



# Alexander Hosea Primary School

## 'Roots to grow, wings to fly'



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### Newsletter 2 – 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017

#### From the Headteacher...

We have enjoyed a busy and productive fortnight since the last newsletter: a visit from Reverend Ray; Children's Produce and Craft Show, Parent Helper induction sessions; Jonathon's Jungle (Jet Class); House Captain, School Council and Eco elections; Reception Curriculum evening for parents and of course Ofsted! It has been a great way for me to get to know the school.

In the coming terms, we are planning a variety of experiences for the children. Please do keep checking the fortnightly newsletters to keep abreast of developments and forthcoming events. The calendar at the end of the newsletter should be a helpful summary and there is also a calendar on the website via the 'News and Events' section. We will do our best to give as much notice as possible, as we know this helps our families.



#### Children's Produce and Craft Show

What a great community event it was! Thank you to the 'Friends of AHS' for organising the show. We recognise that this takes a significant amount of time and energy to put together.

The judges were very impressed with the quality of entries this year for both the produce and craft competitions. The standard was high and they could see the efforts that children had demonstrated to create their competition entries.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the event a success.

#### Flu vaccinations

Letters should have come home with all children in Reception and Years 1-4. The deadline for returning was today. The Boots representative will visit on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November**.



#### Parent Council

I have now heard from representatives from most classes. The provisional date for our first meeting is **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 2:45pm**. This will be a planning meeting for the year. Please could Parent Council representatives, email [Debbie.williams@sgmail.org.uk](mailto:Debbie.williams@sgmail.org.uk) to confirm that they will be able to attend.

#### We need your help!

- We have a census day coming up on **5<sup>th</sup> October**. This determines the funding we will receive for the coming financial year. It helps our budget immensely if all children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 stay to have a free school dinner on this date.
- Does your job involve an element of computing that you would be willing to share? Our annual 'Aspirations Week' in Term 2 will focus on jobs which involve computing (computer science, animation or using technology in an innovative way would be of particular interest). Contact [Kimberley.Edgar@sgmail.org.uk](mailto:Kimberley.Edgar@sgmail.org.uk)

### Important Asthma inhaler advice for parents

GP's are advising parents and carers of children with asthma in South Gloucestershire to check they have adequate supply of reliever inhaler at the start of the new school term and start using their preventative inhalers now, before the weather changes.

### Year 6 Weighing and Measuring

A letter was recently sent out regarding this. We anticipate that this will be carried out some time in November or December. If you **do not** wish your child to be weighed and measured, please return the form to the office.

**"Shop Well for Less"** calling all parents  
**WANT TO FIND OUT HOW TO SHOP SAVVY?**

**CAN'T STOP SPLASHING THE CASH?**

**BBC One are on the lookout for fun and lively families to take part in their 3<sup>rd</sup> series which shows viewers how to spend without splurge, helping rein in spending but retain the lifestyle we all want.**

**Get in touch to apply or find out more!**

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### KATHARINE LADY BERKELEY

Any parents who missed the open evening are welcome to ring 01453 842227 to arrange a visit.

### Year 5 and 6 – Open Evenings

#### BRIMSHAM GREEN OPEN EVENING

**THURSDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2017**

**HEADTEACHER ADDRESS 6.15PM AND 6.50PM**

The application form for Year 7 places is now available on [www.SouthGlos.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.SouthGlos.gov.uk/admissions)

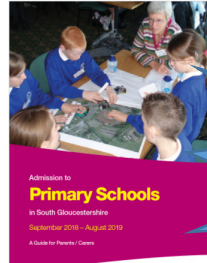
**Deadline for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017**

### Applying for a primary place for September 2018

The booklet about admissions into Primary School is now available on <http://www.southglos.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-education/school-admissions/apply-online-for-a-school-place/>

### Deadline for applications 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

Admission to primary schools in South Gloucestershire



Selecting the school you would prefer your child to attend is an important decision. The information in this booklet is intended to help you in making that decision. Applications must be submitted by 15 January 2018

We currently have places in Reception and Year 5.

### Open afternoons for prospective Reception children for 2018

We would like to extend an invitation to parents of children who will be eligible to start school in September 2018. During the visit there will be an introduction to the school by the Headteacher, Mrs Deb Williams; the opportunity to meet the Reception Staff and to see our happy and successful school in action.

The dates for these are:

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2-3pm (next week)**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2-3pm**

We are very proud of our school and look forward to meeting you.



### Official opening of the School Library

The ribbon will be cut by the Mayor of Chipping Sodbury to officially open the new School Library on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

We have invited along the Rotary Club, Parish Council, Co-Chairs of the 'Friends of AHS' and Mrs Ward, Mrs Hasson and Mrs Hathway. What a team!

Keep an eye out for the article in the Gazette!



Reminder-please ensure lunches are paid for **in advance** of any meals taken either online or by cash or cheque. The cost is **£2.10 per meal**. If you would like to pay online and do not have a unique reference, please contact the office. Topaz (Reception) will shortly be issued with a reference and instructions.

Parents will now be able to pay for all future school trips online as well as being able to keep track of lunches as we move towards a cashless school. Your help would be appreciated with this.

