



ALDERMAN COGAN'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

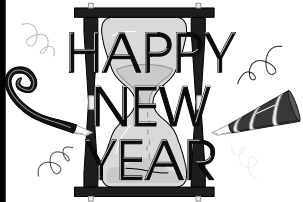
NEWSLETTER

SPRING TERM 2017

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Term Dates



Welcome back and a big WELCOME to all our new nursery starters! Happy New Year! Please find detailed below dates for this term. Further dates are to follow.

Spring Term 2017

- Tue 3rd Jan ➤ Consultation for academy status begins (*see website for further details*)
- Mon 16th Jan ➤ Last day for expressions of interest in starting school September 2017
- Thu 26th Jan ➤ Meeting re academy conversion 6.00pm
- Mon 13th Feb ➤ Last day for change to academy status consultation
- Tue 14th Feb ➤ Consultation Evening
- Wed 15th Feb ➤ Consultation Evening
- Fri 17th Feb ➤ School and nursery close for half-term break at 3.00pm
- Mon 27th Feb ➤ Breakfast Club re-opens at 8.00am
Nursery re-opens at 8.30am
School re-opens at 8.40am
- Mon 3rd Apr ➤ Big RE Day (focus - Easter)
➤ Full Governing Body Meeting
- Thu 6th Apr ➤ Easter services at St. Aidan's Church (*details to follow*)
- Fri 7th Apr ➤ School and nursery close for Easter holiday at 3.00pm
- Tue 25th Apr ➤ Breakfast club re-opens at 8.00am
Nursery re-opens at 8.30am
School re-opens at 8.40am

Please see our website at www.aldermancogan.co.uk for further details of school holiday dates.

School Christmas Activities

Please take a browse through our website gallery to see some of the activities that took place in school and the nursery last term.

Our web address is www.aldermancogan.co.uk.

Good News!

Attendance

We are pleased to tell you that 125 children have received awards for a perfect attendance record for the autumn term. Well done!



REMINDER - New Admissions 2017

If your child was born between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013 they will be due to start school in September 2017. Please apply on the Hull City Council website www.hullcc.gov.uk by following this path:

Education and learning > Schools > Admissions > Primary School Admissions > Apply for a Place at a Primary School

The online application service is available until Monday 16th January 2017.

Year 6 Residential Visit

At the beginning of December our Year 6 children spent a week at the East Barnby Outdoor Activity Centre where they took part in lots of exciting activities. As always this visit was thoroughly enjoyed by staff and pupils alike. Browse through the Year 6 gallery on our website for a taste of life at East Barnby.



Punctuality

Now a new term has begun we would like to see all of our school children in class each morning at 8.50am ready to learn. The school doors will open at 8.40am each day and registration will take place at 8.50am.



Attendance and punctuality are essential to ensuring that your child gets the most out of their time at school. They are also important skills that your child will benefit from throughout their life.

If you have any attendance or punctuality problems that we can help you with please let us know.

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.**

Good News

Some of the children in our Learning Pod have been successful in having poems they have written chosen for publication in a book showcasing Young Writers' work called 'Once Upon a Dream - County Durham and Yorkshire'. The book is scheduled for publication in March.

Smart Phones

We are aware that many of our pupils have received smart phones at Christmas and we ask that all parents make their children aware of the potential dangers of social media and image sharing. There are many websites offering advice to parents, one being www.nspcc.org.uk.

Free School Sweatshirt

Some of our school's funding is based on the number of children enrolled here who are in receipt of free school meals. Therefore we would like to encourage anyone eligible to apply for free school meals, even if their child may not want to have a school meal. The school will offer a **FREE** sweatshirt to children on their **FIRST** application for free school meals. *(This offer is not available for children who have already received free school meals in the past.)* **Please bring proof that your child has been accepted for free school meals to the school office to take advantage of this offer.** Free school meal application forms are available from the school office.

Complaints

Please see the Complaints Policy on our school website should you wish to make a complaint. You will find it at www.aldermancogan.co.uk on the 'Documents' tab.

Fundraising

Christingle Service

Thank you to all who attended the Christingle services. We raised £277.78 for the Hull Homeless and Rootless Project.



Christmas Jumper/Non-Uniform Day

Thank you to all who supported our Christmas Jumper/Non-Uniform Day. We raised £168.60 for the Save The Children charity.

Hull Foodbank

Here is a reminder of the items that you can donate to Hull Foodbank. There is a collection box in the school foyer.

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| Tinned tomatoes | Tinned or packet soup |
| Sugar (500g) | Tinned fruit |
| Breakfast cereal | Tinned meat |
| Tinned vegetables | Tinned tuna/fish |
| Jar of pasta sauce | Carton of orange juice |
| UHT or powdered milk | Tinned rice pudding |
| Biscuits | |
| Chocolate | |
| Tea bags | |



Absence Due To Holidays

We would like to remind you that following instructions from the Local Authority the school can only authorise leave of absences during term time under the following exceptional circumstances:

- **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**

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 week commencing May 8th.

Please ask for a copy of the Term Time Leave of Absence Policy from the school office.

Thank you for your continuing support.



Mrs Jeanette Sutherland
Headteacher