



## ALEXANDER HOSEA PRIMARY SCHOOL

*'Roots to grow, Wings to Fly'*

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### Newsletter – 16<sup>th</sup> December 2015

#### Dear Parents / Carers

I thought I would write a short newsletter to celebrate the many successes of the term.

#### ENJOY AND ACHIEVE

##### Christmas performances

All children have participated in a Christmas performance, focusing on the nativity story. I am sure you will agree that the children have performed magnificently during their recent Christmas plays / concerts. They have really entered into the spirit of things and learned lots of words as narrators, actors and singers! I must say I have been very impressed with the quality of their singing – they are certainly very enthusiastic and sing with gusto!

##### Christmas lunch / Parties

The children were served a delicious Christmas lunch today, for which the cooks must be thanked! The children will also be enjoying their Christmas parties this week, with games and party food. Thank you for providing their plates of food.

##### Coffee morning

I am looking forward to many of you joining us for the 'Friends' coffee morning on Friday. This will involve each class coming to the hall to perform some of the songs from their Nativity. Please refer to the timetable below for approximate timings, although you are welcome to stay for the morning. Please bring along some cash as there will be raffle tickets to buy and a couple of stalls, as well as refreshments.

Coffee Morning Timetable	
9.20 am – 9.40 am	Amethyst, Diamond and Pearl
9.45 am – 10.00 am	Sapphire and Crystal
10.15 am – 10.30 am	BREAK
10.40 am – 10.50 am	Emerald and Jet
11.00 am – 11.10 am	Topaz
11.15 am	School Choir
11.30 am	Finish

#### FRIDAY 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY – (and non-uniform)

We are supporting this national charity event. Children can wear their Christmas jumper to school and donate £1 to support three different charities. We look forward to having fun whilst supporting those less fortunate than us.

#### Educational visits

##### Clifton Cathedral

Year 6 children participated in the annual Carol Service at Clifton Cathedral, which offered another opportunity for them to sing!

Earlier in the term, Topaz class visited Redwood to learn about autumn and only this week, Sapphire class have been to Bristol Zoo to conclude their learning about the Rainforest.

### **Football**

Our football teams continue to be very successful.

#### **Girls Football results:**

The team were placed 2nd in a tournament held at KLB, losing only one game in five. Three girls continue to play for the South Glos representative team for year 6 - Freya Marshall, Maia Parmar and Olivia Belsten. The squad only has 22 girls in total from across the county.

#### **Boys Football results:**

The boys beat St Marys 6-1 in the league, Mangotsfield 8-5 and The Manor 10-1 and 11-3 in the cup. They also showed outstanding sportsmanship, agreeing to play in different and unfamiliar positions once they reached 6 goals in these matches.

The team reached the Quarter Finals in the South Glos. ESFA cup.

Louis Templeton and Luke Shrewsbury have both played for the South Glos. representative team.

### **Cross country**

Our KS2 cross country runners have taken part in the races hosted by KLB and are doing extremely well, with two more races to go until we get the final results.

### **Swimming**

Year 3 children have completed their swimming sessions; next term we will be taking those children in Years 4, 5 and 6 who have not yet gained their 25 metre badge, which is a requirement of the National Curriculum. Parents of children in Y4, 5, and 6, please ensure you send your form in before the end of term, as the sessions start on the first Thursday back (7<sup>th</sup> January).

### **Time4 reading**

Maybe you have purchased some of the books on the Time4reading list as Christmas presents! We hope you and your children will have a little time over the Christmas to perhaps read some more books from this list – please remember to keep a record of what you have read.

### **Tim Peake's mission to the International Space Station**

Yesterday the whole school watched the launch to the ISS and Mrs Brooks led some discussion around this. We are hoping to continue to follow the developments as part of our Year of Science.

### **Anti-bullying week**

To mark national anti-bullying week, we talked about the importance of being an 'up stander' rather than a 'by stander'. Children were able to talk competently about this. We also re-visited our school's 'Charter to prevent bullying'.

### **BE HEALTHY / STAY SAFE**

#### **Life Bus / On-line safety**

At the start of term 2, the children all benefited from a session on the Life Bus which covered a range of learning about healthy lifestyles and how to keep themselves safe. Although this is on-going, they have also been learning about on-line safety as part of a specific unit in the Computing curriculum.

### **On-line Safety**

I hope you have enjoyed the various Nativity performances provided by the staff and children during the last couple of weeks; just a polite reminder that any photographs / images taken must not be put on social media and are for personal use only.

### **POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION**

This year's **Poppy Appeal** raised £69.81. Thank you for your contributions.

### **Reminder to collect your stamps**

Please remember we are collecting used postage stamps for the CRY charity, so please remove these from envelopes and send into school. They can be handed in at the office or children can post them in the box in the 'crossroads' by the library.

### **ECONOMIC WELL-BEING**

#### **Christmas Fair**

This proved to be another very successful event with Santa putting in an appearance this year. Thank you to the 'Friends' for making it happen and to you for your support. The children enjoyed making items to sell on their stalls and they have linked this with their learning relating to financial capability, which is a part of the revised National curriculum. They have had to plan what to make, cost materials and decide on how much to sell things for in order to make a profit at an age appropriate level.

The proceeds will be used to purchase resources for their classrooms. They will have to decide democratically what they would like and then secure best value.

#### **Website / Class newsletters**

I trust you are managing to access our new website. We are in the process of getting the old website removed so you will go straight to the new website when logging on, which will be easier. The weekly class newsletters are accessible on the class pages. These provide lots of useful information so please make sure you read them.

#### **Casual SMSA**

If you would be interested in becoming a casual lunch time supervisor i.e. to cover for any SMSA absences, please let our School Business Manager know (Allie Hall).

#### **Parent Governor**

The Governing Body currently has Parent Governor positions available. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Steve Barry, our current Chair of Governors.

#### **Term 3 begins on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January**

Diary dates for the remainder of the academic year can be found on the school website at [www.alexanderhoseprimary.co.uk](http://www.alexanderhoseprimary.co.uk)

#### **February half term holiday**

It has been brought to my attention that, regrettably, KLB's February half term holiday is different from ours; it is the following week. Whilst this is not an issue for those parents who only have children in South Gloucestershire schools, it is understandably inconvenient for working parents or those wanting to take a holiday at this time, who have children in schools in both authorities. I would like to say this is not the fault of the schools; Local Authorities agree and set term dates well in advance. I would also like to inform you that I have written to South Gloucestershire to express my concerns and those of the Governors about this situation, to hopefully ensure it does not happen again in the future.

## Happy Christmas!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support this term and to wish you and your family a very happy Christmas and all the best for the New Year.

Yours sincerely

Ms V. Quest  
Headteacher



DIARY DATES - TERM 3		
<b>January</b>	<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Start of Term 3</b>
	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Staff run clubs start
	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Crystal parent/pupil lunch
<b>February</b>	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> – Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Safer Internet week
	Tues 2nd	Redwood Outdoor Learning Centre Topaz
	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Amethyst parent /pupil lunch
	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>End of Term 3</b>
	<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Staff INSET school closed to pupils</b>