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Summer Term 2023

What a term! The last few weeks have been jam-packed with lots of exciting opportunities for all of the children here at Alderman Cogan. As a result of this, each year group has created a page to tell you all about their achievements this term.

We've all endured a period of transition this year for staff, children and parents alike. We want to give our thanks for your continued support. After consultation with all stakeholders, we want to make clear our priorities on improving communication throughout the next academic year, and we hope that the introduction of 'Bloomz' will ensure that communication is more effective. This newsletter will include important information prior to September to give you plenty of notice as we move onto our new system.

Reminder: The doors for school will open at 8:30am and children will leave school at 3:15pm.

Summer Fair

A massive thank you to our newly formed PFA - Friends of Cogan. The summer fair was a massive success and raised nearly £1500! The support from parents and the local community was greatly appreciated - we are sure it had nothing to do with being able to watch Mr Peck, Mr Holmes and Mr Hill being gunged!!



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Goodbye!

Today we will be saying goodbye to three members of staff - Miss Dyson, Mrs Cummings, Mrs Faroyan and Miss Walker. We have loved working with them and wish them well in their new endeavours.

As we have informed you previously Miss Shand will be travelling to New Zealand in November however until then she will be working at Marfleet Primary. She has promised to come back and visit us before she goes!

Transition Worship

On Tuesday 5th September 2023 the new Year 1 and Year 3 children will be taking part in a special worship to celebrate their transition into the next Key Stage. Please can all children be taken to their new classroom at 8:45am and then parents will enter the hall from the playground to wait for the service to begin at 9:00am.

Family Craft afternoon

We are really excited to invite parents into our school for our family craft afternoon on Wednesday 6th September from 2pm - 4pm. Please can parents enter school via the main office doors, find their respective child(ren)'s name on the signing in sheets, and a member of staff will guide you to the relevant classrooms if you require assistance. Each class will compose a family portrait for you to take home.

Uniform

As you are aware our uniform is important to us and we know that it gives a sense of pride and belonging within the school community. Our uniform is designed to make life straightforward for our children and to allow them to work easily and safely so that they can make learning their priority. We know that a high standard of uniform has a positive impact on behaviour in school and on making a calm, purposeful working environment for all children. When children are dressed in the correct school uniform, they are positive role models for their peers and present a positive image of the school in the local community. It is also a way of preparing the children for secondary school where they will be expected to wear full uniform everyday.

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Please can you make every effort to ensure your child is dressed in the correct uniform as stated below:

- Tops should be **white** – can be a shirt or polo shirt.
- Bottoms should be grey – can be trousers, shorts, knee length skirt or dress.
- Jumpers/Cardigans should be plain blue.
- Socks/Tights should be black, white or grey.
- Shoes should be black. They must be flat shoes and **no trainers**.
- Jewellery - watches and single stud earrings only (must be removed for P.E)
- No smart watches should be worn.
- Makeup and nail varnish is not to be worn.

P.E. kit

- Black shorts or jogging style bottoms
- Plain white t-shirt
- Black sand-shoes or trainers

Due to hygiene reasons - the expectation is that all children must wear an appropriate P.E. kit in order to take part in their weekly P.E. lesson.

We have sent out our Free School Meal form as in addition to free meals at school, you may be eligible for a free uniform - please note this does not affect your benefits. If you are struggling to fill out any of the forms we have sent home please drop into the school office and a member of staff will be more than happy to help.

Water bottles

Recently there have been instances in which water bottles have been knocked over on tables and spilled over the children's work. Children have become upset as their books and work have been damaged. In order for this to be prevented please could water bottles have sports caps on them to reduce the amount of spillages.

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Packed lunches and snacks

In September all packed lunches will be brought to the dinner hall after registration: this means that children will not be able to access them until lunch time. If you are sending a healthy snack for the children to eat at break time please can you ensure that it is stored in their school bag or coat pocket.

