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Welcome!

Jon Tucker, Interim Head of School

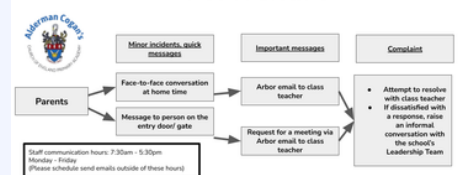
Autumn Term 2 is underway and there's a range of exciting things happening in school. From Nativity rehearsals, to Rocksteady bands tweaking their final notes before their performances, Christmas time in Primary Schools are always full of joy! We hope to see many of you at these performances.

We are confident that the main parent-voice concerns around communication are now resolved. Please see the flowcharts below:

Staff - Parent Communication Flowchart



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I am also welcoming parents and carers for a "Talk and Tea" session every Thursday afternoon between 2-4pm as a forum for any parents who would like to discuss issues that have arisen relating to school.

Thank you as always for your support,

J. Tucker



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Community Corner:

Remembrance Day

*"It is important for us to remember our fallen soldiers."
Oliver - Year 6*

This term, Mr Paul Barton an army veteran, visited our school to speak to the children during worship about the important work of the Royal British Legion and why remembrance matters. The children listened with great respect as he shared his own experiences of being a soldier and explained how the Legion supports service members and their families.

On Armistice Day, the whole school came together for a fantastic remembrance service led by Mr Dan Broom from our local church, St Aidan's. Each year group proudly created their own wreath, which they laid at the school cross as a mark of gratitude and reflection. It was a moving and meaningful occasion for everyone involved.



Social Action from School Council

It's brilliant to work with Councillor Bridges on improving the safety measures for our families. Thank you also to our school council for creating the flyers that have had a positive impact on the parking situation outside school.

The council now have some lovely suggestion boxes, made and donated by Prestige Timber! Thank you to our families for helping our community.



"Keeping all of our community safe, especially children, is vital, so it's great to see everyone coming together to look at positive solutions. We're in the early stages of this process, but I'll keep you updated as we make progress."

Councillor Hester Bridges



OPAL in the works ready for big launch!

By Jon Tucker



There has been a positive uplift in the feeling around lunchtimes since starting our journey with OPAL. Although we are yet to have the “big launch,” We are excited with the progress already made

However, we are still in the process of making our playtimes more exciting, in partnership with OPAL (www.outdoor.play.and.learning.org.uk) and need some equipment to help us to do this. Below is a list of items that we can accept as donations.

- Suitcases of any size and type
- Anything on wheels/castors
- Plastic milk crates/supermarket delivery crates
- Road signs and cones
- Cardboard boxes
- Kitchen pots, pans, baking trays, work tables, wooden spoons
- Tools like small spades/shovels, trowels and brooms
- Buckets / Nets and thick ropes
- Fabric (large sheets/brightly coloured fabric) / Foam sheets/bodyboards/camping roll mats/yoga mats
- Wooden pallets / Metal frames / Cable drums / Tyres (we need lots!)
- Guttering / Noodles (the type you use in the swimming pool!)
- Hats/scarves/jazzy shirts/elasticated skirts/waistcoats/character costumes
- Pegs (to help to set up dens)

We really appreciate any support possible!

Class updates:

Mystery Mess in EYFS!

Miss Robinson and Miss Taylor, FS2

Reception did an amazing job at investigating last week! After looking at the text 'Whatever Next', we think the teddy bear's space ship might have crashed down into the playground!

EYFS are also busy preparing for our nativity - we hope to see you all there!



Petals Sensory Story Success!

Mrs Dixon, Petals Lead

This half term The Petals are really enjoying their Dear Santa sensory story, sensory stories are engaging, interactive and so much FUN!

We are so proud of the success of the Petals provision, which moved into our old nursery unit in September.

A huge thank you to Mrs Dixon, Mrs Weatherill, Miss Desborough and Mrs Durk who have all played a pivotal role.

We are delighted to welcome Miss Raper to the team after a successful interview for our new Teaching Assistant post.



Bugtopia experience for Key Stage 2

By Darcey, Year 4

Last week, the Bugfest guy came in and showed us some amazing animals. He taught us some interesting facts like the difference between an endoskeleton and an exoskeleton. We also all got to hold a millipede called "Big Bertha". We could feel the texture of its legs and it felt like bristles on a brush. Miss Wells got to hold a tarantula and we also got to see a deadly giant centipede. It was so dangerous that even the Bugfest guy didn't hold it and it was seen on 'Deadly sixty'. We saw a giant snail called Betty.

