

# Alexander Hosea Primary School

## 'Roots to grow, wings to fly'

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For school calendar: <http://www.alexanderhoseaprimarv.co.uk/calendar/?calid=1&pid=3&viewid=1>

From the Headteacher...

Happy new year to all our families! We hope that everyone had a lovely Christmas (it seems a long time ago now!). Our term has started smoothly and we are pleased that the children have thrown themselves into their new projects.

#### Celebrations and latest news

- As requested by Parent Council, we have marked **yellow lines** on the pavement either side of the staff car park to assist children to see where to stop.
- Year 5 have restarted their **street dance** sessions with Sarah Jane from New Generation Dance. Over the coming weeks they will be preparing for their dance in the Festival of Dance in February. The children have made a confident start to their routine and we look forward to seeing it develop.
- Emerald Class watched **Peter Pan** at the Bath Theatre Royal as part of the launch of their new project. Several children had the privilege of going up on stage during the show, which was very exciting!
- The choir attended the **Young Voices** event in Birmingham yesterday. We are proud of them for doing their best and being brave to perform in front of a huge audience.
- We have booked our **whole school trip** for the year. We will be going to **Berkeley Castle on 21<sup>st</sup> March**. Thanks to the Friends, the trip is **completely free** for every child. Friends have used the funds raised at the Christmas Fair, Christmas Shopping Eve and Christmas Disco to pay for the coach and entry costs (£10.75 per child).
- **Friends of AHS** met this week for their termly meeting and they agreed to a significant amount of funding to donate to the school (details below). We are very grateful to them for their generosity, this support is invaluable to the school and helps us to provide a richer variety of opportunities and resources for our wonderful children.
- Welcome to the new children who joined our school in Year 1 this week.

INSET dates: INSET 4 – **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019** and INSET 5 – **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019**.

#### **PE uniform**

All children are expected to have their PE kit in every day. During the cooler months, they should also have some plain black jogging bottoms and a school blue PE hoodie or plain black hoodie to wear over their school PE t-shirt. We do still go outside for PE all year round so appropriate footwear (trainers) is also required.

**Please make sure that all uniform (including PE kits and bags) is clearly named.**

## Friends Donations

The funding has been hard-earned through the dedication of the Friends and provision of a range of high quality events. These donations will make a real difference to our pupils. Thank you.

Mathletics subscription for 3 years £2272  
Update to the hall computer £600  
New library books £1500  
Learning environments top up £800  
Whole school trip to Berkeley Castle £2226  
Artsmark fee £500  
Contribution to class 50 best reads £500  
Book bag for all new children £3.35 per bag  
Frixion (rub out) pens and refills for KS2 £126



Support us by running the

# BATHALF<sup>2019</sup>

on Sunday 17th March 2019

Entry fee = £35  
Sponsorship target = £300

Please contact the Lifeskills office  
for more information or to show an interest.

0117 9224511  
johanna@lifeskills-bristol.org.uk

The registration deadline is Tuesday 7th February 2019

www.lifeskills-bristol.org.uk Charity No: 1080747

## Thinking Day

The Brownies and Rainbows celebrate Thinking Day on 22<sup>nd</sup> February. As this is in the holidays, all children can wear their club uniform to school on 8<sup>th</sup> February. If uniforms are lightweight, please make sure that children have something warm to wear over the top of this for break and lunchtimes. All children will still need a coat.

Children are welcome to wear their PE hoodies on this day if they would like to.



## Mathletics

Mathletics is a great resource that is funded by Friends of AHS to help children to practice their maths skills at home. We know that having fluent number skills (number bonds and times tables) really helps children with their learning across the maths curriculum. Mathletics is a helpful way to build speed and stamina and the children can earn bronze, silver and gold certificates as rewards.

All children have their own login to access the activities for their year group. Please speak to the teacher if you need a copy of this.

There are other good online resources available that you might also like to try at home. At the moment the children seem to like 'Hit the Button'

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> and 'Daily 10'

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## Year 4 Times Tables Assessment

Our Year 4 children will be taking part in the national times tables test for the first time in summer 2019. The national expectation is that all children should have quick recall for all their tables up to 12x12 by the end of Year 4. Whilst we do not know the exact format for this new online test, we do know that the children will have 6 seconds to answer each question, so rapid recall is essential.

The staff are sampling Times Tables Rock Stars at the moment to see whether they think their classes will enjoy this. If you would like to have a look, follow the link below:



<https://trockstars.com/home>



### **'Bank' lunchtime staff required**

We are currently looking to expand the number of people we have on our books as 'bank' lunchtime staff (i.e. lunchtime supervisors who are available to come in and cover on an ad hoc basis when our permanent lunchtime supervisors are absent for any reason).

If you would be interested in applying to be a member of 'bank' lunchtime staff, please contact the School Business Manager Allie Hall on (01454) 294239 or [allison.hall@sghmail.org.uk](mailto:allison.hall@sghmail.org.uk)



### **Road Safety**

The Year 3 and 6 children will have road safety sessions during the school day on 7<sup>th</sup> February.

### **Parent Council**

The Parent Council met last week. The items we discussed were: Whole school trip; Artsmark; Music Lessons for all children (paid for by WEF); League Tables; Maths (Daily 10, Times Tables Rock Stars and Mathletics); yellow lines (see above); Reading (guided reading, choice of books for reading scheme and free readers in KS1 and library); promptness at the end of the day and Children's University.

Our current representatives are:

Infants: Mrs Hall (Ruby), Mrs Mason (Topaz), Mrs Heffernan (Emerald), Mrs Leighton (Jet).

Juniors: Mrs Zlobec-Short (Crystal), Mrs Hathaway (Diamond), Mrs Carter (Pearl) and Ms Days (Amethyst).

Topics for next meeting: Healthy lunchboxes, Reading and dressing up days/charity events.



### **Friends of AHS**

#### **Whole School Trip to Berkeley Castle**

We are very pleased to announce that, thanks to your support for our Christmas events, the Friends of AHS are able to pay for every child at our school to attend the trip to Berkeley Castle in March. This means that each child will be able to enjoy the experience at no cost to the parents or the school. We are sure they will all have a fantastic time!

We were pleased to see so many people at our Enchanted Christmas Fair. We hope you all enjoyed the performances and everything that was on offer. We also hope you enjoyed the children's singing at the Coffee and Carols Mornings on the last day of term. Thank you again for all your donations.

Without your support the Friends of AHS would not be able to help fund a wide range of experiences and resources for our children. We also hope that as well as providing vital funding to our school we also provide fun events for both the children and their families.

#### **Clothes for a Cause – 9am Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

We earn 40p for every kilogramme we collect so please donate as much as possible to raise money for our school. We need clean unwanted clothes, paired shoes, hand bags and belts (in plastic bags) brought to school by 9am on 4<sup>th</sup> March.

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