Reading books

In September all children will receive a new reading record and reading book. It is really important that children read at least three times a week and change their books regularly. In Key Stage One children will be given a reading folder and book that is matched to their phonic knowledge that needs to be brought in each Friday. These books are priced at approximately £8.50 each therefore if any are lost there will be a charge so that they can be replaced. In Key Stage Two children will be expected to bring their reading records and books daily so that they are able to access and change their books regularly. If your child loses their reading records they can be replaced for 50p.

Points of contact

In order for you to access the most relevant and correct information for your children next year please see the following information to support you in who you need to contact.

Class Teacher - Please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance for support around academic progress, SEND concerns and all other general classroom enquiries.

Office - For general enquiries please ring the school number and choose option 2.

Attendance officer - All absences must be reported by 8am, please ring the school number and choose option 1 to speak to our attendance officer, Miss Noble.

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Designated Safeguarding Officer - For any safeguarding concerns please ring the school number, choose option 2 and ask to speak to our Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Thomas

Family Support - From September, Mrs Peacham will become the schools Family Liaison Officer. She will be available on the below email address and will be the next point of contact following your child's class teacher.

familysupport.acs@ebor.academy

Behaviour Support - For any behaviour support or queries you will be able to contact our Personal Development and Behaviour Lead, Mrs Ketley.

behavioursupport.acs@ebor.academy

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Our Fantastic EYFS

We would like to congratulate our EYFS students on an amazing year. It has been such a pleasure to get to know all your children and we are so proud to see the progress the children have made. The children have been role models of our school expectations and Christian values and have set a high expectation of what is expected at school. We have been constantly impressed and in awe of the children's imagination, desire to learn and their ability to make friends. The children have worked incredibly hard this year and have demonstrated that they are ready to take on the challenges of next year. We will miss them all and we can't wait to see them grow and flourish throughout their educational journey.

Exploring people that help us

In the Autumn term the children have explored the community around them. One of the themes included 'People that help us'. We had visits from the lollipop lady, the police and the fire brigade.



During these visits the children were so excited to explore the vehicles and the equipment. The questions that were asked demonstrated critical thinking and that they have a love for learning. The fire brigade were partially impressed with the questions, really giving them reasons to think and demonstrated that the children were listening intently.

Throughout all the experiences the children demonstrated our Christian values of peace, trust and friendship.

Visiting East Park

In the Spring term we visited East Park, looking for signs of seasonal change and habitats. The children demonstrated outstanding behavioural expectations. The children sensibly walked from school to East Park, following the road safety rules and demonstrated friendship and trust by supporting each other to make the right choices and get there safely. The children were so excited and demonstrated their knowledge of the world around

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them. They highlighted seasonal changes explaining that in the spring plants grow and trees start to grow their leaves. Some children even discuss trees that are always green and why that was. As well as seasonal changes the children searched for habitats, they were very excited when they found a "squirrel's house" and a bug hotel. Throughout the whole trip the children developed their knowledge through questioning that even had the teachers and parents thinking. Thank you to our parent helpers for making this trip possible.

We're going to a wedding!



In the summer term we visited our church, Saint Aidans. The children had been building up to this visit through our RE lessons where we were discussing special events for Christians and other religions. After this, some of the children requested a wedding! Mrs Shipley was quickly on the case calling up Reverend Phillips, who was ecstatic to organise a wedding. Isla-Rose was quick to organise her wedding with bridesmaids, what dress she wanted and of course, most importantly, what party

food to have. So, onto the wedding day, Teddy nervously stood with Jack, his best man, waiting for his bride to walk down the aisle. Daisy and Evie-Meadow, her bridesmaids, came down the aisle first. Then the big reveal, Isla-Rose walked down the aisle, beaming ear to ear with her father, Sonny. Reverend Phillips started the ceremony. Jack gave the happy couple Mrs Farmer's rings. Reverend Phillips jokes saying that he would usually say you may now kiss the bride. Isla-Rose took her chance and gave Teddy a kiss! During the walk and ceremony the children showed outstanding behaviour and we were very impressed.



