



ALEXANDER HOSEA PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Roots to grow, Wings to Fly'

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Dear Parents / Carers

Here we are again at the end of another very busy year at Alexander Hosea School during which we have achieved so much.

I would like to thank the children, staff, parents and governors for their hard work and commitment which has resulted in our excellent results, as well as our many other successes.

BE HEALTHY

Rio Olympics Day

This is proving a resounding success and has provided a great opportunity to launch our 'Year of Sport'. Thanks go to Progressive Sports for organising and running this event.

The next sports event will hopefully be the children seeing the cyclists in Stage 5 of the Tour of England go through Wickwar on Thursday 8th September. You can follow this using the following link <http://www.tourofbritain.co.uk/>

School meals / dinner money

This week's and any outstanding dinner money must be paid by Friday morning for banking.

The cost of a meal from 1st September remains the same at £2.00 per day.

STAY SAFE

Y2 scooter training

Y2 children have all received scooter training; this will hopefully help keep them safe when they ride their scooters during the holidays and in the future.

Keeping pavements clear to ensure children's safety

Parent Council has reported that there is still congestion at the exit gate by the barrier due to parents waiting there and standing chatting – please could you move along to a wider part of the pavement so people can get by. This will avoid children walking out into the road to get past. Parents with dogs should also wait at the far side of the roundabout, again to prevent congestion and as some children are afraid of dogs.

Our Behaviour Strategy – Supersonic achievers!

We had 15 children who flew 'supersonic' this year. They celebrated their success with a Forest skills session led by Ms Corr. Special congratulations to them all.

ENJOY AND ACHIEVE

Year of Science

Our Year of Science has come to an end. During the year the children have benefited from a wide range of scientific opportunities. Some of these are displayed outside the school office. Thank you to Miss Clark for leading this. She says that the profile of Science has been raised throughout the year and that this is reflected in the standards achieved by the children. The Bloodhound project really encouraged children to see science in its broadest sense and to get involved in scientific activities outside the school curriculum and school.

On 22nd June our Y5 children also went to KLB for a Science lesson, which they enjoyed immensely.

Class themes

The end of project outcomes have been shared with parents and grandparents this term:-

Topaz class invited their parents to the opening of their aquarium and also danced and sang for them. They also invited their older brothers and sisters who are pupils here and the staff to visit their aquarium, which they are extremely proud of.

Emerald class has had a campfire with their parents and toasted marshmallows as part of their 'Fairy Tale Bake Off'.

Jet class invited parents to a bridge building afternoon, which was very well attended – some great DT skills were observed.

Sapphire class invited their parents to their sculpture trail – hopefully their sculptures created with a visiting artist will be displayed in the village in the near future for all to see.

Crystal class – had a cinema evening for parents where they showcased their animations.

Diamond and Amethyst classes celebrated their 'Festival of the Sun' with their tie-dye T-shirt fashion show, talent show and stalls, including face painting.

All were a huge success and provide a way to make the project outcomes purposeful and real, whilst enabling you to get more involved in your child's learning! There will be more to come next year!

Some classes have finished their projects with a WOW. Recently, Topaz visited Bristol Aquarium to learn more about fish. Crystal class visited @Bristol and had an amazing day applying their learning about the making of animation using their computing skills. Earlier in the term, Topaz class also visited Redwood.

PE

Sports Day

Thank you for helping to make this such a success. There was a lovely family atmosphere and all the children participated well and in the spirit of the occasion. Positive feedback was given by Parent Council members too.

District sports

Many of our KS2 children participated in District Sports hosted by KLB and they all did extremely well. We had children in first to fourth place in almost all races. A special well done to them and thanks to Mrs McAleese and her team for training the children and organising our school's participation and supporting them on the evening.

Bristol Together Football

Mrs Gee kindly took a group of five Y5 children to take part in this event, which promotes inclusion. The team played with 5 children from a linked school and were very successful, losing at the quarter final stage. Well done to our team of representatives. They had an amazing day and integrated well with children from many different schools.

Rounders

We hosted a very successful local school's rounder's tournament on 4th July with our teams coming 2nd and 4th overall. There was a great team spirit as usual.

Swimming

In order to arrange targeted swimming sessions for 2016-17, we need to know which children (in Years 3-6 next year) can already swim 25 metres. Please could you indicate on the slip on the bottom of this letter.

SATs

We are thrilled with our SATs results! The children and staff have worked endlessly and it has all paid off. Given the raised national expectations they have risen to the challenge excellently and achieved a great deal. Congratulations to them all – I know the children or staff could not have worked any harder. I have ensured that we as a school have kept ahead of the game and this is reflected here.

Assessments

All other outcomes for our reporting years were reported to you in the assessment letter which accompanied your child's school report. Our Early Years (97% GLD) and Phonics outcomes (100%) were truly outstanding!

Year 6 leavers

Robin Hood and the Sherwood Hoodies

The Y6 children have practised hard to produce an amazing performance of Robin Hood. I am sure all parents who have seen it will agree, we have some talented actors, actresses and singers amongst our Y6 pupils. Thanks to Mrs Brooks, Mrs Shrewsbury and Mrs Gee for their huge contributions towards its success and to the other staff who supported too.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the Year 6 children all the very best for the future as they leave Alexander Hosea and move on to their secondary schools. We will miss them all but hope that they will stay in touch and let us know what they are up to and of their future successes! If this is the 'end of an era' for you as a parent of children at our school too, thank you for your support over the years.

