

Alderman Jacobs School (Academy Trust)

Summer Term 1 2022 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to slowly return to some of our old routines. All the children being together for Singing Assembly has been wonderful and everyone around school has commented on how beautifully the children sing and how enjoyable it is to hear them again. In Whole School assemblies we have been learning about some of the concepts or 'big ideas' that run through our curriculum: power, democracy, identity and diversity.

This week the Year 6 children completed their SATs tests. We are very proud of how mature they have been in their approach. We are wishing them well, as the results help them to continue to be successful as they start the next phase of their education.

Thank you for ensuring that children arrive at school on time, we are slowly reducing the number of 'late arrivers' which is helpful to the children as they don't miss out on important social times and information about the rest of the day.

Cathy Carlisle
Headteacher

Attendance ~
up to 13/05/2022 ~ 91.4%

Recent Fundraising

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to Comic Relief 2022. We raised an amazing £253.

Thank you!



Water Bottles

Please can all children bring a water bottle with them to school every day. We are having an increasing number of children asking for plastic cups on a regular basis.



Pupil Achievements

Congratulations to the following pupils:

Chloe R achieved 2 bronze awards and 1 silver award in her first gymnastic competition.

Charlie F passed stage 7 in swimming and completed his 200m distance award.

Mason B entered his first archery tournament, getting 1st place in a short junior national in barebow at 30/20 yards.

Jessica H passed stage 7 in swimming and stage 4 in ice skating.

Jasmin B was graded brown and white belts in karate. Only one away from junior black.

Well done to the AJS students who took part in the finals of the Hunts Football League on Saturday 7th May. Whittlesey under 7's and under 10's won their finals and under 9's came second. All the players received medals for their achievement.

Well done everyone!



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New Co-opted Trustee

The new co-opted trustee for Alderman Jacobs School is Mr Thomas Claxton. Please see his personal statement below.

I have worked in education for many years and am an experienced teacher and senior leader. I have an in-depth knowledge and understanding of effective school leadership and the impact that this has on raising standards across a variety of different settings. My skills of data analysis, knowledge and understanding of the special educational needs and disabilities and safeguarding and ability to challenge (through a constructive manner) are all attributes that I feel would allow me to be an effective trustee and be supportive and constructive in helping the school continue to develop. I also have a deep understanding of curriculum and the need for a purposeful intent that is tailored to our community.

Throughout my professional career I have worked hard to deepen my understanding of effective school leadership and have successfully led areas of development in three schools, each with their own unique strengths and challenges. I enjoy working collaboratively with colleagues in order to find solutions to make 'good' even better. I constantly strive to question 'so what?' in order to develop next steps to raise standards for all learners.

I hope that I will be able to work with you both to help Alderman Jacobs Primary School continue to grow and excel and make our community a richer place.

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.

Forest School

We are continuing to develop our Forest School area and we are planning to add some further features. We are looking for expertise in landscape gardening, creativity with natural resources, carpentry and construction within our school community to support us with this project. If you are able to volunteer a few hours of your time or support us with resources in any way, please contact the school office.

Queens Jubilee Celebrations

On Thursday May 19th we intend to hold a themed day to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. This will include an opportunity for children to dress in red, white or blue (or all three), a themed lunch and some learning activities related to the event. The children will also receive a jubilee souvenir from the school.

All children on the Stibbington residential will receive their commemorative gift when they return.

Please note that the Jubilee school closure is on Monday 6th June 2022.



Year 2 trip to Woburn Safari Park

Just before the Easter holidays, Year 2 went on a fantastic trip to Woburn Safari park! When we arrived at the park, we travelled on the road safari, where we got to see lots of different animals. We even saw some brown bears climbing trees and swinging in a hammock! One of our favourite parts was watching the monkeys climbing on the coaches! During our visit, we had an interactive lesson with one of the zoo keepers at Woburn. She talked to us about animal adaptations and helped us to add to our learning from our Science and Geography topics. After lunch we got to explore the foot safari, where we saw lots of other interesting animals including wallabies, penguins, meerkats and snakes! A big thank you to the parent helpers who came along for the day, everyone had a brilliant time!



Sports Days

After a disruptive two years, we would like to welcome parents to attend this year's sports days. They will be taking place on the following dates:

Wednesday 22nd June - 9.30am - 12pm - Years 4, 5 and 6

Wednesday 22nd June - 1.20pm - 3.00pm - Years 2 and 3

Thursday 23rd June - 9.30am - 11.30am - Early Years and Year 1

Friday 24th June - 9.30am - 11am - Pre School

On the day the children will need to come into school wearing their summer PE kit. They will then wear this for the whole day. We would also ask that children wear a top to match their house colour, if possible. The house names and colours are listed below.

House colours are:

Brownlee	-	Red
Simmonds	-	Blue
Peacock	-	Green
Whitlock	-	Yellow

Further details will be sent out informing you which house your child is in.

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Visit from PJ Thory

The Early Years classes had a very exciting visit from local haulage company PJ Thory. The children loved learning about and exploring the lorry, with help from Tony, Emma and Lexie. They asked lots of brilliant questions and enjoyed a new experience!

Thank you to all at PJ Thory from Early Years at AJS.



Hats on!

Can we please remind parents to send their children into school with a suitable hat for protection and water to drink through out the day. We ask that sun cream is applied at home before school. Your child is more than welcome to bring their own sun cream into school if they are able to apply it themselves.

For preschool children who are attending all day, please give your child's key worker a clearly named bottle of suncream. Practitioners will then support children to apply this before the afternoon session when needed. We encourage the children to be as independent as possible with this but in Pre-School, we will help them to rub it in if needed.



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Diary Dates

School Term Dates 2021/22

Summer Term Opens ~ Tue 19th April

Bank Holiday ~ Mon 2nd May 2022

Half Term ~ Mon 30th May - Fri 3rd June
2022

Jubilee School Closure ~ Mon 6 June

Summer Term Closes ~ Wed 20th July

School Term Dates 2022/23

Autumn Term Opens ~ Mon 5th September

Half Term ~ Mon 24th October - Fri 28th
October

Autumn Term Closes ~ Tue 20th December

Professional Days

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

2021/22

Thu 21st July 2022

Fri 22nd July 2022

2022/23

Thu 1st September 2022

Fri 2nd September 2022

Fri 21st October 2022

Wed 21st December 2022

***Jubilee School Closure ~ Monday
6th June 2022***

MAY

W/C Mon 9 ~ KS2 SATS

W/C Mon 16 ~ Y3 Stibbington Residential

Thu 19 ~ Queens Jubilee Celebrations

Fri 20 ~ Y3 Stibbington Evacuation Day

Mon 23 ~ EYRS & Y6 Height & Weight

JUNE

Tue 7 ~ Preschool Open Sessions 1.30-2pm
& 2.15-2.45pm

Wed 15 ~ EYRS & Y1 Dental Checks
(Under 5's)

W/C Mon 20 ~ EYRS & Y1 Church Farm

Wed 22 ~ Y4/5/6 Sports Day AM

~ Y2/3 Sports Day PM

Thu 23 ~ EYRS & Y1 Sports Day AM

~ Pre-School Ark Farm Visit

Fri 24 ~ Pre-School Sports Day AM

Tue 28 ~ Y2 Hunstanton

Thu 30 ~ Y6 Performance to Parents
9.15am Surnames A-H

JULY

Fri 1 ~ Y6 Performance to Parents
9.15am Surnames I-Z

Sat 2 ~ Summer Fete

Tue 5 - Fri 8 ~ Y6 York Residential

Fri 15 ~ Healthy Lifestyle Day