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

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back everyone. We hope that you all had an enjoyable half term.

Disco – Thank you so much to our wonderful Friends of AHS for running the recent discos. These were well-attended and the children had a lot of fun!

SARI (Stand Against Racism and Inequality) – Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, the provider has needed to postpone the visit until May.

Catering – Unfortunately, we came back from half term to find a broken fridge. Thank you for bearing with us with the necessary changes to menu this week. The fridge has now been repaired so we are getting back to normal service. The children have enjoyed the special meals from the Catering Team to celebrate Chinese New Year and Pancake Day.

Tennis taster days – The first of the tennis taster days took place this week. They postponed the 2nd date until end of April.

WEAG Good Garden Design competition - We have received some beautiful designs for the competition (see some examples below). WEAG will announce the winner soon.

Kind regards, Mrs Deb Williams - Headteacher

Values

We are delighted to announce our new values for 2024 onwards – see below. These have been created in consultation with children, parents, staff and governors. We shared these with the children on Monday.

At Alexander Hosea, we are proud to...



We have some new visuals coming soon and the website will be updated over time to remove the outgoing ASPIRE values and ELLI and add the new school values.

Each value has been assigned a colour of the rainbow, to help younger children.

Our value for this term is **Be Curious**.

We will talk about this in assembly on Monday and staff will award certificates for the 3 Bees (red, yellow, orange) and being curious (green) as they see children demonstrate these values in action.





Friends of AHS

The Friends is a group of parents and carers who organise activities and events throughout the year to raise funds to support the school. New committee members and helpers are always welcome, so if you would like to get involved please get in touch via FriendsOfAHS@hotmail.com.

Unwanted gifts needed! Our new chair **Faye Mason-Elias** is on the lookout for any unwanted gift items that we could use as raffle prizes at the Summer Fair – please bring any donations to the school office by Friday 22 March. If your business would be able to supply or fund a prize, please get in touch via FriendsOfAHS@hotmail.com.

Event thanks: Thank you for supporting our Donut Sale before the holiday – special thanks to Becki Pittson and her team for running it this year! Thank you for also supporting our Rags to Riches clothing collection that week which raised an amazing **£209** and our Spring Disco which raised **£55!**

Cake sales in terms 4 and 5: Please could **DIAMOND** class run a cake sale for us on or around 27 March this term and could **CRYSTAL** class run a cake sale on or around 2 May – please arrange a date with your class teacher and let us know so we can make you a poster! **Don't forget to check our [Facebook page](#) and [webpage](#) for the latest news!**

2024/2025

Term	Starts	Ends
Term 1	Monday 2 September 2024	Friday 25 October 2024
Term 2	Monday 4 November 2024	Friday 20 December 2024
Term 3	Monday 6 January 2025	Friday 14 February 2025
Term 4	Monday 24 February 2025	Friday 4 April 2025
Term 5	Tuesday 22 April 2025	Friday 23 May 2025
Term 6	Monday 2 June 2025	Tuesday 22 July 2025

Please find above term dates for 2024-25. We will be allocating 5 days as staff INSET days. The first of these will be on Monday 2nd September. Further dates to be confirmed soon.

We do not authorise holiday during term time, so please book holidays during the 13 weeks of school holidays a year. Thank you.

Uniform reminder

We are proud of our school uniform and the sense of team and belonging that it brings. It is important that children wear the uniform correctly and dress smartly for school.

All children are expected to wear the uniform as per the school's uniform policy (in Parent tab on website).

<https://www.alexanderhoseaprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Uniform&pid=28>

Please make sure that footwear is appropriate (including sports trainers on PE days) and socks are plain and only in school colours. Trousers or shorts should be in a plain uniform style and with no other logos or designs.

Nail varnish and jewellery (other than one plain stud in each ear and a simple watch) are not allowed.

£209.00 was raised for the school in our last collection! Thanks for donations



2023/24 DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:
MONDAY 2nd October
THURSDAY 8th February
THURSDAY 13th June

WEAG Good Garden designs

Here are a couple of examples of the entries for the recent competition. Well done to the children who entered their designs.



Parent Council

The next meeting is on 5th March. Please send any feedback to your class rep by 28th February.

Thank you.

Safe scooting and cycling to school

Parent Council raised a concern that some children are riding bikes and scooters with no helmets. We would strongly encourage children to wear a helmet when riding scooters or bikes. Please also talk to your children about how to keep safe when riding.