We would also like to express our gratitude to you, parents and guardians, for your ongoing support and encouragement throughout this journey.

We wish you all the best for the future,

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Mr Holmes, Mrs Shipley, Mrs Teal, Miss Grindley, Mrs Thacker, Mrs Smith, Mrs Lawson, Miss Steele and Mrs Farmer.

Year 1

We are delighted to inform you that Year One have had a fantastic half term. The children have worked hard on developing their independence and have shown remarkable enthusiasm, dedication and progress in their learning journey. Here's a glimpse of the wonderful activities and achievements that made this term truly special;

Engaging learning experiences

In science, we have learnt all about different animals and the groups they belong to. The children loved going into the nature garden to hunt for worms and experimenting to see if they have senses. In history, the children were taken back in time to the Victorian Era. The children had lots of fun dressing up and taking part in the experience day. Miss Good, our very own Cogan tour guide, took the children around our school where we learnt about the history of the school. In RE, we learnt about the good news that Jesus brings. We learnt about the importance of saying sorry, forgiveness and peace and why this is important in our everyday lives. Throughout this we have watched the children's curiosity blossom as they explored new learning and asked relevant questions to deepen their understanding.



Storytelling and writing

Our young readers and writers have fully enjoyed the story books we have looked at this term. The children have looked at a range of fiction and nonfiction books and have written for a range of purposes. During this the children have developed their reading skills, expanded their vocabulary and perfected their use of capital letters and full stops. We are very proud of the children for trying their hardest with the phonics screening.

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Creativity unleashed

The children have produced some amazing artwork this term. We have looked at the artist James Rizzi and have taken inspiration from his work to create vibrant and imaginative pieces of work in his style. The children were very proud of their work and their artistic abilities have really shone through.

Thank you for your continued support this year.

Miss Thacker, Miss Good and Miss Giddings.

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Transition disco

Year 2 really enjoyed their transition disco and have really grown up this year with most ready for the transition to Key stage 2.



Stem project

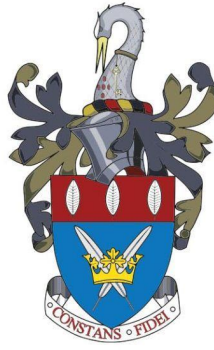
Well done to Daisy and Kian for getting a certificate in a Science competition. In it they had to design a new invention that would make their life better.



Rock steady concert

Well done to the Year 2 Rocksteady band for putting on a show in front of the school and parents.

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Year 3

We are delighted to celebrate all the fantastic things Year 3 has been doing this half term. All the children have worked extremely hard. Here are all the outstanding accomplishments Year 3 have completed this half term.

We enjoyed visiting the Hull and East Riding museum, where the children were able to learn more about how the Romans lived and they were able to touch artefacts from the Roman era as well as dress up as a Roman and work like a Roman.



We were also lucky enough to attend the Big Malarkey and enjoy learning how to enhance our writing skills with skilled authors and get hands-on in the music workshop.



In Maths the children have been looking at fractions. We have been focusing on fractions of a number and a shape. We have also been ordering fractions and finding out how to find fractions of an amount. We have continued to focus on times tables and the children have been participating in daily times tables and using this skill in their daily maths challenges.

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We have been reading *Captive of the Celts* in our reading lessons and this has helped us to create wonderful stories based on a Roman child who was taken from Britannia and moved to Roman as a slave. The children were able to use their imagination to create their own story based on this.

In P.E with Tigers Trust the children have been learning bowling and batting skills to enhance their cricket skills. Also they have been all practising their athletic skills ready for sports day and the children enjoyed participating on the day.



In Art the children have been looking at Roman artwork and how mosaic pictures are created. The children have also had a go at creating a mosaic picture using their plan.