### Reminder about attendance and punctuality

Regular attendance is important for children to develop good routines for later life and ensures that they do not miss important development points in their learning.

It is also very important that the children arrive in class by 8:55am for registration so that they are able to have a smooth start to the day with the rest of the children in the class. It can be unsettling for children to arrive after the morning routines have started.

In short, please ensure that your children are in school every day and are on time. These are good habits for later life.



### Wizard of Oz Theatre Visit – 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017

We have booked a **whole school** visit to see 'The Wizard of Oz' at the Redgrave Theatre on the afternoon of 6<sup>th</sup> December.

The coaches will leave the school at lunchtime and return to school at approximately 5:40pm.

The theatre tickets cost £8.50 per person and we are in the process of booking transport, so final costings will follow in a separate letter.

### Tesco Bags for Schools

The project is "Pond area renovation"

The pond area has unfortunately become very overgrown and we are currently unable to use it. We would like to clear the area, re-line and re-fill the pond and add a bark pathway. If we raise enough money, we would also like to buy an information board and some bird hides. The idea being to create an outdoor learning area which all pupils could have access to.

We are delighted that our application to the Tesco Bags of Help Grant Scheme has been successful and our project will be put forward to a customer vote in the following Tesco stores:

YATE STATION ROAD EXP	BS37 4PH
BRIMSHAM PRK YATE EXP	BS37 7PJ
YATE EXTRA	BS37 4AS

To vote, you will need to make a purchase within store of any value. You will receive one token per transaction and it's not necessary to purchase a carrier bag in order to receive a token.

Voting will take place from **now until Tuesday 31st October** and we will be notified by the end of November 2017 to confirm the amount of funding we will receive. The project with the highest number of votes across our region will receive up to £4,000, the second placed project up to £2,000 and the third placed project £1,000. If we are first in the vote, we will receive the amount that we requested in our application.

Please support our application for funding, by adding tokens to the vote for Alexander Hosea Primary School pond area renovation and ask your friends and families to do the same. Please note you may need to ask for the token at the till.

**School Diary – please also see calendar on school website**

Date	Day	Start time	End time	Event
25/09/17	Monday			Deadline for children's shield designs
26/09/17	Tuesday	2pm	3pm	Open afternoon for prospective parents – Reception 2018
27/09/17	Wednesday	1:30pm	2:30pm	Harvest service at Holy Trinity Church
03/10/17	Tuesday	2:00pm	2:30pm	Mayor of Chipping Sodbury opening the new School Library
03/10/17	Tuesday	7:30pm	9:30pm	Friends of AHS annual general meeting
05/10/17	Thursday			Census Day – Encourage all children in R, Y1 and Y2 to have a school meal – see above
05/10/17	Thursday	2:45pm	3:30pm	Parent Council (planning meeting)
09/10/17	Monday	3:00pm	3:30pm	Jet Class open afternoon to share journals
12/10/17	Thursday	3:00pm	3:30pm	Jet Class open afternoon to share journals
13/10/17	Friday	9:00am	10:00am	Macmillan Cake Sale/Year of Computing launch
16/10/17	Monday	All day		Crystal class school trip to Cadbury World
18/10/17	Wednesday	4:00pm	7:00pm	Parents' evening
19/10/17	Thursday	5:00pm	7:00pm	Parents' evening
19/10/17	Thursday			End of Term 1
20/10/17	Friday			Staff INSET 2 – school closed to children
30/10/17	Monday			Start of Term 2
30/10/17	Monday	9:00am	3:30pm	Life Bus visit
31/10/17	Tuesday	9.30am	3.30pm	Topaz trip to Redwood
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31/10/17	Tuesday			Deadline for applications for Year 7 places
01/11/17	Wednesday	TBC		Tom Robson visit and parents' meeting
07/11/17	Tuesday	1:10pm	1:30pm	Rev Canon David Russell visiting – Remembrance assembly
13/11/17	Monday	TBC		Flu vaccination for Reception and Year1-4 children.
15/11/17	Wednesday	1:10om	1:30pm	Rev Canon David Russell visiting – Christingle assembly
17/11/17	Friday	2pm	3pm	Meeting for prospective parents – Reception 2018
06/12/17	Wednesday	12:45	5:40	Whole School theatre trip – Wizard of Oz
11/12/17	Monday	6:30pm	7:30pm	Y5/6 Christmas show at Holy Trinity Church - TBC
13/12/17	Wednesday	2pm	3pm	Y5/6 Christmas show at Holy Trinity Church - TBC
15/12/17	Friday			Last day of Term 2
18/12/17	Monday			Staff INSET 3 – school closed to children

02/01/18	Tuesday			Term 3 starts
15/01/18	Monday			Deadline for parents to apply for primary places
06/02/18	Tuesday			Online safety day
06/02/18	Tuesday	2:30pm	3:30pm	Jo Briscoombe hosting parents' meeting about online safety
01/03/18	Thursday			World Book Day
01/03/18	Thursday			Y6 parents receive offers of secondary places
15/03/18	Thursday			Deadline for Y6 parents to respond to offers of Y7 places
16/04/18	Monday			Prospective YR parents receive offers of primary places
30/04/18	Monday			Deadline for YR parents to respond to offers of primary places