

Alexander Hosea Primary School

'Roots to grow, wings to fly'

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

Dear Parents/Carers

We have been beavering away in school for the past fortnight and the children are already starting to think about Christmas. Rev Russell hosted an online assembly about Advent earlier in the week and the children have started to practice their songs for the Christmas Celebration on 10th December.

On the 10th December, we will start with Year 1 and finish with Year 6. The music performances by Y1, Y2 and Y6 with Mrs Davey (Integra Music Service) will happen when the class has finished their song. We are anticipating that the whole event will take about an hour. Parents will be able to come on site at drop off and we will start as soon as registers have been completed. We hope that you will be able to join us.

Last week was national anti-bullying week and we took part in activities linked to this. We ended the week with an odd socks day for Children in Need. This raised £149.79 for this charity. Thank you.

Please can all children bring a warm coat to school (and hat and gloves on cold days). They spend at least an hour outside during the school day and some children are complaining that they are cold when they are not appropriately dressed. Please make sure that all clothing is clearly named.

Parking reminder

Please do not park in the drop off zone at the front of the school. This is for quickly pulling in and allowing your child to alight. Cars should then leave to keep the traffic flowing.

Staffing Update

Mrs Wigginton (Ruby Class) has taken the decision to take a break from teaching and will be leaving us at Christmas. She plans to come back in a supply teacher role in the future. She will be missed by children and staff alike.

We have now appointed two new teachers for January 2022.

Miss Chloe Williams will be the new Ruby Class teacher.

Miss Alice Dent will be the new Diamond Class teacher.

Platinum Jubilee Medals

Please return your order and pay monies due by Thursday 16th December (extended deadline).

Christmas dinner for children

Tuesday 14th December





Friends of AHS

Our new committee is hard at work organising our Christmas events. If you would like to get involved please email: FriendsOfAHS@hotmail.com or sign up to help us at the Christmas Fair at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0b4dada72ea5f94-enchanted>

Christmas Fair: Will be at the school on **Friday 3 December from 4-7pm**. Come and visit Santa in his grotto, enjoy our snowglobe bouncy castle and browse our selection of craft and game stalls! Plus this year we are doing class photos in the snowglobe: order your copy by Friday 10 December.

Christmas Gift Shop: Our popular children's gift shop is back for 2021! Buy vouchers for £3 per gift **by Friday 3 December**. Go to our PTA Events page [here](#) for full details and to order vouchers!

Christmas Disco: Wear your sparkliest outfit for our disco on **Tuesday 14 December** from 4.45-5.45pm for Infants and 6-7pm for Juniors. Entry is £2 and includes a drink and a treat!

Don't forget to check our [Facebook page](#) and [webpage](#) for the latest news!

Christmas FAIR

CAKE DONATIONS WANTED!

Please help us by donating cakes to sell at our fair on 3rd December

Homemade or shop bought, we don't mind. Just remember no nuts of any kind!

Thank you From the Friends!

Please bring to school on Thursday 2nd or Friday morning

Friends of Alexander Hosea

CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOP

It's back for 2021!

HOW IT WORKS:

1. Parents/carers purchase a voucher for their child at a cost of £3
2. A gift credit will be issued to the child for each voucher purchased
3. The child will be able to choose a wrapped item from our gift selection – they will know what they have chosen, but it will be a surprise for you!
4. Their chosen item will be put aside by a team of elves ready for the child to bring home from school and place under the Christmas tree!

Order by **3 DEC** Children can treat their loved ones while raising funds for their school!

BUY ONLINE: visit <http://pta-events.co.uk/friendsfahs>

Registered charity no: 1025562

CHRISTMAS DISCO

TUESDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2021

ENTRY £2 • INC DRINK & TREAT

INFANTS 4:45-5:45 • JUNIORS 6:00-7:00

The Friends of Alexander Hosea Present

Christmas Fair

Friday 3 Dec 4-7pm

• Have fun and raise funds for our school! •

A Free Event For The Entire Family To Enjoy!

Meet Father Christmas!

Enjoy our BBQ, bar and hot drinks!

Visit our craft and class gift shops!

Win prizes on our game stalls!

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Christmas

At Alexander Hosea Primary School

Friday 26 November
Non-uniform day (Chocolate donation)

Wednesday 1 December
100 Club Christmas Draw

Friday 3 December
Snowglobe photos (Christmas jumpers!)
Christmas Fair 4-7pm (Cake donation)
Closing date for Christmas Gift Shop
Closing date for Wickwar Cookbook

Friday 10 December
Christmas Coffee morning from 9.10am (Christmas jumpers again! Cake donation)
Closing date for Snowglobe Photo orders

Monday 13 December
Big PTA Christmas Raffle draws

Tuesday 14 December
Discos (Infants 4.45-5.45, Juniors 6-7pm)

Thursday 16 December
Christmas Jumper Day

Visits for prospective Reception children 2022

We are hosting weekly visits to show around prospective parents for Reception in September 2022. If you or someone you know would like to book a visit, please contact the school office 01454 294239. We are very proud of our school and our fantastic children and look forward to showing prospective parents what is on offer at Alexander Hosea.