Time 4 reading

I have recently submitted our application for South Gloucestershire's Time4reading bronze award. We are hoping to go for silver next and need at least 30% of the children to take part in the South Glos. libraries 'Big Friendly Read' summer reading challenge. Your child will have brought home information about this, following a visit from a librarian who talked to the children about how they could get involved. Further information about this is available from emma.fisher@southglos.gov.uk

You will also have received a letter yesterday about how you can continue to support us with our next goal.

REPORT COMMENTS

We have already received lots of very positive comments about reports this year. If you have not done so already please return your comments slip by this Friday - 22nd July. Thank you.

POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION

Light coloured emulsion – thank you for sending in your contributions!

Stamps

We are continuing to collect used stamps so please collect during the holiday and keep sending into school.

Village Games on 16th July

Thank you to the Friends for organising the Fun Run (especially Caroline Andrews) and for giving the time to help out on the Friends stall and bouncy castle. It was an extremely successful day despite the breeze and cool temperatures! A total of £505.00 was raised by the Friends. This is absolutely superb – so thank you all!

Discos

The Friend's Infant and Junior discos went ahead on what was the hottest evening of the year so far, but the children seemed to enjoy these. Thank you to Mr Kingswood, our DJ, for providing the music. This was very successful financially too, with the Friends making a profit of £265.65. Again – thanks to the team who organised and ran these and to the staff who attended.

£300 donation from Renishaw

The Friends are pleased to inform you that they have successfully won a bid for additional funding from local company, Renishaw. I would like to extend my thanks to Renishaw for this. If you are aware of any other businesses which provide funding for schools, please let the Friends / Allie Hall know.

Summer holiday sports provision for 5-11 year olds - £15/day

Sports - Multi sports and football

Dates – 1st – 5th August

22nd – 26th August

For more information call – 01453 367270, or to book places e-mail vince@kickoffstroud.co.uk

Chipping Sodbury School Open evening – Thursday 8th September 5.45pm to 8.30pm.

This will include a tour of the school, sampling a range of activities, listening to a presentation by the headteacher and seeing the fantastic opportunities on offer. Further details available from Chipping Sodbury School on 01454 862900, enquiries@chippingsodburyschool.com

DIARY DATES FOR TERM 1 2016-17

September	Thursday 1 st	Staff INSET school closed to pupils
	Friday 2 nd	Staff INSET school closed to pupils
	Monday 5 th	Term 1 starts for pupils
		Swimming starts – Y3 who need to swim 25 metres
	Tuesday 6 th	Jet class Space Dome Project launch – After school experience for parents & children , years 3, 4, 5 & 6. (limited numbers)
	Thursday 8 th	Tour of England Cycling comes through Wickwar
	Monday 12 th	Meet the Teacher – Mrs Moncrieff & Miss Edgar– 3-45 pm – 4.15 pm
	Tuesday 13 th	Meet the Teacher – Mrs Arrowsmith – 3-45 pm – 4.15 pm
	Thursday 15 th	Meet the Teacher – Miss Pursey & Mrs Cleverley – 3-45 pm – 4.15 pm
	Friday 16 th	Meet the Teacher – Miss Tyler & Mrs Brooks – 3-45 pm – 4.15 pm
	Saturday 17 th	Village Fair
	Tuesday 20 th	Upper KS2 – Home learning sharing - Parents invited – 3.00 – 3.30pm
	Wednesday 21 st	Literacy evening for Reception parents – 7.30pm
	Thursday 22 nd	Lower KS2 – Home learning sharing - Parents invited – 3.00 – 3.30pm
	Friday 23 rd	Parent Council
	Tuesday 27 th	Harvest
	Tuesday 27 th	Open Afternoon – 1.30 – 3.00pm
	Thursday 29 th	Topaz class in school full time
	Friday 30 th	MacMillan coffee morning for parents/Harvest
	October	Monday 3 rd
		School photos – families & individuals
Wednesday 5 th		Upper KS2 Home learning sharing-Parents invited-3.00pm-3.30pm
Thursday 6 th		Jet class visit to @Bristol (Destination Space)
Monday 10 th		KS1 sharing Learning Journals
Tuesday 11 th		Lower KS2 Home learning sharing - Parents invited –3.00 – 3.30pm
Friday 14 th		KS1 sharing Learning Journals
Wednesday 19 th		Parents’ Evening 4.00pm – 7.30pm
Thursday 20 th		Parents’ Evening 4.00pm – 7.30pm
	Friday 21st	End of Term 1 for pupils

Friends Village Fair with a Rio theme – Saturday 17th September 2016 – including the Wickwar Craft and produce show - On your marks, get set, grow, bake and create!

Please put the date in your diary for the forthcoming Village Fair. Children are once again encouraged to enter the show. They can make a start during the summer holidays – we certainly have many children with the necessary skills as seen from their homework sharing. Please see the attached adult and children's entry forms and the classes available to enter.

That just leaves me to wish you and your families a very enjoyable and relaxing summer holiday. I look forward to seeing all the children back refreshed and ready for the exciting learning opportunities on offer next academic year.

Yours sincerely

Ms. V. Quest

SWIMMING ABILITY - Years 3 – 6 (ac year 2016-2017) only

Please tick the relevant box below:-

My child can swim 25 metres confidently

My child cannot swim 25 metres

PUPIL NAME: _____

CLASS: _____

Parent/Carer signature: _____

Date: _____

Please return to the school office by 9th September.

Thank you.