Year 3 has been working exceptionally hard all term. This can only be accomplished with your support too. We would like to take the opportunity to thank all of our parents and carers for your continued support throughout Year 3.

Well done to all of your children for all the amazing work they have created this year. It has been great to see the children grow in confidence and become the great individuals that

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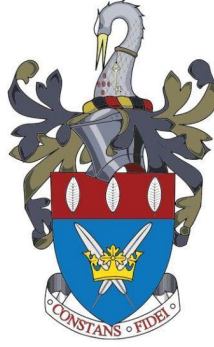
they are. All of the Year 3 team would like to wish the children all the best for Year 4 and hope you all have a lovely summer holiday.

With warm regards,

The Year Three Team



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Year 4

We hope this letter finds you well and filled with joy and pride as we reflect on the incredible successes and accomplishments of our amazing children throughout the year. As a proud and supportive team, it brings us immense pleasure to share their remarkable achievements with you.

One area where our students truly excelled was in their learning, and we are thrilled to inform you that their multiplication check scores were nothing short of outstanding. Each and every one of them demonstrated a deep understanding of this fundamental mathematical concept, showcasing their dedication and hard work in the subject. We couldn't be more proud of their achievements and the progress they have made.

Additionally, we had the privilege of witnessing an unforgettable performance by our talented students at the Hull Bonus Arena. Their astonishing musicianship left the audience in awe, and it was a testament to their unwavering commitment to their learning. The hard work they put into learning the P-Buzz instrument paid off, and they should be immensely proud of themselves for their exceptional musical abilities.



Moreover, our students showcased their creativity and ingenuity through their clay artwork based on the Ancient Civilisation topic. Drawing upon their prior knowledge of ancient Egyptian tombs, each child crafted intricate models that reflected their understanding and imagination. Their commitment to the task and the level of detail they achieved were truly remarkable. The passion and effort they put into their work were evident in every piece, and we commend them for their impressive accomplishments.

Throughout the year, our students have consistently demonstrated their outstanding learning abilities and have blossomed into well-rounded individuals. They have approached challenges with resilience, embraced new concepts with enthusiasm, and supported each other as a tight-knit community of learners. We have watched them grow in confidence and character, and it fills us with immense pride to see the incredible progress they have made.

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We would like to take this opportunity to thank you, our supportive parents and guardians, for your unwavering encouragement and partnership in your child's education. Your involvement and commitment have played a significant role in their achievements this year, and we are truly grateful for your continued support.

Once again, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to all our amazing students for their outstanding achievements and the growth they have shown. We are honoured to be part of their journey and are excited to continue supporting their growth in the years to come.

With warm regards,

The Year Four Team



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Year 5

A Remarkable Team

Our Year 5 students have truly exemplified what it means to be an amazing and supportive team. From the very beginning, they have given everything their 100% effort, displaying a commendable commitment to their learning and fostering a supportive environment within our classroom. Their collaboration, encouragement, and willingness to help one another have been truly inspiring. Mrs Bettney and I are thrilled to have witnessed the growth of their teamwork skills, which will undoubtedly serve them well in their future endeavours.

Outstanding School Representatives

During our visit to Hull Kingston Rovers, our Year 5 students displayed exemplary behaviour and represented our school with great pride. They conducted themselves impeccably and engaged in meaningful conversations with the staff and players of the rugby club. Their thought-provoking questions showcased their curiosity and intellectual maturity. We received high praise for their respectful and positive attitude, which left a lasting impression on everyone involved. We are extremely proud of their conduct and the positive impression they made as ambassadors of our school.



Captivating Clay Sculptures

Our topic on Ancient Greece has been a source of great excitement and inspiration for our Year 5 students. They have displayed their creativity and artistic talents through the creation of beautiful clay sculptures linked to this historical period. The attention to detail, craftsmanship, and understanding of Ancient Greek culture evident in their sculptures have been impressive. It is through hands-on projects like these that our students develop a deeper understanding and appreciation for the topics we explore in class.



