



DECEMBER



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A message from Mr Dunn

Hi everyone. I hope that you have had a good week!

We have been reviewing our After School Club here at AJA and we have decided to make an important change. From Monday 8th January (the day we return after the Christmas holiday) we will be reducing the cost of our After School Club to £6.00 per session. Breakfast Club remains the same at £4.50. We hope that this will make our After School Club more attractive to all our parents who need after school childcare. Parent Pay will be changed in plenty of time to accommodate the new price. If you have any questions, then please do not hesitate to contact me. Have a fantastic weekend!

A message from Mrs Bower

Christmas Jumpers

There will be two opportunities for pupils to come to school in Christmas jumpers. Firstly, on Thursday 14th December – Christmas dinner and Christmas fair day! Secondly, on Thursday 21st December when all classes will have a Christmas party afternoon. I have my penguin Christmas jumper ready to go! A reminder that pupils should wear normal school uniform except for the Christmas jumper. I look forward to seeing all the Christmas designs.

Christmas Fair

We are really excited about the Christmas Fair next Thursday (14th Dec). Each class has decided on their stall which will be in the assembly hall. In the Hub, we have Santa's Grotto, and we are lucky that Santa has decided to give Alvaston Juniors a visit! Santa is very busy this time of the year, but he has arranged a special visit to us along with his elf and looks forward to meeting the children. There will be mince pies and drinks in the dinner hall and other stalls too. We hope to see you there!

New homework policy

Thank you to the parents/carers who visited school or sent in their suggestions for the new homework policy. To have your say, please complete the questionnaire below by following this link or scanning the QR code. Mr Scott is currently asking pupils and staff their views too. Once we have analysed all suggestions, we are aiming to create a new homework format which will be introduced around the end of January.

<https://forms.office.com/e/ySkMnay25h>



Important Dates

Thursday 14th December

Christmas Fair 3.30pm – 5pm

Thursday 14th December

Christmas dinner

Wear a Xmas jumper!

Friday 15th December

Gymnastics club performance to their parents 4.15pm

Monday 18th December

Year 6 World War II showcase to Year 6 parents 2.30pm

Monday 18th December

Year 3 Christmas Carols
After school performance to Year 3 parents
6.30pm – 7.15pm

Thursday 21st December

Whole school visit to local church for carols

Thursday 21st December

Class Christmas parties
Wear a Christmas jumper!

Friday 22nd December

Last day of term!

Friday 26th January

Y5 visit to the Space Centre

Attendance

This week's attendance

93.2%

Highest class attendance

96.9% Kind koalas

What's been happening this week?

Year 3



Assessment week has gone very well this week - we have been impressed with their resilience and their attitudes - well done! As well as doing some assessments, we have been finishing our diary entries as a Stone Age boy, learning about life in the Bronze Age using some real-life bronze artefacts brought in by a Year 3 child and learning about different layers of soil. All in all, an excellent week!

Remember to look at class dojo for Christmas Carol concert information!
Have a lovely weekend! The Year 3 team.

Year 4



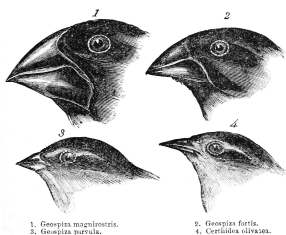
Year 4 have shown their resilience this week during test week, and persevered through various assessments - you have all made the team very proud of your efforts. Year 4 are coming along nicely with the clarinets, now holding a lovely sound and playing the notes F and E, becoming ready for the Halle concert in June. Geography has been exciting this week, with the children exploring European cities and discussing the differences and similarities between them: we were all very jealous of the cities located next to the Mediterranean Sea! Swimming and archery have been a welcome break this week, and the children are really enjoying this great experience. Leading up to the Christmas break, we will continue to explore division in maths, Paris in writing, and electricity in science. Take care and stay warm! The year 4 team.

Year 5



Y5 have excelled themselves this week! We have been doing our usual end of term assessments, and they have shown such motivation and resilience! We are so proud of them. We have had a great time in science, exploring the apparent movement of the sun with torches and footballs! This has linked well with our work on time zones in geography, and helped us with a lively discussion about the international date line and time travel! Ask your child to tell you about it! Have a lovely weekend.

Year 6



This week has been Assessment Week and we have all been impressed by the positive and calm attitudes which have been shown. Research shows that doing well in SATs is an indicator of future success. We have discussed this in classes, it is not the remembering of facts that ensure success but the resilience, self-reflection, determination, confidence, optimism and ambition that is developed. So many of these skills and attributes have been on show this week and we are very proud of the progress the children have made in this first full term. In other work, we have been surprised by some of the tactics used in the preparations for D-Day in history and look forward to sharing our work with you on Monday 18th December from 2.30pm. In science, some of us have enjoyed the investigation helping us to understand Darwin's theory of evolution. Wishing you all a good weekend!