

Alderman Jacobs School (Academy Trust) Autumn Term 1 2022 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back after the summer break and begin a new school year. Children have settled in well and are once again showing a fantastic attitude to their learning. I also warmly welcome parents and children who are new to our school. We all look forward to working with you over the coming years.



Over the holidays, many of our site projects were completed and I am pleased to share pictures of two of them - the updated stairwells and the outdoor learning pods - we now have 2! Children may visit these for small group work. As you can imagine, they feel very cosy.



We have already recommenced educational visits, which really do enhance the learning for our children. Year 5 have visited the Bharat Hindu Samaj mandir in Peterborough and a visit is planned to Flag Fen for Year 3 to enhance their learning about prehistoric Britain in History. Thank you for your support in enabling these visits to take place; I know the children really value them.

Following the sad news of the passing of Her Majesty The Queen, children have been given the opportunity to create a small, reflective piece of work to be added to year group condolence books and I was especially proud of the way they observed 2 minutes of silence in school, the day after we heard the news. Our school rules are all about being ready, respectful and safe and the children showed a huge amount of respect in observing this so thoughtfully.

Later this term, we will hold our first 'Look and Share' since the school closures of the pandemic - we plan to hold more of these sessions periodically throughout the year. I am really pleased that we will be able to share your children's work with you again in this way as we are all very proud of the hard work the children put into these books - we like to think of them as journals of their learning journey. Details about the session will follow shortly. The term will culminate with a short report for you about the key things your child is working on in English and Maths followed by parents' meetings with their class teacher. It is a good time to reflect on how they have settled into their new year group and class and provide valuable information about how they have begun the year academically.

I hope you and your children enjoy the coming term.

Sending best wishes as always,

Elaine Crane
Acting Headteacher

Attendance ~
up to 23/09/2022 ~ 95.4%

Medical

Please be aware that we use **non-latex gloves and sterile wipes** in school for first aid. We use **Boots Bite and Sting Relief cream** in cases of bites or stings. Please contact Mrs Rippon in the school office if either of these are a problem for your child.

If your child requires an inhaler at home, the school nurse has advised that they need to keep one in school. Please complete a School Asthma Card and bring to the school office with a spare inhaler. The School Asthma Card can be found in the foyer near reception, on the AJS website or by clicking the following link: [Asthma Protocol](#)

Do you have a child starting Primary or Secondary School in September 2023

If your child will be age 4 by 31st August 2023 you need to apply for a school place. The website is now open and you have until 15th January 2023 to apply.

If your child is currently in year 6, applications must be made online by 31st October 2022.

For further information please visit: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions

Sickness

Please note that our sickness policy is 48 hours. If your child has suffered with diarrhoea or vomiting, please do not send them into school until they are 48 hours clear from the last episode.

If your child is unwell

If your child is unwell please call the school in the morning before 9am and leave a message on the absence line.

Head lice

If your child has head lice, please treat accordingly. Children are expected to be at school once they have been treated or the absence will be classed as unauthorised.

Free School Meals

If you are unsure if you are eligible or if your circumstances have recently changed apply online now and if you are eligible for free school meals this will last for the duration of primary school even if your circumstances change.

Please apply online via www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Parent feedback

Thank you to everyone who completed the parent feedback survey in the summer term. Your feedback is extremely valuable in supporting us to make positive changes in our school. Here are a few changes that have been implemented as a result of your feedback.

- Following concerns expressed about the safety of waiting outside the gate, Key stage 2 children are now able to come on to the playground to line up.
- We will be considering how we run charity and special event days in order to make this more manageable for parents.
- Following our Meet the teacher event, there will be more opportunities for parents to join us in school, including with the relaunch of our Reading Cafés.

Look out for our parent feedback section in our upcoming newsletters where we will be asking for feedback on a range of different topics throughout the year. We will also be relaunching our parent forum and further information about this will be available soon.

Pupil Achievements.

