



ALDERMAN COGAN'S CE PRIMARY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM 2018

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Dates for Your Diary

Welcome back after the Easter break! Please find below some dates that we know already for the summer term - further dates are to follow.



SUMMER TERM 2018

- Fri 20th Apr ➤ Last day for ordering May school meal choices on ParentPay.
- Mon 7th May ➤ School closed for Bank Holiday
- Mon 14th May ➤ Year 6 SATs all week
 - Governors meeting
- Thu 17th May ➤ YR, Y1 & Y2 'Try it and See' free school meal taster day
- Mon 21st May ➤ Year 2 SATs being carried out during this week
 - Year 6 leavers' photographs afternoon - *bring your comb!*
 - Last day for ordering June school meal choices on ParentPay.
- Fri 25th May ➤ School and nursery close for the half-term break at 3.00pm
- Mon 4th Jun ➤ Breakfast club opens at 8.00am
 - Nursery opens at 8.30am
 - School opens at 8.40am for 8.50am start
- Wed 20th Jun ➤ Last day for ordering July school meal choices on ParentPay.
- Fri 29th Jun ➤ School closed for staff training
- Mon 2nd Jul ➤ Governors meeting

Good News!

Attendance

At the end of the Spring Term we were extremely pleased to award 146 children a certificate for a full 100% attendance! We look forward to presenting even more awards at the end of the summer term.



ParentPay

We are pleased that nearly all of our school families are signed up to ParentPay. By removing the need to communicate by paper our school is committing to helping the environment in saving trees that release oxygen into our environment, the energy that is used in paper and ink manufacture and the fuel that is used to deliver these consumables.

Thank you for your support in helping our school to become more green.



Safeguarding

Our school has safeguarding policies and procedures to ensure that every child, regardless of their age, gender, religion or ethnicity, can be protected from harm.

Safeguarding means:

- protecting children from abuse and maltreatment
- preventing harm to children's health or development
- ensuring children grow up with the provision of safe and effective care
- taking action to enable all children and young people have the best outcomes



Everyone has a responsibility to keep children and young people safe. If you have a concern about a child, staff member or volunteer at our school please make us aware of it. **Our Safeguarding Leader is Mrs Debbie Barnard.**

Parents Prayer Meeting

We are very grateful to the parents who continue to pray for our school. If you would like to join them they meet each Friday in the community room at 2.00pm. All are welcome.



School Uniform

Uniform bearing the academy logo is available online from Price and Buckland at

www.pbparentsonline.co.uk/alderman

Price and Buckland deliver FREE of charge to the school once a fortnight or if you require a quicker delivery you can pay to have the items delivered to your home. **Please note that the school is not open during the holidays for delivery.**



We have size samples available for your child to try in our school office.

There are still some 'school' logo cardigans aged 5 - 6 available to purchase from the school office at £5 each.

Donald Simpson Award

The school has been gifted with a trophy to be presented annually for work in our local community. This trophy was given to us in memory of Donald Simpson, who was a teacher here when Alderman Cogan's was a junior high school. If you would like to nominate a pupil (or pupils) for this award please give your nomination in writing, with a brief explanation, to the school office by the end of this half term - Friday 25th May. The school council will then vote for the pupil that they think has given outstanding service to the community and the winner will have their name on the cup for the year and be presented with a certificate.



School Meal Orders

Please order your child's May school meals on ParentPay by Friday 20th April. **NO MEAL ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN AFTER THIS DATE.** Children that haven't had their choice of meal selected will be given lunch choice number one. We have had a few months to get used to this method and now we must tighten the system up so that the caterers know exactly how much food to order.



If you do not have access to the internet at home we will be happy to let you have access to a computer in school. Please ask at the school office **BEFORE 20th April.**

If you do not want to pay for school meals online we can give you a PayPoint card that you can use in local newsagents etc. Please ask at the school office.

Well Done Year 3 and Year 4!

At the end of the spring term the children in Year 3 and Year 4 performed 'Dragon Days', a humorous musical extravaganza. The performances were thoroughly enjoyed by the children and audience alike. We have some very talented children who are a credit to our school and their families. Well done children and thank you parents and carers for your support. There are some lovely photographs of this performance in the gallery on our website.

REMINDER - Holidays Taken in Term Time

Following strong advice from both the government and the local authority, the governing body will not authorise family holidays taken in term time other than in exceptional circumstances. An example of an exceptional circumstance might be if the parent has fixed holidays from work, which will need confirmation from the employer.

If you do choose to take unauthorised holidays during term time you can be issued with a fixed penalty notice.

Please complete a holiday request form available from the school office or from the documents section of our website at www.aldermancogan.co.uk. Thank you.

IMPORTANT - Free School Meals

If you think your child may be entitled to benefits-related free school meals we would encourage you to apply **EVEN** if your child is in F2, Year 1 or Year 2 and receiving universal infant free school meals. Some of our school funding is related to the number of children who are in receipt of benefits-related free school meals. Children who are in receipt of benefit-related free school meals can also benefit in other ways, such as funding towards school trips etc.

If your child is in Year 2, now is a good time to apply for free school meals before they have to start paying for meals in Year 3.



You can collect a free school meals application form from the school office or apply online at <http://www.hull.gov.uk/resident/benefits-and-support/free-school-meals>.

Thank you!

Thank you for your continuing support.

Mrs Amanda Devaney
Head of School