

## **ALEXANDER HOSEA PRIMARY SCHOOL**

*'Roots to grow, Wings to Fly'*

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### NEWSLETTER – 17<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2015

Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back to Term 5! I hope you and your families had a very happy Easter and enjoyed the sunshine during week 2.

#### **Staff update**

I am pleased to welcome Mrs Sleath to the staff at Alexander Hosea School. She will be teaching Diamond class on Fridays, whilst Mrs Moncrieff has her deputy head leadership time. I would like to thank Mrs Finn for filling this position in the interim.

#### **BE HEALTHY**

##### **School lunches**

South Gloucestershire Council have now published their revised school lunch menus, which you will have received this week. I have recently met with the catering manager and he has stated that the menu has been improved to include more 'school cooked' meals, a better range of vegetarian choices and hot puddings. All reception and KS1 children are entitled to a daily free school meal.

REACH programme

##### **Active for Life**

Children in Emerald class will once again be benefiting from the 'Active for Life' programme. Miss Pursey will have sent out further details. Please try and get involved with this – it is great fun as well as teaching the children about healthy lifestyles.

##### **REACH programme**

REACH is a free programme of fun engaging activities for families that encourages fitness, healthy eating and happiness! The next REACH courses will be running from 28<sup>th</sup> / 29<sup>th</sup> April at Patchway and Kingswood, Bristol. For further information, e-mail [healthylifestyles@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:healthylifestyles@southglos.gov.uk) or call 01454 863937.

#### **STAY SAFE**

### **Safety at the start and end of the school day**

It has been noted that some parents are taking their children through the staff car park to enter and exit the school premises. For your own and your child's safety, please use the pedestrian gate. I know this is less direct if you are accessing school through the Foundation gates, but there are cars driving in and out of the car park at the start and the end of the school day.

With the weather improving, please try and walk to school as much as possible. It has been suggested by a representative of Street Care and Transport Services that if you do need to drive because you live outside the village, you park further away from the school, (at least five minutes walk), in order to alleviate the volume of traffic around the school and hopefully improve safety.

**Don't forget you can always park in the Buthay car park and walk from there!**

### **Anti-bullying week – week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> April**

As part of this, all classes are learning about relationships and how to treat each other with respect.

This also links with our ASPIRE value for the term – Respect and our Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning theme – relationships. The children will also have input into the review of our school 'Charter to Prevent Bullying'.

### **ENJOY AND ACHIEVE**

#### **Colston Hall Gala Concert**

On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, many of the children from Amethyst, Diamond and Pearl classes performed at the Colston Hall in Bristol as the Primary School Choir. They sang a range of songs with real gusto, along with children from another four local schools, although ours was by far the biggest group of children! They were joined by a number of instrumental groups taught through the South Gloucestershire Music Hub. It was a spectacular afternoon, enjoyed by pupils, parents and staff. I would like to thank Miss Edgar and Mrs Brooks for giving up their precious Sunday to support the children. I thoroughly enjoyed the concert and I know the parents in the audience did too! Parents of children in Pearl, Diamond and Amethyst classes will have received a letter asking if you would like to purchase a DVD of the event and asking you to complete an on-line questionnaire.

#### **Easter competition**

We received a range of entries for the Eggstraordinary characters competition. The winners were:-

YR/Key Stage 1 – Olivia Mould (Y1)

Key Stage 2 - Charlie Noble (Y4)

A special 'thank you' to all children who took part.

#### **Cross Country**

Both Maia Parmar and Luke Shrewsbury represented Alexander Hosea Primary School as part of the Wotton and District cross country teams.

There were 10 districts taking part overall; the results were as follows:

- Wotton and District girls' team – came 1<sup>st</sup> out of ten teams and won gold.
- Wotton and District boys' team – came 3<sup>rd</sup> out of ten teams and won bronze.

Both Maia and Luke did a fantastic job, competing against very strong year 5 and year 6 boys and girls districts respectively, on a very hilly course. Well done to both of you!

### **Swimming gala – 25 metres**

Thank you to all the children who participated and to you for supporting this by ensuring your child got to and from the pool. All our swimmers did very well, especially in their heats; their team spirit and support for each other was phenomenal – they were a credit to you and their school!

The following children achieved a place in the finals:

Harry Burton – 3<sup>rd</sup> in breast stroke - 29.34

Fred Howes – 1<sup>st</sup> in butterfly – 24.19

Scarlett Howes – 1<sup>st</sup> in front crawl – 15.72

Finn Lingham – 2<sup>nd</sup> in butterfly - 18.09

-A special 'well done' to them!

I would also like to thank Miss Pursey, Miss Edgar and Mrs Cleverley for giving up their valuable Saturday evening to be there to support the children.

### **Football matches**

We have had a number of children involved in inter-schools football matches and the children have been very successful overall. The results were as follows:

Alexander Hosea - 8, The Manor – 2

Alexander Hosea – 4, Wick Primary School -4

Alexander Hosea, -6, Woodlands - 4

Alexander Hosea – 2, The Ridge – 2

Well done all those involved!

### **Science Week**

All children enjoyed our science week in March and a small handful of children also attended science workshops hosted by other local schools. The Fizz Pop Science club is proving very popular!!

### **Computing and Engineering week – week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> April**

Mrs Johnson has been busy planning this! We have STEM workshops arranged for all classes which have been very kindly funded by CEMEX. Then there are a number of parents who are engineers; they will be sharing their knowledge and expertise with the children.

Hopefully at least some of the children will be inspired to become engineers of the future!!

## POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION

### Comic Relief

Thank you for supporting the children and the school with our fundraising for Comic Relief. A total of £453.24 was raised by the school, which will be doubled by the Government.

### PTA

#### Clothes for a Cause

Just a reminder that the Clothes for a Cause collection will be next Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> April. There are no sacks provided this year – please use your household black sacks.

I would like to say a huge 'thank you' to all parents who have supported a range of PTA events; this has enabled the PTA to purchase some new ICT equipment for use by the children. This will help improve the children's computing skills, as well as skills across the curriculum.

#### Friends of Alexander Hosea School Logo competition

The official closing date for entries is this Friday – 17<sup>th</sup> April.

#### Strategic Planning questionnaire

Thank you for completing the strategic planning questionnaire which was handed out on parents' evenings. If you still have a survey at home, please could you complete and return to school by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April. Outcomes will be reported in due course.

### Future diary dates

<b>April</b>	Monday 13th	<b>Start of Term 5</b>
	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Clothes for a Cause
	Thursday 23rd	9.00am Active For Life Parent Information Meeting
	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Active For Life Session 1
		Diamond parent/pupil lunch
<b>May</b>	Friday 1st	Y1/2 KLB Multi skills (am)
	Monday 4th	May Bank Holiday
	Tuesday 5th	Sapphire parent/pupil lunch
	Thursday 7th	Active For Life Session 2
	Monday 11th – Thursday 14th	SATs week
	Monday 11th – Wednesday 13th	Y5 residential trip Kilve Court
	To be confirmed	Morfa Bay Meeting for Parents – 3pm
	Tuesday 19th	11.15am – 11.45am Y1 phonics screening
		Emerald parent/pupil lunch
	Friday 22nd	Active For Life Session 3
		End of Term 5

**Yours sincerely**

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Headteacher**