We also got to see a scorpion, learnt how it has an exoskeleton and how it had a venomous point on its tail. I think that the Bugfest guy should come back next year to teach the children some amazing facts about invertebrates.



Diary Dates: Autumn/ Spring Term

Further dates will be added when confirmed

You are invited to join us for our Christmas Festival at St Aidan's church on Monday 15th December.

The class groups and timings are below and each service will hold special readings from our children along with some Christmas singing.

Please see below for timings for each classes:

- 9:10 - Miss Robinson, Miss Brotherton, Mrs Blackmore, Miss Sharp, Miss McLoughlin
- 10:10 - Nursery, Miss Taylor, Mrs Hesp/Mrs Batch, Miss Wells, Mrs Bettney
- 11:10 - Mr Snuggs, Miss Thacker/Mrs Coupland, Mr Clark-Holmes, Mr Peck, Mrs Hancock

We look forward to seeing you there to celebrate with us.

Date	Event	Additional information
Monday 1st December	Choir - Pavilion	Choir singing at Broadway Pavilion.
Monday 1st - Thursday 4th December	Year 5 Bikeability	Year 5 pupils bring bikes to school and warm clothes to wear when cycling.
Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd December	Stay and play Christmas Crafts	Miss Robinson class: Tuesday 2.15 Miss Taylor class: Wednesday 2.15
Wednesday 3rd December	Bake sale	Key Stage 1 & Key Stage 2 will enjoy a bake sale at break. All items 50p.
Thursday 4th December	Tiny Steps and Nursery Christmas Craft Stay and Play	Come and join us either at: - 8:30 - 9:30am or - 2:15 - 3:15pm
Friday 5th December	Year 6 Christmas Craft morning	Year 6 Parents are invited into the classroom to do Christmas Crafts - 1:30pm - 2:30pm - Bring your best sewing skills!
Tuesday 9th December	Tiny Steps and Nursery Christmas Carol Singing	Tiny Steps and Nursery families to come and join in with some festive singing and refreshments.
Tuesday 9th December	Theatre Club performance	Details have been given to parents of children that attend the Theatre Club.
Wednesday 10th December	Choir - Morrisons	Choir singing at Morrisons. Parents are welcome to come and watch.
Wednesday 10th & Thursday 11th December	Reception Nativity	Miss Taylor's and Miss Robinson's classes' nativity. Doors open: - Wednesday 10th December @ 9:30am - Thursday 11th December @ 2:15pm Mince pies and hot drinks served before to raise money for a school trip
Thursday 11th December	Choir - Hull City Hall	Princess of Wales Concert - more information to follow.
Thursday 11th December	Christmas Jumper Day	In aid of Save the Children. Suggested donation of £1.
Thursday 11th December	Christmas dinner day	Add your child in for a hot dinner to enjoy a Christmas dinner with their class and teachers.
Friday 12th December	Bauble Bingo	PFA will be drawing the winners of Bauble Bingo.
Friday 12th December	Cogan Scholar Graduation Ceremony	The first batch of Cogan Scholars will be graduating. Starting at 2pm.

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Monday 15th December	Christmas Service at St. Aidan's Church	Details and timings for your child are below.
Tuesday 16th December	Breakfast with Santa and Non-Uniform Day	Fund raising day for the PFA, suggested donation of £1 for non-uniform/ Christmas clothing,
Tuesday 16th December	KS1 Nativity	Show 1: 9:30am Show 2: 2pm
Tuesday 16th December	Christmas Carol Concert/ Christmas Fair	The choir will be performing on the playground, alongside a PFA stall and year group stalls selling crafts.
Wednesday 17th December	Rocksteady concert	Rocksteady performance to the school and parents at 09:30
Wednesday 17th December/ Thursday 18th December	Christmas Party Days	Reception, Year 1, Year 3, Year 4 - Wednesday 17th December Year 5, Year 6 - Thursday (morning) 18th December Petals, Nursery/ Tiny Steps, Year 2 - Thursday (afternoon) 18th December Children can change into party clothes for the afternoon. Morning parties can arrive at school in party clothes then change into uniform afterwards.
Monday 5th January	Teacher Training Day	School is closed for pupils.
Tuesday 6th January - Friday 16th January	Year 5 Swimming	All Year 5s are to bring a swimming costume and towels in a bag each day. School uniform still to be worn before and after swimming.
Wednesday 11th February	Choir singing at Sheffield Arena	The choir will attend Sheffield Arena and sing as part of 'Young Voices'.