



ALEXANDER HOSEA PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Roots to grow, Wings to Fly'

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NEWSLETTER- 19TH FEBRUARY 2016

Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome to the start of Term 4 – a special welcome to Ruby-Jo and Loic who have joined us this term.

BE HEALTHY

Great news – Alexander Hosea is a safe and healthy school!

Every two years the Local Authority's 'Health and Safety' department visits school to undertake an audit of our health and safety related policies and procedures. We always work hard to ensure that we provide a safe and healthy learning and working environment for the children and other members of our school community. We usually pass with flying colours and I am thrilled to announce that, once again, we have got an excellent rating and our attention to detail has been recognised. This is to be celebrated!

Please ensure your child brings a coat to school every day for play times, lunch times and to make the most of outdoor learning.

STAY SAFE

Prescribed Medicines

We have recently attended training provided by the Local Authority regarding the administration of prescribed medicines. School staff do not have to agree to administer these, but where they do, you must ensure that all medicines provided are in the correct packaging with the instruction leaflet enclosed with a pharmacy label containing the child's name, type of medicine and dosage. A calibrated spoon/syringe must also be enclosed.

Scooting to school

Please can I remind you that children must not ride their scooters once on the school site – this includes scooting around the playground at the end of the day and applies to younger and older brothers and sisters too.

Dogs

It has been reported to me that dogs are sometimes brought onto the school site. Please can I remind you that they must remain outside the gates and away from where the children are leaving the school. Thank you.

On-line safety

Following my last newsletter, and in support of the activities undertaken with the children as part of our Safer Internet week before half term, I am attaching the checklists provided by Vodafone for your information. It is really important to set boundaries, parental controls and be aware of what your children are accessing on-line.

Life Skills Centre, Bristol

The non-uniform day organised by Year 6 at the end of last term raised £211 for the Life Skills Centre in Bristol. Thank you very much for supporting this.

Lifeskills has also been nominated in the Airbus Community Awards, being promoted by the Bristol Post. Basically, they need as many people as possible to collect the vouchers that will be printed in the Bristol Post between Monday 22nd February and Monday 21st March.

10 Bristol Community Groups will win a share of £10,000 - the ones who collect the most vouchers win! Therefore please could you collect these vouchers and send to:

Lifeskills - Learning for Living, The CREATE Centre, Smeaton Road, Bristol, BS1 6XN

Tel: 0117 9224511 Website: www.lifeskills-bristol.org.uk Charity No: 1080747 Company No: 3944179

ENJOY AND ACHIEVE

Year of Science

RSPB Bird Watch Update

The children from all classes took part in the national bird watch last term and identified many different species, attracted by the food provided. As a result, they have learnt the names of some of our British birds, both common and less common.

Tim Peake's mission to the International Space Station

Topaz class has continued to follow Tim Peake and on 2nd February, along with 400,000 children in primary and secondary schools in 58 different countries, they became part of the 'Cosmic Classroom', which provided a live link with the International Space Station. The children are all inspired by their learning based on a 'space' theme!

Recycling Event

On 18th February, two members of South Gloucestershire's Recycling Team visited the school to teach the children about recycling as part of an assembly; they also led sessions in Jet and Sapphire classes and met with our Eco Club at lunch time. You will have met them at the school gate providing information about how you can get involved too.

Coming soon

The next big event is chick hatching. We will take delivery of some eggs and an incubator next week and the children will have the opportunity to see them hatch and start to grow – how exciting! If all goes to plan, we are hoping to set up a webcam so they can be watched via our website. We are also planning to encourage parents to come and visit them too! - More information to follow via text or twitter.

Pond Area

A fair amount of work was undertaken on improving this area last year, particularly by parents, but with spring on the way, it needs some more TLC before it can be used by the children. If you would be happy to come along and help cut back some of the bushes and clear overgrown areas, please contact a member of the office staff, so this can be arranged. We are grateful to the Friends for purchasing three new picnic tables / benches for us, which will be sited in the conservation area to be used by the children when undertaking nature study.

'The Day of the Dot'

This is the title of a book which has an important message for children about believing in themselves, which links with our work on developing a growth mind set; it happens to be based on the development of art skills. 'The Day of the Dot' was launched by Mrs Windmill during an assembly on Monday and will provide a focus for the school now and in the future. Self-belief will be encouraged through this term's SEAL theme (Going for Goals) and our 'Inclusion' value.