Congratulations to the following pupils:



Isla R ~ Successfully trialled for Peterborough United Girls Under 11 Elite team.

Roxy B ~ Achieved multiple trophies / awards at the WKO European Championships, WMO European Championships, WKO British Championships, Peterborough Series, WKO World Championships and WKO Grand Prix Winner 2022. Roxy also achieved 2nd place at Fight Night and was awarded green belt in Karate.

Robyn B ~ Achieved multiple trophies / awards at the WKO European Championships, WMO European Championships, WKO British Championships and at the WKO World Championships. Robyn also achieved 3rd place at Fight Night, 2nd place at Peterborough Series and was awarded green belt in Karate.

Jasmin B ~ Achieved multiple trophies / awards at the WKO European Championships. Jasmin also achieved 3rd place at the WMO European Championships, 2nd place at Fight Night and 2nd place at Peterborough Series.

Well done everyone!

School Photos

Terry from The Studio will be visiting the school on Monday 3rd October and Tuesday 4th October to take individual school photographs.

If you would like family photographs (siblings together) please contact Terry directly on 01733 204966.

Have you recently moved house or changed your phone number?

If you have recently moved house or changed your phone number, please email the new details to the school office at:

office@aldermanjacobs.cambs.sch.uk

Pre School 2023-2024

If you are interested in a place for your child in our pre school for the 2023-2024 school year, why not come and take a look around our setting?

Our pre school Open Sessions are being held on Tuesday 18th October and Wednesday 9th November 1.30-2.00 pm and 2.15-2.45pm.

To book yourself onto one of these sessions, please click on this link

[Pre School Open Session Booking.](#)

Lost Property

Please note that all lost property will be placed on the rail in the foyer.

Please can we remind parents to label their child's belongings.

Nut Allergies

Please remember children should not be bringing nuts or nut products into school as we do have some pupils with severe allergies.



Thursday 20th October 2022

Disco 1: EYs Y1, Y2 5:15pm - 6:30pm

Disco 2: Y4, Y5, Y6 6:45pm - 8:00pm

Year 3 children may come to either disco.

£2 to include drink & crisps

Fancy Dress optional

Pay on door with pre-filled slip

Parents are welcome to stay with children at the first disco but we would kindly ask you not to stay if you have preschool children with you.



Friends of Alderman Jacobs School

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Diary Dates

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

Spring Term Opens ~ Wed 4th January

Half Term ~ Mon 13th February - Friday 17th February

Spring Term Closes ~ Fri 31st March

Summer Term Opens ~ Mon 17th April

Bank Holiday ~ Mon 1st May

Half Term ~ Mon 29th May - Fri 2nd June

Summer Term Closes ~ Tue 18th July

Professional Days

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

2022/23

Fri 21st October 2022

Wed 21st December 2022

Wed 19th July 2023

OCTOBER

Mon 3 & Tue 4 ~ Whole School Photos

Mon 10 ~ Look & Share 3.30pm (Whole School)

Fri 14 ~ Level 1 Bikeability Y4

Mon 17-Thu 20 ~ Level 2 Bikeability Y5/6

Mon 17 ~ Eysr Open Sessions 1.45-2.30pm

Tue 18 ~ Preschool Open Sessions 1.30-2pm & 2.15-2.45pm

Tue 18 & Wed 19 ~ Parents Evening 3.30-6pm

Thu 20 ~ Y5 Hindu Temple (Brazil)

NOVEMBER

Fri 4 ~ Eysr Planetarium Visit

~ Y1 Reading Café 2-3pm

Wed 9 ~ Y4 Lincoln Castle (Australia & New Zealand)

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

Thu 10 ~ Y4 Lincoln Castle (Fiji)

Fri 18 ~ Children In Need

Mon 21 ~ Flu Vaccinations

DECEMBER

Mon 12 ~ Look & Share 3.30pm (Whole School)

Thu 15 ~ Flu Vaccinations Catch up