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Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back and a happy New Year to you all!

New e-mail address for the School

The school's computer system has now been migrated to Office 365, which means we have a new school e-mail address which is:-

AlexanderHoseaPrimary@sgmail.org.uk

Please remember to use this in future.

Staff update

Mrs Shovelton retired at the end of last term and we said our fond farewells to her, although she will now be continuing to work with the YR children on Wednesday afternoons as before, at least in the short term.

I would like to welcome Mrs Stuckey to Alexander Hosea School. She will be supporting Miss Pursey and the children in Emerald class as their Teaching Assistant. She started working with us on Monday this week.

Congratulations are in order! Miss Pursey is pleased to announce that she is expecting a baby towards the end of this academic year.

Be Healthy

School lunches

The total cost of school lunches for Term 3 is £51.80. Please remember that you are able to pay this using Agora – our new on-line payment system.

Free fruit for all YR and KS1 children

Just a reminder that we are part of the Government's free fruit and vegetable scheme. This entitles all infant children to have a piece of fruit or a vegetable as a snack during the school day. This means that your child does not need to purchase fruit from the school kitchen at morning break time.

Active Family Club

St Michael's Primary School,
Ratcliffe Drive, Stoke Gifford BS34 8SG
Tuesdays 4.30 -5.30pm 13 Jan - 24 March 2015
Ages 7 - 11 year olds and their families

I have been asked to include this information in the next newsletter:-

Active Family Club is a free 10 week club for families who would like to:

- Lead a healthy lifestyle
- Play sport but not sure what to do
- Try new activities with other families
- Try taster sessions involving a variety of activities and sports
- Get information about how to take up new interests and hobbies
- Have fun in a safe and sociable environment

To find out more contact Helen Newberry, Active Lifestyles coordinator, on 01454 863937.

Stay Safe

After school clubs

We have revised our safeguarding procedures to help ensure the safety of children who attend after school clubs both those run by members of staff and external providers. As part of this, we would ask that parents inform the club leader if their child will not be attending a session, either directly or through the school office. Thank you for your support with this.

Enjoy and Achieve

Netball tournament

Our netball team participated in a local tournament on 5th December and represented the school fantastically well, having demonstrated great teamwork. The results were mixed; they had some wins and some draws, but thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Christmas at school

We had another very successful Christmas in school with a wide variety of events and performances taking place during December. We certainly have some very gifted actors, actresses and singers at Alexander Hosea School and it was good to see that our children have developed a strong self-belief, which is evident from their confidence in performing in front of large audiences of both pupils and adults! A huge 'well done' to all the children and the staff for their hard work behind the scenes!

The parties and PTA discos were also a success. Again, 'thank you' to staff and the PTA for organising and running these.

Curriculum theme for Term 3

This term our school theme is 'Let's Celebrate'. Learning overviews will be available from the school's website.

Key Stage 2 - Mathletics / Spellodrome

These are on-line learning platforms which can be accessed at home with no cost to you. Teachers are able to set work for your children and can monitor their activity throughout the

week. Your child will have a personal log in which has been issued today. These on-line activities will also support your child's learning in school. We look forward to your support with this. If your child is unable to access these programs at home, some opportunity will be provided during school hours.

Positive Contribution

Relationships and Sex Education / Personal, Social and Health Education evening for parents – Thursday 12th February 2015 – 7.00 – 8.30pm

Some of you may remember that we ran a similar evening a few years ago, during which we discussed our policy and programme of study for relationships and sex education throughout the school (YR – Y6). It is now time to review this and we would very much like you to participate in the review and in planning for the future. To this end, we have managed to secure the support of Sarah Jones from the Local Authority to run the session for us on the evening of 12th February and would like to invite you to come along. It would be really helpful to have as many parents as possible there. We look forward to working with you.

Economic Well-being

Thank you for supporting your child's class stall at the Christmas Fair. Classes made between £56 and £105. The children will now be deciding what new resources they would like to purchase using the money raised and researching where they can get the best value for money. This is all part of the revised maths curriculum which involves teaching the children about money management.

Diary dates for Term 3

January	Monday 12 th	Staff run clubs start
	Tuesday 20 th	Crystal parent/pupil lunch
February	Tuesday 3 rd	Amethyst parent /pupil lunch
	Thursday 12 th	Relationships and Sex Education evening for parents 7.00pm-8.30pm
	Friday 13th	End of Term 3

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher