



ALDERMAN COGAN'S CE PRIMARY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome!

Welcome back and a very warm welcome to all our new families who have joined the school and nursery. Newsletters are always sent out on green paper and have information regarding dates, so are handy to hold on to.

We are pleased to let you know that Alderman Cogan's became part of the East Riding Hub of the Ebor Academy Trust on 1st August 2017. Ebor Academy Trust is a multi-academy Trust that is based in York and led by outstanding teachers with a proven track record of excellence across Yorkshire. The Trust's ethos is one that matches ours and they want the best for all children, just as we do. Alderman Cogan's remains a Church of England school and that character will be protected.

Families who were with us previously will notice little change in the day-to-day business of the school.

To find out more about the Ebor Academy Trust look at their website at www.eboracademytrust.co.uk.



EBOR ACADEMY TRUST

Dates for Your Diary

AUTUMN TERM 2017

- Thu 21st Sep ➤ Y5 visit Hands-On History Museum (details to follow)
- Mon 25th Sep ➤ School Photographer
- Mon 2nd Oct ➤ Local Governing Body Meeting
- Wed 4th Oct ➤ Year 6 IMPS visit (details to follow)
- Mon 16th Oct ➤ Flu immunisation for F2 and Years 1, 2, 3 and 4
- Thu 26th Oct ➤ Final payments for East Barnby residential visit
- Fri 27th Oct ➤ School & Nursery close for the half-term break at 3.00pm
- Mon 6th Nov ➤ Breakfast Club re-opens at 8.00am
- Nursery re-opens at 8.30am
- School re-opens at 8.50am
- Fri 17th Nov ➤ School closed for staff training
- Mon 20th Nov ➤ Year 6 Residential Visit to East Barnby Outdoor Activity Centre
- Mon 20th Nov ➤ Local Governing Body Meeting

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School Photographs Family Photo Request - September 25th 2017

YOU NEED ONLY RETURN THIS SLIP FOR FAMILY GROUP PHOTOS - ALL CHILDREN WILL HAVE INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS TAKEN

Name	Class (or please state if Pre-School)

Signature of Parent/Carer: _____ (Please return this slip by Wednesday 20th September.)

Bloomz

Those of you who were with us last year will know that we trialled an app called "Bloomz" which allows parents and class teachers to communicate using mobile devices and PC's. The trial was extremely successful and so we are going to continue to use Bloomz for communications between you and your child's class teacher. This will replace the paper Learning Logs that we have had in the past and so it is important that ALL parents and carers sign up to this app.



Your child's new class teacher will be sending home new codes for all members and further information for those of you that are new to the school.

Absence Due To Holidays

Legislation dictates that Headteachers are unable to grant leave of absence during term time unless there are **exceptional** circumstances. The exceptional circumstances agreed by the Governing Body for Alderman Cogan's CE Primary School in authorising a holiday in term time are:

- **Service Personnel and other employees who are prevented from taking holidays outside term-time**
- **Acute crisis within the family, where the family needs to spend time together to support each other**
- **Court order/formal agreement where parents have separated**

As you know, pupils of school age must, by law, attend school regularly. If your child is to be away from school you need to request a leave of absence (on a form available from the school office) for this absence to be approved (authorised), which it will be when there is a good reason. You cannot authorise a child's absence yourself. This school, the Adult, Children & Family Services and many parents are working in partnership to enable children to reach their full potential and this requires regular attendance at school.

If your request is not covered by the exceptional circumstances the Governing Body will not allow the Head to authorise absence for a holiday. If you then take your child out of school for an unauthorised holiday, I am required to notify the Local Authority who then may issue a Penalty Notice fine of £60 to be paid within 21 days, if no payment is received the Penalty Notice will increase to £120 to be paid within 28 days.

It is particularly important that Year 2 and Year 6 attend school during May when they are assessed. The Year 6 SATS will take place from Monday 14th May to Thursday 17th May 2018. Year 1 children must attend during week commencing 11th June as they have a phonics assessment.

Reminders

CLOTHING - Could you please ensure that all of your child's clothing is named as it is so much easier to find if lost. We took a very large amount to the charity shop last year, all in good condition!

WATER BOTTLES - We ask that children bring sports-top water bottles into school each day so that they can have easy access to water throughout their learning. Please make sure they are clearly labelled with their name.

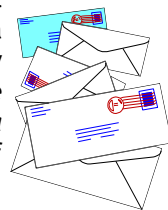
JEWELLERY - As you are aware no jewellery is allowed in school except for a watch and one pair of stud earrings. On PE days could you please make sure that your child takes out their stud earrings for PE. This is for health and safety reasons. The teacher is not allowed to take out the earrings. If your child has recently had their ears pierced they must have the earrings covered before they come to school and bring a note explaining that you are happy for them to do PE with tape over the earrings.

NAIL VARNISH - Children are NOT allowed to wear nail varnish, false nails etc., in school.

CARS - You may not be aware that the school operates a policy of not allowing any parent's car on the site during the school day with the exception of families where the parent or child has a disability. If your car is parked on the school site please do not move around the car park whilst the children are leaving school. Once the caretaker opens the gates you may drive through the car park to exit the site. Cars should NEVER be driven across the playground. This is for the safety of your children.

Please be considerate of our neighbours if you park in Lorenzo Way or Whitworth Street.

ABSENCES - If your child is absent from school please ring the office on 376203 on the first day of absence and then send in a note on their return to school clearly marked with the **child's full name** (*important if you are signing with a different surname*) and **date** of absence.



