

Alderman Jacobs School (Academy Trust) Summer Term 2 2023 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Summer term 2 - we are nearly through another fun and busy year! At this time of year I am always conscious of both doing the jobs I need to do before the end of the year and preparing for September, and I usually have to remind myself of one of my favourite movie quotes, 'If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it.' (Ferris Bueller).

I had a 'stop and look around' moment at one of the sports day events recently, where our Year 6 play leaders were running stations and looking after groups of Early Years and Year 1 children. The efforts and enjoyment of our young pupils was delightful while the kindness and organizational abilities of our oldest children was great to see: both made me very proud. I hope that you can look back over the year and remember some of your own 'stop and look around' moments too.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has made those moments possible: staff members in all roles in school, parents who have supported in whichever way they could, and most importantly your lovely children who make Alderman Jacobs such a fabulous place to be.

I'd also like to say an extra thank you to all of the parents who have volunteered their time this year. The Friends of AJS have been busy again raising funds for extra activities and resources, parents have volunteered to hear readers or offer other types of help in class and many parents (or other family members) have joined classes on school visits, providing invaluable help to make the trips an even better experience for the children. I really appreciate you taking the time to commit to this. Thank you.

Finally, I'd also like to wish our Year 6 pupils well on their way to Year 7. Whether you have been with us from Early Years or joined us since, you have made us proud and we will miss you. And to their families, thank you for choosing AJS as the place for them to learn and grow into the fantastic young people they are.

I wish everyone a relaxing and happy summer break when it arrives, and look forward to doing it all again next year!

Best wishes, as always,

Elaine Crane
Acting Headteacher



Attendance

up to 06/07/2023 ~ 93.7%

Pupil Achievements

Congratulations to the following pupils

Eva J-N has won 2 silver medals at the March Marlins Club Champs gala.

Millie J-N got the coaches aware at the March Marlins Club Champs gala.

Maddison J swam 46 lengths in her sponsored swim.

Well done everyone!



Attendance Matters

Being punctual is a really important life skill as well as being a key ingredient to making the most out of learning time in school. The vast majority of pupils arrive in school at the right time ready to learn but some struggle with this. Arriving late can make children feel embarrassed as their classmates are already settled into class when they arrive; it can also mean they miss valuable learning or reflective time. Lessons or assemblies start promptly at 9am but before this, there is time during registration for a number of activities to take place.

The most important thing that happens during registration time is that children and their teachers 'check- in' with each other - the teacher can make sure everyone is settled and happy at the start of the school day and children can share any concerns or messages they have. Also, during registration time a number of activities may be taking place:

Sometimes there may be some practice learning on the board for the children to complete - this would revisit and practice prior learning to help children remember it.

Sometimes, there may be a drawing task such as zentangles (see the Teaching and Learning Update for more) which enables children to have quiet, wellbeing time before learning starts and helps to develop their fine motor skills.

Sometimes, there is music playing to enable calmness and introduce children to a variety of different music they may not otherwise hear - while this is playing, children may draw to reflect how the music makes them feel.

Sometimes children are heard reading during this quiet time - this also gives valuable one-to-one time for these children at the start of the day.

As you can see, the start of the day is very important. Please help children to arrive in time for the start of the day and avoid lateness - the registers close at 8:55am.

Our attendance policy can be found [here](#)



Community Uniform Wardrobe Fenland

The Community Wardrobe Fenland is a project to help give a 2nd life to school uniforms. It allows people to donate their children's old uniforms to make them available for anyone else who may need uniform items for their children.

They will be holding pop-ups where you can drop off any no longer needed uniform and come and collect some items that you need.

Wisbech Library - 26th July 10-12

March Library - 1st August 10 - 12

Whittlesey Library - 9th August 10 - 12

Wisbech Tesco Extra - 15th August 10 - 12

Chatteris Library - 16th August 10 - 12

If you need more information, please contact them at community.fenland@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Preschool Visit

Preschool had a visit from Ark Farm. The children were introduced to lots of different animals and taught some interesting facts about these animals. The children were told which part of the world they originated from and what their main skills were. The children spoke about what each animal looked like, how the animals felt, and what each animal or insect liked to eat.

The children then had the opportunity to feed some of the animals and stroke them as well

All the Preschool children listened to the very important rules and expectations and were very kind and gentle with the animals.



