



ALEXANDER HOSEA PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Roots to grow, Wings to Fly'

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Dear Parents / Carers

I would like to welcome Elif O'Reilly to Alexander Hosea School. She has joined Topaz class this term.

BE HEALTHY / STAY SAFE

Further cross country championship success

Following on from Alexander Hosea School's recent success at the local Wotton and District Primary School cross country races, three year 6 children, Maia Parmar, Luke Shrewsbury and Adam Shrewsbury were selected to represent the 10 strong Wotton and Dursley District team in the Gloucestershire County Primary School Cross Country Championship.

The Championship, at Newent Community School North West of Gloucester, brought together the top cross country runners (110 boys and 95 girls) from the 8 districts across the County. In the boy's race, Luke and Adam got off to a great start and maintained their form throughout the race to come in 11th and 12th respectively. Whilst in the girl's race, despite a slow start Maia continually picked off the opposition to eventually finish a very impressive 13th.

Whilst the 3 individual performances were excellent, their contribution to the overall team performances was significant and resulted in the Wotton and Dursley District boy's team coming in 2nd overall and the girl's team winning the County Championship.

Congratulations to Maia, Luke and Adam, they can be justifiably proud of their performance.

Outdoor gym

We are thrilled with our newly installed outdoor gym and are waiting for a few checks to the scuffs to the coating before the children can use it –they are obviously very excited and itching to get on it!

The equipment is designed and made for use by KS2 children only and they will be trained to use it safely. The aim is to promote their fitness both during PE lessons and at playtimes and lunch times. We have used our Sports Premium funding provided by the Government to increase sporting opportunities in schools, to purchase it.

The Key Stage 1 children will have sole use of the climbing wall to help develop their upper body strength and all children will have access to the play trail as usual.

NB - Please ensure that your children do not use the gym equipment at the start or end of the school day when you drop off or pick up.

Compliments from our sports coaches

The sports coaches who come to work with our Y5 and Y6 children each week have said how much they enjoy working at Alexander Hosea and that, although they work with many schools, this is their favourite school. They have also commented on how well behaved the children are here and that they are pleasure to teach – this is certainly praise indeed and something worth celebrating.

Parent Lunches

Integra, our catering company which organises and provides the invitations for their parent lunches, has not yet provided the invitations for Diamond class. Diamond parent lunch will be on Tuesday 19th April as indicated on our diary dates for the year. If you wish to join your child for lunch, please let Mrs McNeill know so she can confirm numbers for the kitchen staff.

Dinner money

Please remember that, due to changes to South Gloucestershire's procedures, dinner money needs to be paid in advance.

ENJOY AND ACHIEVE

The Easter competition was a great success with lots of entries; each class had a winner. We certainly have some very imaginative and creative children at Alexander Hosea!

Year of Science – Science Week – 14th March

Bloodhound project

The visit to school by the Bloodhound Project, launched our Science Week, during which the children undertook a range of science based activities. The children had a wonderful day building, programming and racing their models.

The week concluded with an assembly, during which each class shared their learning with the rest of the school.

Parents' evenings

I hope you found the meeting with your child's class teacher informative and that you enjoyed looking through your child's books.

Theme launch

There has been a lot of excitement and enthusiasm from the children in school this week, as every class has started the term with a 'WOW' to launch their new theme, which is based on a question. Hopefully your children will have told you about this – if not – look at the class pages on the website and come along to the parents' information evening on 20th April to find out more!

Some classes have planned an educational visit to further enthuse the children, for example, the older children are off to the Planetarium next Monday.

Come and find out about the changes to the curriculum and assessment and what this means to your children and their learning at Alexander Hosea – 20th April 2016, 7.00pm in the school hall.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at this meeting, which will help you understand recent national changes in education and how these have changed our curriculum and assessments. It will also give you a better understanding of how we will report your child's progress and attainment at the end of the year. Please encourage your friends to come along. Wine and nibbles will be provided by the Friends.

Kilve Court Residential Visit

Our Y5 children are away on camp this week and are having an amazing time as usual. This is a great opportunity for them to develop a range of personal, social and emotional skills, including building their self-belief and independence.

Assessments

This is the term when children in Y2 and Y6 take their SATs. There are many changes this year; an information leaflet is available on our website. I know the staff are working very hard to ensure the children do their best. Thank you for your support with preparing your child for these too.

Old newspapers needed

We are in need of newspapers for an after-school project so please could you send any old newspapers into school for the children to use. Thank you.

POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION

Sport Relief

£185 was raised for Sport Relief, so thank you for your support with this. The children all participated in the event and came dressed ready for action!

Mrs Wheeler

Mrs Wheeler, who has made a huge contribution to the school over the last 25 years (she is our longest serving member of staff), has decided, after much deliberation, to leave at the end of Term 5. She will be greatly missed but is looking forward to being able to spend more time with her grandchildren.

Parent Questionnaires

I would like to say a huge 'thank you' to all parents who completed the questionnaires issued on Parents' evenings. These have been very positive. If you have not yet completed yours, please could you do so and return to school by Friday 22nd April. Further details of the results will follow.

School website

As Mrs Johnson is no longer with us, Mrs Packer has taken on the responsibility for the website. She will be working on this on Monday afternoons, although we hope to get the class newsletters uploaded on Friday afternoons, so please continue to look for these under your child's class pages.

If there is information you would like to see on the website or that you cannot find, please let us know and we will try to make this available.

ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

The teachers and children have been continuing to use the money raised at the Christmas Fair to buy resources to support their new curriculum themes.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Tennis Lessons at KLB School starting Wednesday 20th April

4pm-5pm Age 5, 6, 7

5pm-6pm Age 8+

Course 1 20th April-25th May 6 weeks £30.00

Course 2 8th June-20th July 7 weeks £35.00

For further information about times and age groups or to book a place call Stephen Johnson, Westonbirt Tennis Academy coach on 07967 188057, or Email westonbirttennis@outlook.com

Pre-school disco for adults

The pre-school is organising a fund raising disco for adults on Saturday 23rd April from 8pm – midnight, with the theme of a 'school disco.' Tickets are £10 each, includes a fully licenced bar and a chip butty, and will be on sale in both the school playgrounds or from the pre-school itself.

DIARY DATES FOR TERM 5

April		
	Monday 18th	Clothes for a Cause Collection
		Amethyst, Diamond and Pearl Planetarium @ Bristol
	Tuesday 19th	Diamond parent/pupil lunch
	Wednesday 20th	Parents Curriculum and Assessment Information Evening
May	Monday 2 nd	May Bank Holiday – school closed
	Thursday 5 th	Sapphire parent/pupil lunch
	Friday 6th	Morfa Bay meeting
	Monday 9 th – Thursday 12 th	SATs week
	Tuesday 24 th	11.30am – 11.45am Y1 phonics screening meeting for parents
	Tuesday 24 th	Emerald parent/pupil lunch

	Friday 27 th	End of Term 5
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Yours sincerely

Ms. V. Quest