CHANGE OF ADDRESS - If your home/work address or telephone number has changed during the summer break please could you let us have the new details as soon as possible. Change of address forms are available from the school office.

MEDICINES IN SCHOOL - Under normal circumstances four-times-daily prescribed medicines can only be administered in school for lunchtime doses. Please see Mrs Barnard. If your child needs to keep an inhaler in school please ensure that it is clearly named. **Any medicines must be brought to school and collected by an ADULT.**

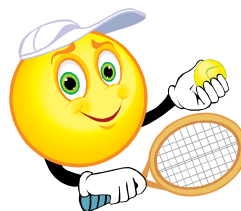
DOGS - No dogs are allowed in the school grounds with the exception of dogs for the disabled.

Good News

At the end of last term **84** children had a perfect term's attendance and **21** children had a perfect FULL YEAR'S attendance - well done everyone!



Extra-Curricular Activities



Each Friday your child will be given a list of the following week's school-provided extra-curricular activities. Please ask your child for this list so that you are aware of after-school clubs that are either running or cancelled.

On some occasions clubs may have to be cancelled at short notice. Should this occur then we will endeavour to contact parents during the day by telephone.

Please note that membership of extra-curricular clubs is given once the child returns a permission slip signed by the parent or carer.

Lunchtimes Reminder

Now our children have all moved up a year here is a reminder of their lunch breaks:

Year	Lunch
F2	11:30 - 12:15
Y1	11:45 - 12:30
Y2	11:45 - 12:30
Y3	12:15 - 1:00
Y4	12:15 - 1:00
Y5	12:15 - 1:00
Y6	12:15 - 1:00

School Meals

At Alderman Cogan's all children are offered healthy and nutritious school meals that are cooked on the premises. The price is **50p** a meal - this represents excellent value for a meal, dessert and a drink. Children in Foundation Stage 2 (Year R), Year 1 and Year 2 can currently have a school meal every day free of charge if they wish. The latest menu is available on our school website on the School Meals page in the Parents section.



Our new Foundation Stage 2 children are welcome to stay in school for lunch starting from Monday 11th September. Please send a note with your child every Monday morning stating which days they would like a hot meal or if they are bringing a packed lunch or going home.

Children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 should bring their dinner money to school on the first day of the week in a NAMED envelope. Unfortunately we are unable to give change therefore any extra money received will be credited the following week. If you wish you may pay for your child's meals by cheque. The cheque must be made payable to '**Hull City Council**' and have your child's name and the school name on the reverse.

If your child wishes to bring a packed lunch, food should be brought in a closed container, preferably plastic, and a drink in an unbreakable flask or bottle. Please label all containers.

IMPORTANT - ALL PARENTS/CARERS

If you know your child is going to be arriving late for school due to a hospital/doctor/dental appointment please inform the school before 9.00am of that day to order a school meal. If the class teacher thinks your child is absent for the day then their meal will be cancelled.

EXCITING NEWS!

During the autumn term we will be introducing a new system which enables you to select and pay for your child's school meals online. We will send you details of this in the near future.

Parent View



If you would like to give your opinion about our school you can do so at:

<http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>. There is a link under the heading 'For Parents' on our website.

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.**

Hull Foodbank

We are continuing to collect regularly for Hull Foodbank (this is additional to what we collect at the Harvest Festival.) This food is distributed to families throughout Hull who are experiencing a "food emergency" because of unexpected bills, delay in payment of wages or benefits etc.

The staff at the Foodbank will contact us with a 'shortage items list' when they're running low on a particular food and this list will be available on the information board in the main entrance.

If you would like to donate any foods please leave them in the box at the front of school and we will ensure that they are delivered to the bank regularly.



These are the items that you can donate:

Tomatoes (Tinned)	Soup (Tinned or packet)
Sugar (500g)	Fruit (Tinned)
Breakfast Cereal	Meat (Tinned)
Vegetables (Tinned)	Tuna/Fish (Tinned)
Pasta Sauce (Jar)	Pasta/Noodles (Dried)
Rice Pudding (Tinned)	Rice Pudding (Tinned)
Tea Bags	Chocolate
Biscuits	Orange juice (Carton)
Milk (UHT or powdered)	

School Photographs

On Monday 25th September 'Wrates' will be coming into school for Photograph Day so please ensure children bring their own combs if required. All children will have their individual photographs taken and there will be the opportunity for pre-school children to have their photographs taken with their brothers and sisters already in school. Pre-school and nursery family photo's are taken first therefore you will need to report to the school hall (rear entrance) with your family by 9.00am. However, please be aware that with these very small children it can be a lengthy process so there will be some waiting involved. Could you please fill in the slip on the previous page **only if you require pre-school or family photographs**. Please return this slip to school by Wednesday 20th September.

If your child attends the nursery and is not normally at school on a Monday you may bring them in to be photographed at 8.30am. You need to enter the rear door of the multi-purpose hall/gym. You are welcome to bring younger siblings for a family photograph.



Thank you for your support. I look forward to another good year.


Mrs Amanda Devaney
Head of School

School Office

Our office staff, Mrs Kirlew, Mrs Hobson, Miss Turner, Miss Noble and Mrs Day, are happy to help you with your uniform purchases and any queries you may have. The school office hours are Monday to Thursday 8.30am - 12.00pm and 1.00pm - 3.30pm, Fridays 8.45am - 12.00pm and 1.00pm - 3.30pm.



Fruit & Vegetables Scheme



Children in the Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to be provided with free fruit and vegetables this year. If for any reason you do not wish your child to participate in this scheme then you must inform the school. Likewise if your child suffers any allergies which may be affected by the fruit and vegetables.