Bedtime stories

Thank you to Mrs Moncrieff for organising these and to the staff for staying on to read the stories – also a special ‘thank you ‘ to the Friends for providing the hot chocolate and biscuits. Those children attending certainly seemed to have a good time. I hope they were ready to sleep when they got home!!

Mathletics

Please continue to support your children with their Maths homework using Mathletics. It is essential that all children acquire basic mental arithmetic skills, including knowing number bonds and times tables. This will help them feel more confident about number and enable them to problem solve and access more difficult mathematical concepts.

PE / sport

Football

Our boys’ football team played their quarter final match last term. They played extremely well but were unfortunately beaten. Better luck next time!

They also played a match against St Michael’s School, Winterbourne and lost gracefully – 4-0, although they had a better second half, ensuring no further goals were scored.

Running

The last Cross Country run at KLB had to be postponed due to a waterlogged field! We have great hopes for our runners who are doing particularly well, so look forward to the completion of the competition and final results.

Five children from Alexander Hosea School participated in the Park Run on 30th January. It is good to hear that they are spending time at weekends keeping fit and healthy!

Exciting new generation of IT coming soon!

These are fast moving and exciting times - We are extremely excited about the prospect of having two new touch screen whiteboards and a good number of android devices to improve the learning opportunities of our children. The Friends have very kindly offered to help purchase these and we are eagerly awaiting their arrival in school. More news to follow.

POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION

Reminder to keep collecting your stamps!

Please remember we are still collecting used postage stamps for the CRY charity. To date, we have helped raise over £200 for the charity!

Clothes for a Cause

The Friends are organising another collection for after the Easter holiday. This is a quick and easy way to raise funds for the school, so please start collecting together your unwanted clothes, paired shoes, handbags and belts.

Uniform

It is important that the children wear the correct uniform to school. Please refer to the Uniform Policy on the website to ensure that your child’s uniform complies, especially in relation to trousers, socks, boots, hairbands, jewellery etc. Nail varnish must not be worn.

A reminder that PE kit must also be as stated in the Uniform Policy and must be in school every day. Thank you for your support with these matters.

Twitter

Our Twitter account is now up and running, so you can follow our tweets. These can be accessed via the home page of the school’s website or searching @ahpswickwar.

Would you like to become a parent governor and make a positive contribution to our school?

We are hoping to recruit some more parent governors in the near future. Please give this some careful consideration and look out for the nomination papers which will be distributed soon.

Advert for cleaner

Glen Cleaning , our cleaning contractor, has asked me to mention that they have a further vacancy for a cleaner at our school. If you, or someone you know, would be interested, please contact Sue Taylor on 07900260791.

Kilve Court Meeting – 1st March – 3.30pm

Parents of children in Year 5 are invited to come along and find out about the residential trip to Kilve Court. We hope to see you there!

NB: Parent’s evenings are coming up on 21st and 22nd March 4.00pm-7.30pm details to follow

Diary dates for the remainder of the academic year can be found on the school website at www.alexanderhoseprimary.co.uk

Yours sincerely

Ms V. Quest
Headteacher

DIARY DATES – TERM 4		
February	Monday 15th	Start of Term 4
	Friday 19 th	9.15am -9.40am KS1 SATS Meeting (Y2)
	Tuesday 23 rd	Topaz parent/pupil lunch – 1-(see Topaz newsletter)
	Thursday 25 th	Topaz parent/pupil lunch - 2
	Friday 26 th	Topaz Redwood Outdoor Learning Centre
March	Tuesday 1 st	Kilve Court meeting for parents – 3.30pm
	Wednesday 3 rd	World Book Day-dress up as a character from fictional book.
	Thursday 10 th	Pearl parent/pupil lunch
	Friday 18 th	Staff run clubs finish
	Monday 21 st	Parents’ Evening 4.00pm – 7.30pm
	Tuesday 22 nd	Parents’ Evening 4.00pm – 7.30pm
	Wednesday 23 rd	End of Term 4 for pupils
	Thursday 24 th	Staff INSET school closed to pupils
April	Monday 11 th	Staff INSET school closed to pupils
	Tuesday 12th	Start of Term 5
	Wednesday 13 th - Friday 15 th	Yr 5 Residential trip to Kilve Court
	Tuesday 19 th	Diamond parent/pupil lunch
	Wednesday 20 th	Curriculum and Assessment information sharing evening for parents