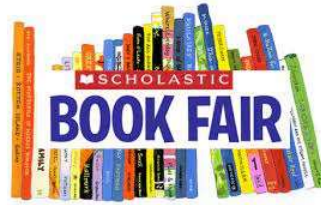
We have now booked scooter training for Year 3 and pedestrian training for Year 5 for the summer term.

Scooter training dates will be provided to Y3 parents, when confirmed with Miss Hurford and Miss Ali. We would appreciate parent helpers to help with the practical sessions. If you are able to help, please contact the teachers.

Y5 pedestrian training will take place on 1st and 2nd May.



Please clearly name all items that children bring to school, so that they can be returned to them if lost. Thank you.



We have booked a Scholastic Book Fair for 30th April to 3rd May. The sale will be open after school each day and classes will have time to have look at the book selection at some point before the sale opens. For each sale, the school will earn commission which can be spent on additional books for classrooms.

We are looking into online payment options and pre-booking to help working parents.

Ms Clark – English Leader

Positive feedback

Recently we took a team to compete in a rugby match and the team were highly commended by adults from the other team for being **resilient** and great **team players**:

'I thought the Alexander Hosea pupils I had on the pitch were superb! Their conduct and attitude was fantastic to see, especially .. when they realised some of our team played a lot of rugby.'

Their progress throughout the match was obvious to see and they always listened to any tips! A credit to the school.'

Congratulations to the whole team – well done!

World Book Day.

It is that time of year again when World Book Day is fast approaching. I do not doubt that you are already considering costumes for the big event.

The good news is that there is no specific theme for our dressing up this year. The children can pick their favourite character and dress up as them.

In addition to this, World Book Day has also linked up with Jigsaw. We will be looking at the different and unusual places children enjoy reading. Feel free to send a photo of your child in one of their favourite reading places as we are hoping to create a display collage of all the photos.

Please do not feel pressured to spend lots of money on buying a costume, there are many home-made costume ideas online.

<https://www.busythings.co.uk/blog/easy-world-book-day-costume-ideas/>

<https://www.mumsnet.com/articles/world-book-day-costume-ideas>



RED NOSE DAY

FRIDAY 15TH MARCH

Children are invited to wear something red for £1 donation to comic relief.

They may like to also prepare a joke to share with their friends and the lunchtime staff.

Red Noses can be brought in from home on the day, but please make sure these are clearly named. They will be discouraged from sharing these with others for hygiene reasons.

Dates for your diary:

Week 2 (26 Feb to 1st March)

26th Feb – [Be Curious](#) assembly

28th Feb – deadline for feedback to Parent Council reps

29th February – Forest Green Rovers sessions and girls' football club

29th Feb – Chinese assistant session Y5

1st March – secondary school admissions offers

1st March – netball at St John's Mead

Week 3 (4-8th March)

Mon-Fri – Y3 swimming lessons

5th March – Parent Council meeting

7th March – World Book Day – children can dress as book character for £1

8th March – Big football session

Week 4 (11th-15th March)

Neurodiversity week

Mon-Fri – Y5/6 top up swimming (invited children)

11th March – netball tournament at SGS

13th March – Y6 heart dissection with KLB

15th March – Red Nose Day – children can wear red for £1

Week 5 (18th-22nd March)

20th-22nd – Y5 at Kilve Court residential

20th March – Y6 Stemworks visitors

25th March – Y6 Hobbs House Bakery visitors

25th March – Cup Awards assembly

25th March – end of project VE day

26th March – South Glos Parent and carers coffee morning

26th March – Y5 jsax performance to parents pm

26th March – Y2 recorder performance to parents pm

26th & 27th March – Parents' evening

27th March – Y4 ukulele performance to parents pm

28th March – INSET for staff – school closed to children

Easter Break

Email communication

We are finding that some absence messages are being sent to the teacher rather than the school office. This may mean that they are not seen before the start of the school day. Please contact the school office (see contact details at the top of this newsletter) by 9:15am about any absences, so that they can update the registers.

As you would expect, teachers prioritise teaching your children during the school day and will not be able to respond to emails during lesson time.

Staff will endeavour to respond to emails within 3 working days, wherever possible.

To support staff wellbeing and manage workload, staff are not expected to check emails during evenings and weekends.

Please see teachers' weekly newsletters for more information about class-specific events and activities.

Diary dates will be emailed to parents for the coming week on alternate weeks.