Primary schools admissions

If your child was born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018, you must apply for them to start primary school in September 2022. This is a very important decision and it is important that you read the [South Gloucestershire Primary school admission guide](#) before you apply. Applications for primary school admission must be submitted no later than **15 January 2022**.

Christmas Events

We are preparing for our Christmas events, as the festive season will be upon us before we know it! There are lots of things planned for the children (and their parents) to enjoy.

Friday 3rd December 2021 (4-7pm) The Friends' Christmas Fair, with a special visit from Father Christmas. They are working hard behind the scenes to make this a great success. If you would like to get involved, please contact the Friends via FriendsofAHS@hotmail.com.

Mon 13th Dec at 6pm and Tues 14th Dec at 2pm We have provisionally booked two dates for Y5/6 service at Holy Trinity Church for (restrictions permitting). Tickets will be limited for each performance.

Reception will be doing a short (probably outdoor) performance for parents (Mrs Windmill will let parents know about this closer to the time).

Friday 10th Dec at 9:10am We would like to invite parents of children in Years 1-6 to a singing performance. This will take place in the main playground and we are hoping that the Friends will be selling hot drinks and cakes for parents. Please bring your own chair and dress warmly. In the event of rain, we will reschedule to the final week of term.

Friday 3rd, Friday 10th and the last day of term Thursday 16th Dec The children can wear their Christmas jumpers to school on for £1 (payable in cash). Monies will go towards the school fund. If you have a spare adult or child's Christmas jumper that you would like to donate to help another family, please add to the uniform rail in the front lobby.

w/c 13th Dec Class Christmas parties will be happening in the last week of term (Teachers will let parents know their dates for these)

Tues 14th Dec Friends' Christmas disco on after school.

Christmas tree donation

Each year we have two large good quality Christmas trees to put in the school hall and near the library. At the end of term (16th December), they are available for a charity/individual to collect. There is no cost to this, as we would rather see them going to a new home than thrown away even before Christmas has happened.

Please contact Lisa.Barnes@sgmail.org.uk if you know of someone who could offer a tree a home for the festive period.





Parentkind



Bring a little sparkle and festive cheer this year!

WIN UP TO £5,000

£3 ticket enters you in all 12 draws

- * Help raise funds for our playground refurbishment
- * Tickets cost just £3
- * 12 chances to win up to £5,000
- * PLUS! A special prize draw worth £2,500 for all PTAs selling 120 tickets or more!

To buy tickets, visit: bigptaraffle.co.uk
and search for: Alexander Hosea Primary School

Don't delay – buy your tickets today!

It is illegal for anyone under 16 years of age to purchase or sell raffle tickets. Anyone under 16 years of age who buys a ticket for the Big PTA Christmas Raffle will immediately forfeit the right to any prize. Closing date 13th Dec 2021. A raffle is a form of gambling. If you, or someone you know, needs information and/or help with a problem gambling, please call GamCare on 0845 6000 133 or visit www.gamcare.org.uk



WOOSC is governed by a group of volunteers, without whom we cannot run. **To keep WOOSC open and running, we are seeking to replace two of our core roles on the committee; Chair, and Treasurer.**

The role of the **Chair** is to provide support primarily to the Day Manager, the Business Manager, and Bookkeeper to enable them to undertake the day to day running of WOOSC.

Responsibilities include:

- Budget and spending approval
- Ofsted main contact point
- Supporting liaison with school, community centre, and other 3rd parties to ensure smooth running of WOOSC
- Approval of procedures and policies
- Support staff management including pay and performance reviews

The role of the **Treasurer** is to provide support primarily to the Bookkeeper to ensure club finances are being appropriately managed. Responsibilities include:

- Quarterly account review with Bookkeeper
- Annual finance report for AGM
- Signatory and access to WOOSC accounts
- Ad hoc review and audit of expenditure

If you would be interested in undertaking either of these roles, or would like more information, please contact woosc@hotmail.co.uk

For the Chair role, WOOSC would consider a role share between a Chair and Co-Chair.

If the roles are unable to be filled, WOOSC would unfortunately no longer be able to operate as these roles are core to the constitution, running, and governance of the club.

Uniform reminder

All children are expected to wear the full school uniform (including school PE kit on PE days), so that they can show they are proud to belong to Alexander Hosea and that they are ready to learn.

Toast service

Toast can be ordered each morning for breaktime in Y1 to Y6. A slice of toast costs 10p payable in cash (exact change please).

School Dinner payments

Please could all outstanding payments for school meals be settled by Friday 3rd December via Pay 360. Thank you.

Attendance

We have very good attendance at Alexander Hosea and we know that almost all children are punctual and attend school well.

It is very important for all children to be in school on time every day. This gives them the best opportunity to build strong routines; access the full curriculum offer (including focused pre-learning and interventions as needed) and have their social and emotional needs met.

Children are expected to arrive by 8:59am (the gate closes at 9am) and must be collected promptly at 3:30pm.