutella bars etc should not come into school.

We have a large number of children allergic to nuts.

### Sports Relief ~ Friday 13th March

Sports Relief is on Friday 13th March. Children are to come into school in suitable PE kit (Sports clothes, no football tops). The children will be taking part in the sports relief mile during the day. We kindly ask for £1 donation.

As a result of this pizza and milkshake day will be on Thursday 12th March instead.

Thanks

Mrs Montgomery



**Attendance ~**  
up to 09/03/2020 ~ 95.9 %

### Pupil Achievements

Congratulations to the following pupils:

Jasmin B ~ awarded a 3rd place trophy in the Peterborough Inter-Club Karate Competition.

Robyn B ~ awarded a 3rd place trophy in the Peterborough Inter-Club Karate Competition. Robyn was also awarded a 1st place trophy at the Karate Fight night.

Roxy B ~ awarded a 2nd place trophy in the Peterborough Inter-Club Karate Competition. Roxy was also awarded a 3rd place trophy at the Karate Fight night.

Robyn B & Roxy B have both been selected for the GB team for Inspired Martial Arts.

Aoife F ~ achieved his black belt in Taekwondo.

Emily K ~ moved to red belts in Karate.

Courtney H ~ awarded a 1st place trophy in the under 11's girls fun run & a medal in Frostbite Dream Team Running.

Well done everyone!



### Appropriate or inappropriate

Children love to play games and get rewards. This is one reason why they love electronic devices so much. A lot of what they do is great fun and often educational, encouraging them to be creative and enabling them to socialise with their friends. However we are seeing increasing numbers of children who are either accessing inappropriate material or putting themselves or others in danger with strangers. But how can you tell what is safe or not? Often apps and games have a pegi rating which give the suggested minimum age for games, however parents may decide that their child is mature enough to play a game above the pegi rating. We recommend using [www.common sense media.org](http://www.common sense media.org) for honest advice on the appropriate age for children to access different games and apps. The advice is given by parents and also by children so it feels very down to earth. If you have decided that you would like your child to use a certain app, then talk to them about the rules and guidelines you would like them to follow, for example, no photos or streaming in a bedroom or in school uniform, only having online friends that they know in real life, not accepting 'gifts' from strangers, speaking to and treating people in the same way as you would in real life.

If you have looked at an app and decided that you would rather wait a few years before your child uses it then make sure you have the appropriate parental controls set up on both your home WiFi and your child's devices. Please check out the YouTube channel 'Internet Matters' for information on setting parental controls, positives and negatives about specific apps and games, and further advice and activities. If you would like to play a game with your child exploring issues that may arise online, then we recommend the app, also by 'internet matters' which give you a way to open up that all important communication, in a safe unthreatening way.

As always if you'd like to discuss any of these issues further please contact me via the school office.

**Mrs Smith**

### Eco warrior update

The Eco team would like to thank everyone who contributed to 'Bag2School'. We raised £152, which will be allocated to support future Eco projects at school. We would also like to ask if anyone has an unwanted water butt that we could use. During a recent environmental walk around school, the Eco club discovered the need to recycle unused water from lunch times. In order to limit water usage, we would like to put wasted water into a water butt, which we can then use to water the gardens during the summer term.

Thank you for your support.

**The Eco Team**



### Retirement ~ Mrs Nicky Baker

It has been almost 36 years since I called in at AJS to meet the then head teacher, on my way to view a potential school in Earith. I had been encouraged to make the visit in order to fill a possible gap in teaching. I clearly remember the warm and welcoming atmosphere within the school and before the end of the day I had accepted a contract to start at the school in September. The original plan was to work here for a couple of years and then return "home" to raise a family!

What went wrong? Looking back, AJS was always too good to leave. The experiences I have had here have been varied.....to say the least! There is no particular reason to decide that now is the time to retire other than my free time just getting busier! At Easter I shall be leaving AJS but will come back in May to work two days a week to cover absence until the summer. I am sure that I will see most of you around the town or even at the school as I am sure with grandchildren to collect I will never be too far away!

Thank you all for making a job so fantastic!

**Mrs Nicky Baker**

### Alderman Jacobs Pre-School

We are now taking pre-school applications for the 2020-2021 school year. If you would like to apply, please collect an application pack from the school office. If you would like to view the setting, our next open session is on Thursday 19th March. Please contact the school office to book a space.

### Cooking equipment for Pre-School

If anyone has any spare utensils, pots or pans, cooking trays etc Pre-School would really appreciate them as they would like to develop their mud kitchen and create a music wall.

Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

We wanted to share this fantastic artwork that was completed by Miss Ward with the help of some year 6 pupils for Willow Court (the new care home in Whittlesey).



# Diary Dates

## Class Assemblies/Learning Markets

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  
 ~ Surname A~H  
 16 July ~ Year 6 performance ~ time TBA  
 ~ Surname I~Z

## 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

Spring Term closes ~ Wed 1st Apr 2020

Summer Term opens ~ Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Apr 2020

May Day ~ Fri 8th May 2020

Half Term ~ Mon 25<sup>th</sup> May ~ Fri 29<sup>th</sup> 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

## MAR

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  
 FOAJS Family Easter Bingo  
 W/C 16th Y6 Mock SATS Week  
 18 Wed Y3 Mosque & Cathedral trip  
 23 Mon Parents Consultation Evening  
 Mums in School  
 24 Tues Parents Consultation Evening  
 25 Wed Year 2 Stibbington trip (Kenya & Morocco)  
 Life Bus Y4  
 Stibbington Residential Parents Meeting ~ 5.45pm  
 26 Thu FOAJS Glow Disco  
 27 Fri Year 2 Stibbington trip (Egypt)  
 Life Bus Y1  
 30~1stApr Y4 PGL Residential

## APR

1 Wed Life Bus Y3  
 Last day of term  
 20 Mon Summer term opens  
 29-6th May Book Fair

## MAY

Tues 5 Y4 Bikeability  
 Mon 11 Y3 Stibbington Residential  
 Y6 SATS Week  
 Fri 15 Y3 Stibbington Evacuation Day

## JUNE

Mon 22 Dads in School  
 Wed 24 Y4/5/6 Sports Day AM  
 Y2/3 Sports Day PM  
 Thu 25 EYs & Y1 Sports Day AM  
 Fri 26 Pre-School Sports Day AM  
 30-3rd Jul York Residential

## JULY

Fri 3 Food & Farming  
 Sat 4 School Fete 12-2.30pm