# Alexander Hosea Primary School 'Roots to grow, wings to fly'



Honeyborne Way, Wickwar, South Gloucestershire, GL12 8PF Tel: 01454 294239 or 01454 294638

Email: AlexanderHoseaPrimary@sgmail.org.uk www.alexanderhoseaprimary.co.uk Headteacher: Mrs D Williams



#### Newsletter 10, 26th March 2021

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

#### From Mrs Williams.

Thank you so much for everything you have done for your children and our school this term. We really value our home/school partnerships and appreciate the open and supportive two-way communication between home and school. There is a great deal to look forward to in the future, with the stay at home rule ending from 29<sup>th</sup> March and the stay local rule easing on 12<sup>th</sup> April. I know how much your children are looking forward to seeing wider family members really soon, as groups of 6 or two households can get together outside from Monday.

Next week will be a 3 day week (Mon-Weds) for the children, as the staff have an INSET day on 1<sup>st</sup> April. We wish you all a wonderful Easter holiday and hope the sun shines, so that we can get out and about and enjoy our beautiful part of the world. We will see all children back at school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

Mrs Packer is our clubs organiser, please contact Lesley.Packer@sgmail.org.uk

Mrs Hall liaises with external music lesson providers Allison.Hall@sgmail.org.uk



The School Nursing Team are running a 3 week, 1 hour a week course for parents around supporting children's emotional wellbeing.

Bookings opened this week – see email sent on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>.

#### **Extra-Curricular Clubs**

In line with the national journey out of lockdown, we are hoping to be able to offer **outside** clubs from terms 5 & 6. We are in consultation with Progressive Sports and Mudpies to see if the following might be possible. We will keep parents informed.

Years 1 & 2 Multi-skills (Progressive Sports)

Years 3 & 4 Mudpies

Years 5 & 6 Football (Progressive Sports)

#### Safety measures:

- Clubs will be asked to provide their covid risk assessments.
- Club providers will be offered the chance to join the staff lateral flow testing regime.
- Clubs will only take place outside. If the weather is really bad, the session will be cancelled (it would go ahead in rain).
- Clubs will be offered to one bubble at a time:

#### **Music lessons:**

We are also looking into the possibility of offering peripatetic music lessons for children in KS2 from summer/autumn terms.

#### Our Value of the Term is: Inclusion

This term we talk about the importance of being respectful of each other and tolerant of differing world views (linking to British Values). We are fortunate to have kind and considerate children, who enjoy making a positive impact on others through their thoughts, words and actions. We shine a light on this through this value.



#### One Step at a Time Challenge

We have 4 days left of this challenge, so go for it with one last push this weekend.

We have all been really impressed with the amount of miles that each class and staff group have achieved already. Well done everyone.

# Roadmap out of lockdown -

#### What can we look forward to next?

The government have set out their roadmap out of lockdown so that we can have dates in mind for a gradual return to normal. Some of these dates were provisional and depend on infection rates, but there is every reason to be hopeful with the vaccine roll out and falling infection rates.

Here is a summary of the easing of restrictions, which might be helpful. The main document link is below, if you would like to read more.

There is a lot to look forward to in the coming months, as we start to be able to see friends and family again (hopefully with no limits by mid-June).

# Step 1 (b) 29th March - NEXT WEEK

- Outdoor gatherings allowed rule of 6 or two households.
- Outdoor sports facilities reopen for formally organised outdoor sports.
- 'Stay and home' rule ends, but work from home where you can and limit number of journeys.

# Step 2 12<sup>th</sup> April (at the earliest)

- Shops, hairdressers, libraries, gyms etc open.
- Outdoor attractions (eg zoos) reopen.
- Self-contained accommodation (eg holiday lets with own facilities) open.
- Hospitality (pubs, restaurants) able to reopen for outdoor table service for 6 people or 2 households.
- No indoor mixing between households.
- Life events (weddings, receptions, wakes) up to 15 people.

# Step 3 17th May (at the earliest)

- Will be able to see more friends and family (i) up to 30 people outside; (ii) rule of 6 or 2 households inside.
- Indoor entertainment opens hotels, indoor exercise classes, cinemas, children's play areas.
- Life events (weddings, wakes, christenings) up to 30 people.
- Review of social distancing, face coverings etc to inform step 4.

# Step 4 21st June (at earliest)

- Removal of all legal limits on social contact.
- Remaining premises reopen.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-response-spring-2021/covid-19-response-spring-2021-summary



## Easter Egg Sale

Thank you to the Friends of AHS for organising an Easter egg sale for next week. The children will love the chance to choose an Easter gift for someone special in their lives.

# Census 21st March

We have been asked to remind all families to complete the census from 21st March.

#### **National Day of Reflection**

This week we took part in the National Day of Reflection on the anniversary of the first lockdown. We talked about our experiences and feelings about the past year and our hope for the future. The children are really excited about being able to see extended family members (especially grandparents) again soon.



# Friends of AHS

THANK YOU again for your continued support this year. We have been working on our Covid-safe fundraising plans during lockdown and have the following events ready for your diaries!

One Step at a Time Walking Challenge: Please put on your walking boots and join us for this fun team challenge from 15-30 March. For more details see the flyer sent out by email on 10 March.

**Spring Rags2Riches collection:** This has been rebooked for **Monday 26 April** so please rummage through your wardrobes and bring us your unwanted and outgrown clothes to recycle!

COMING SOON: Easter Egg Shop (last week of this term) and Easter Story Trail (1-18 April)!

Don't forget to check our Facebook page and webpage for the latest news!

# WICKWAR EASTER TRAIL

# CRACK OUR EGG CODE!













# CAN YOU FIND THE CLUES AND FILL IN THE BLANKS IN OUR STORY TO COMPLETE OUR EASTER TRAIL?

The Friends of AHS are going to hide a number of eggs around Wickwar over the Easter holiday. Each egg will contain a cluel

Can you complete the story and unscramble our secret words to win an Easter Prize?

Simply add a Story Trail to your basket on our PTA Events page here and checkout as usual. Our Easter Story Trail document will be automatically emailed to you (as an attachment) with your confirmation email.

The Story Trail comes with full instructions on how to crack the clues to complete the trail and claim your prize!

Good Luck!

When you are hunting for the egg clues please LEAVE ALL CLUES IN PLACE and CROSS ROADS SAFELY, looking and listening for traffic.

## **Online safety for Parents**

Here is a YouTube video created by local Cyber Protect officers. They can do an interactive webinar, if parents would find it helpful to enable parents to learn more about online safety. If you think this might be of interest, please let your Parent Council representative know.

https://youtu.be/REAUTp71ATU

Red Nose Day 19 March

The children and staff very much enjoyed dressing in their bright colours for Red Nose Day- we raised £180.25!

Thank you for your donations



Have a wonderful Easter everyone!