

Alderman Jacobs School (Academy Trust) Spring Term 1 2021 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We know from many of you, our own friends and family and those of us who are parents that home schooling is challenging and if you are also trying to work it's an added pressure. The government expects children to receive and complete at least three hours of learning a day, four if they are in key stage 2 and we are all conscious that we want to keep the gaps in children's learning as small as possible so that they are not affected in their later lives. So many children are taking part in our google meets and leaving messages on the google classroom which is great for their well-being and keeping their relationships with their friends and also important in helping us to know that everyone is safe and well.

We appreciate the effort you are giving to supporting learning at home during this difficult time and we look forward to school re-opening as soon after the 8th March as possible.

Cathy Carlisle
Headteacher



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.

To amend your contact details please call or email the school office.

Pupil Achievements

We would love to hear from you if your child has achieved something special, please email details to the school office:

office@aldermanjacobs.cambs.sch.uk



Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you to everyone that contributed on Christmas Jumper Day. We raised an amazing £247. All money raised will go to Save The Children.

Thank you.



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NSPCC Number Day ~ Friday 5th February 2021

Each year, we take part in the NSPCC National Number Day. Last year we raised an impressive total of £751 for the NSPCC! This year, Number Day will be taking place on **Friday 5th February 2021** - but we're going virtual.

For Years 2-6:

We will be setting up a Battle of the Bands tournament on Times Tables Rockstars where all the classes compete against each other to be the winning class. The winning class will receive some prizes for their maths lessons / wet play cupboard consisting of games etc. Across these year groups, there will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prize for having the highest number of correct answers during the day.

Year 1:

We will be looking for a Year 1 child who has scored the highest number of correct answers during the day on Numbots to win a prize.

Early Years:

Early Years will be having a number week (commencing on February 1st) focusing on doubles! This will be accessed through Tapestry and virtual certificates will be awarded for effort and participation.

Pre-School

Pre-School will be having three days dedicated to exploring numbers (commencing on February 1st) focusing on recognising, representing and matching quantities for numbers 1-5! This will be accessed through Tapestry and virtual certificates will be awarded for effort and participation.

Donations this year can be made directly to the NSPCC website at <https://secure.nspcc.org.uk/single-donation/step1/>

Remember, logs-ins for Numbots and Times Tables Rockstars should be exactly the same in most instances as the Google log in, just without the @ajs.education.

Miss E Suttle and Mrs R Taylor

Year 5 Greek Day

On Monday 18th January Year 5 took part in Greek Day! The day consisted of logging on to our Google Classroom to become historians and archaeologists as we took part in lessons about this ancient civilisation. We had a Greek Google Meet to share all of our brilliant costumes too! Here's just a few of them.



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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

Anyone who is interested, please contact the Clerk to Trustees Mrs Gemma Glazebrook at gglazebrook@aldermanjacobs.cambs.sch.uk 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.

Mrs Gemma Glazebrook

Trustees Support

Friends of AJS Annual General Meeting ~ Tuesday 23rd February 2021

FOAJS are having their annual general meeting on Tuesday 23rd February 2021 at 8pm via Zoom. Should anyone wish to join, you will need to email FOAJS at friendsofajs@gmail.com to request the joining information.



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Diary Dates

School Term Dates 2020/21

Spring Term Opens ~ Tues 5th Jan 2021
Half Term ~ Mon 15th Feb - Fri 19th Feb 2021

Spring Term Closes ~ Fri 26th Mar 2021
Summer Term Opens ~ Mon 12th Apr 2021
May Day ~ Mon 3rd May 2021

Half Term ~ Mon 31st May - Fri 4th Jun 2021
Summer Term Closes ~ Thu 22nd Jul 2021

School Term Dates 2021/22

Autumn Term Opens ~ Thu 2nd Sep 2021
Half Term ~ Mon 25th Oct - Fri 29th Oct 2021

Autumn Term Closes ~ Fri 17th Dec 2021

Professional Days

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

Mon 4th January 2021
Wed 1st September 2021
Fri 22nd October 2021

JANUARY

Tue 5 Spring Term Opens

FEBRUARY

Fri 5 NSPCC Number Day

MARCH

Thu 4 World Book Day

Fri 12 Comic Relief

APRIL

Mon 19 & Tues 20 Whole School Photos (TBC)

MAY -

JUNE -

JULY

Fri 2 Food & Farming EY/Y1 (TBC)

Sat 3 School Fete (TBC)