



# Alexander Hosea Primary School

## 'Roots to grow, wings to fly'



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### Newsletter 1 – 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017

From the Headteacher...

Welcome back! I trust that everyone has enjoyed a relaxing and enjoyable summer. The start of a school year is a time of change and with this in mind our first value of the year is ADAPTABILITY. We will be thinking about this in assemblies and through our learning experiences this term. As a staff we have been reflecting on what this means to us and the children and the importance (more than ever) of being adaptable in an ever-changing, increasingly technological world.

Following the success of the 'Year of Sport' last year, we will be launching our 'Year of Computing' soon. As a staff we have generated lots of ideas for how this special focus year may develop. If you have particular skills in this area and would like to contribute to the development of this, please contact Miss Edgar

[Kimberley.Edgar@sgmail.org.uk](mailto:Kimberley.Edgar@sgmail.org.uk)

#### Communication

We value the partnerships we foster with parents and carers. With this in mind, there are various communication channels we use:

Face-to face; texting service; email (each staff member's email is on the school website); fortnightly school newsletters; twitter.

We would love to hear from you!

#### Class Newsletters

We are in the process of evaluating the way we use these and looking at other ways (eg Twitter, through the class pages of the website -blog-style- etc) of communicating important information to parents/carers. Miss Edgar will be sending a questionnaire to parents soon to gather your thoughts about how you would like us to share your children's learning with you.

#### Children's Produce and Craft Show – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 12-3:30pm

We hope that you will be able to join us for our fair tomorrow. Don't forget to bring your entries for the produce, photography, craft and baking competitions between 9-10am on Saturday morning.

#### Parent Council:

If you are a member of the Parent Council and would like to continue, please contact [Debbie.Williams@sgmail.org.uk](mailto:Debbie.Williams@sgmail.org.uk), so that we can arrange our first meeting of the year (in October) and agree dates for the year.

#### We need you!

- Are you a keen gardener? Mrs Arrowsmith and Mrs Moncrieff are looking for a volunteer (or 2) to clear the planter outside their classrooms (Year 3/4) for the autumn. Contact [Amy.Clark@sgmail.org.uk](mailto:Amy.Clark@sgmail.org.uk)
- 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)
- Do you have a large framed mirror (approx. 120cmx90cm) that you no longer need? We have a project in a corridor space that we would like one for.

## School Library

Over the summer Mrs Ward and Mrs Hassan have given the previously overcrowded library a facelift for the start of the school year. What a difference!

They have cleared the unwanted furniture and ageing books and given it a lick of paint (including a stunning mural by one of our parents –Mrs Hathaway) to make it into a space that the children will love to use.

We are very grateful to the Parish Council and Rotary Club for their donations of £500 each. Our fantastic Friends of AHS who have also donated funds and have committed to further support to replace the carpet (as due to the de-cluttering, the whole floor is now visible!). Thank you to everyone who has made the project possible.

Mrs Ward is in the process of completing the final touches before our grand opening.

### Before:



### After:

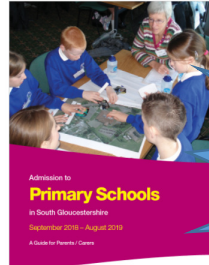


## Open afternoons for prospective Reception pupils for 2018.

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**

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

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



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### Important dates for your diary

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The online application form will be available for completion at [www.southglos.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/admissions) from 5 September 2017.

The closing date for all applications is 31 October 2017. If you miss this date your application will be 'late' and you will reduce the likelihood of receiving an offer at one of your preferred schools.

Offers of a secondary school place made to parents/carers resident in South Gloucestershire will be on 1 March 2018.

Parents/carers must reply to offers made by 15 March 2018.

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**

The Bug Club and Mathletics online learning resources will be available to start using next week



### 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.

### 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 **Friday 1st September to 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.



### Meet the Teacher dates

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September – Years 5 and 6

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September – Years 1 and 2

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September- Years 3 and 4

All sessions are from 3:40-4pm. Please arrive at the main school office.

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

Date	Day	Start time	End time	Event
09/09/17	Saturday	12:00pm	3:30pm	Wickwar Fair – Children’s Produce and Craft Show
12/09/17	Tuesday	9:05am	9:30am	Parent helper meeting 1 with Mrs Williams
15/09/17	Friday	3:05pm	3:30pm	Parent helper meeting 2 with Mrs Williams
				Friends of AHS annual general meeting – date TBC
26/09/17	Tuesday	2pm	3pm	Meeting for prospective parents – Reception 2018
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
16/10/17	Monday	All day		Crystal class school trip to Cadbury World
18/10/17	Wednesday			Parents’ evening
19/10/17	Thursday			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	9:00am	3:30pm	Life Bus visit
31/10/17	Tuesday			Deadline for applications for Year 7 places
01/11/17	Wednesday	TBC		Tom Robson visit and parents’ meeting
17/11/17	Friday	2pm	3pm	Meeting for prospective parents – Reception 2018
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