Emotional Health and Wellbeing

With the end of the year fast approaching there will be many changes ahead for our children. This may be moving class within school, moving to secondary school or even moving away from the area to a new school. Children and young people go through all kinds of changes as they grow in life, these transition times can be very exciting, however they can also present worries or be upsetting for some children.

Change can be difficult when a young person does not want it to happen or does not feel ready for it. Sometimes children and young people do not know how to express their worries or may feel as though everything is out of their control.

We have been fortunate this year for the Mental Health Support Team to have been in and talked to our eldest children in year 6 about transitions to secondary school.

If your child is struggling to cope with change take a look at [this website](#) for some practical tips on how you can support your child.

Safeguarding Snippet

As we move towards the summer break, when school and many of the usual clubs and activities that children attend are closed, the usual support for safeguarding is not readily available. While school staff and children need a well-deserved break, the causes and effects of child abuse do not take breaks and you may be worried about a child you know, or you may need support for your own family. It is important that you know who to contact when school is closed if this is the case.

You can get advice and support about this from Cambridgeshire County Council and the NSPCC has a helpline and advice, their number being 0808 800 5000.

Children themselves can call Child Line on 0800 1111 - we will be reminding them of this number before they go on school holidays. The Child Line site for Under 12s has dedicated advice to this younger age group, with subjects such as staying safe online and how to speak up if they are worried. It may be useful for parents to take a look too as it has activities ranging from yoga and ways to stay calm, to how to stay safe online.

Remember that one of the best ways to safeguard children is to listen to them and create a safe environment where they can share their feelings and worries, so you can support them in the most appropriate way.



**Seaside Special
Friday 14th July 2023**

Battered Fillet of Cod
or
Vegetable Nuggets

Both served with Chips
Peas and Baked Beans

Finished with
Strawberry Jelly & Ice-cream





LEAVERS

LUNCH

17th July 2023

Chicken Nuggets

Cheese & Tomato Pizza

Served with French Fries,
Peas or Baked Beans

Jacket Potatoes
with Fillings

Sandwiches

Chocolate Brownie



Diary Dates

School Term Dates 2022/23

Summer Term Closes ~ Tue 18th July

Autumn Term Opens ~ Tues 5th Sept

Half Term ~ Mon 23rd - Fri 27th Oct

Autumn Term Closes ~ Weds 20th Dec

School Term Dates 2023/24

Spring Term Opens ~ Thu 4th Jan

Half Term ~ Mon 19th - Fri 23rd Feb

Spring Term Closes ~ Thu 28th Mar

Summer Term Opens ~ Mon 15th Apr

Half Term ~ Mon 27th - Fri 31st May

Summer Term Closes ~ Fri 19th July

July

Tue 11th ~ Move up morning EY - Y5

Tue 11th & Wed 12th ~ Moving Up Days for Y6 to SHSCC

Fri 14th ~ Healthy Lifestyles Day

October

Tues 3rd & Weds 4th ~ School Photos

Fri 13th ~ Y4 Bikeability

Mon 16th - Thu 19th ~ Y5 Bikeability

Professional Days

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

Wed 19th July 2023

Fri 1st September 2023

Mon 4th September 2023

Fri 20th October 2023

Mon 30th October 2023

Mon 22nd July 2024

Total clothing uniform information.

Order deadline

Orders must be placed by THURSDAY 10TH AUGUST 2023 for delivery in time for Back to School at the start of the September term.

Click and collect opening hours

From 3rd July our shop is open:

Monday to Thursday 9am till 5.30pm.

Friday 9-5pm

Saturdays, 15th, 22nd, 29th July, 5th, 12th, 19th 26th August and Saturday 2nd and 9th September 10-4pm.

We are also open on Bank Holiday Monday 28th August 10am -4 pm.

Our shop will be extremely busy on Saturday 2nd September and Monday 3rd September so please try to come before these days if possible.

Get in touch

Email: customerservices@totalclothing.co.uk

Live Chat via our website:

www.totalclothing.co.uk

Monday - Friday 9-5 pm

Phone: 01733 394758

Monday to Thursday 9-5.30pm

Friday 9-5pm.

(phone lines are closed on a Saturday)

School Trips

Don't forget to check out our [latest news](#) page on our website for pictures and blog posts about the children's recent trips!

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