As we come to the end of this academic year, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to all our amazing children in Year 5 for their remarkable achievements.

Mr Hill and Mrs Bettney.

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Year 6

Wow! What a year we've had in Year 6! Before anything else, on behalf of all staff, we want to wish our leavers the best of luck for the next step of their education in secondary school. We are incredibly proud of the endeavour that has gone into the various hurdles this year, such as: SATs, residentials, productions and so much more!

Well done to all of the pupils for their efforts to finish the year as positively as possible. Where recent fundraising efforts led to the pupils raising money towards their final day 'Cogan Fest': a reward for their effort and behaviour for the year. Also, the production was a huge success with Year 6 showcasing their acting skills in front of parents. Their production of 'I'm an eleven year old, get me out of here!' portrayed the day-to-day lives of primary school pupils, along with some gruesome challenges to earn starts - paving their way out of primary school!



In sports, we've had some amazing success with the Year 6 boys winning the Hull Active School 5-a-side competition. Congratulations on a massive achievement! The girls were also successful, placing third in their respective final. Both teams did the school proud and showcased the amazing sporting prowess that we have in the year group.



More compliments came from Dearne Valley, where the staff praised the pupils for their manners and behaviour whilst on the residential trip. We are so proud of how the children have conducted themselves throughout the visit, and also how they have tackled challenges and fears head-first; and finally, how they made their own beds and kept the rooms (relatively) tidy! Well done from all of the staff, you did a fantastic job!

As far as preparations go for secondary school, the Year 6s have recently walked or planned their routes to their new schools. They've also now visited their schools as part of transition week too. Finally, we just wanted to thank the parents for the part they've played in calming the nerves for their children! We understand that this can be a nervy time for parents too, so thank you for your support.

**Mr Tucker, Mrs Taylor, Miss Schorah, Mrs
Oliver, Mrs Murray and Mrs Kitching**



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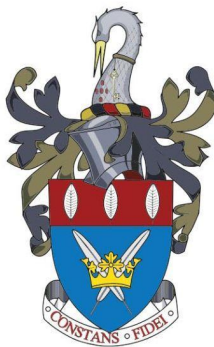


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God our Father,
we praise and thank you for the gift of this school year,
a time filled with grace and blessings,
opportunities and challenges.
With the fulfilment of our summer hopes and dreams,
watch over us in the weeks of rest ahead.
Guide us each day
and help us to return to school
with a new refreshed spirit and energy
to continue in our journey of enjoyment, achievement and learning.
Amen

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Important dates Autumn 1

Date	Event	Additional information
5th September	Children return to school	School registration is 8.45am
5th September	EYFS transition assembly to Key Stage 1	Information included in the newsletter
5th September	Key Stage 1 transition assembly to Key Stage Two	Information included in the newsletter
6th September	Family craft afternoon 2pm-4pm	Adults are invited to visit their child's class and take part in creating family portraits and other crafts
11th September	Year 6 welcome parents meeting	3.15-4.15 pm Year 6 parents to meet in the hall
25th September	Cycle to school week	Every child who cycles to school each day will be entered into a prize draw. The class with the highest number of children cycling will receive a treat.
28th September	Whole school parents maths morning	8.45 - 10.15am. Enter via the office, Mr Tucker will meet with all parents to present the school's maths rationale. Parents then have the opportunity to join in with their child(ren)'s lessons from 9:15am.
October	Black History Month	A range of activities across the school, further details to follow
2-8th October	Dyslexia awareness week	
6th October	World Cerebral Palsy day	Cake sale - during playtime, proceeds to charity
10th October	World Mental Health day	Come to school wearing green clothing with a donation of 50p towards the charity
20th October	Show racism the red card day	More details to follow
October	Harvest Festival	Food collection and links with local church
27th October	Break off for half term	

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