

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>

From the Headteacher...

We hope that everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable half term. It already seems like a distant memory!

Celebrations and latest news

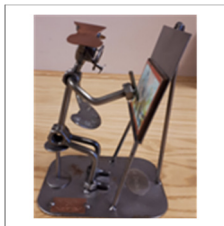
- We have signed up for the Terracycle crisp packet recycling scheme. The empty crisp packet box is in the school entrance. For more information <https://www.terracycle.com/>. For each 2kg of packets collected, the school will receive £2.
- Sports Day took place at the end of last term. We were really lucky with the weather and the children all conducted themselves beautifully. We are really proud of the way in which the children pushed themselves and supported each other. There were many examples of ruby powers on display. Thank you so much to the children, parents, staff and Friends of AHS for making the event a memorable and happy experience for the children.
- Y6 spent the week at Morfa Bay. We were really proud of their excellent attitude to support each other in overcoming new challenges and trying their best. Thank you to Mrs Brooks, Mrs Shrewsbury and Mrs Gee for looking after the children so well and helping everyone to have faith in themselves to try something new.
- Yesterday, Reception visited Over Farm. They had a wonderful day out rolling in the long grass, riding on a tractor and petting the animals. They had a lovely time and it supported the learning they have been doing in class.
- Thank you to Mrs Gregory and Mrs Hathaway, our green-fingered helpers in school, who have run a gardening club for Y4. The vegetable patches are bursting into life and we will soon have a harvest of a variety of fruit and vegetables. Upkeep of this area does take time and they would welcome other volunteers with an interest in gardening to assist them. Contact them through the Friends of AHS Facebook page.

INSET dates: INSET 5 – **Monday 8th July 2019**. Our INSET dates for next year will be **Monday 2nd September 2019, Friday 20th December 2019, Monday 6th January 2020, Friday 3rd April 2020 and Friday 3rd July 2020**.

What's coming up soon?

- New Reception parents' meeting 12th June 5-6pm.
- 'Shuffle Up' week 1st -4th July. During the week, the children will spend the first session of each day with their new teacher for September, in their new classroom. This is part of our transition arrangements.
- INSET Monday 8th July – transition meetings for handing up assessment, learning, SEN and pastoral information to the next teacher.
- Annual school reports go home to parents on Friday 12th July
- Wickwar Games, 13th July. Including FoAHS Fun Run. We hope to see you there.
- Disco Tuesday 16th July.
- Y6 end of year performance Monday 15th July
- Prince William Award graduation for Y4 pupils Friday 19th July.
- End of school year Tuesday 23rd July

Please check the school calendar on the website for more information (link at top of page).



Creativity Award

To celebrate excellence in creativity, we award a termly trophy. Children who earn this show creativity in a range of ways (eg through art, story writing and thinking around the project in creative ways). So far this year the following children have been awarded this trophy:

This term's winner is: Jasmine (Y6)

Chipping Sodbury Secondary School Yr 5 Open days

From 13 May until 14 June, between 9.10am and 10.10am, parents/carers can book an appointment in advance to attend open morning. Please ring school on 01454 862900 leaving child's name and school.



Hayden Music Award

Each term we reward a child for outstanding contribution to music. To earn this, the child should have an excellent attitude to music and show commitment to learning a musical instrument.

This term's winner is : Zack (Y1)

School Meal Price increase for KS2 from 2 September

Integra Catering who supply our school meals have informed us that school lunches for KS2 pupils will be increasing from September. The cost of a pupil meal will now be £2.30 per day, £11.50 per week. Toast will remain the same at 10p however fruit tuck is increasing to 25p per day.



Supersonic Citizen Award

Each teacher nominates a child from their class for the 'Supersonic' award each term. To be nominated the child must have exemplary behaviour at all times (4 Bs: be responsible, be respectful, be safe and be kind) and apply themselves consistently well in their learning.

All nominees have received a 'Supersonic' certificate and an enamel 'Citizen Award' badge. In each phase (infants and juniors) the staff have chosen a worthy winner of the Citizenship Cup to take home for the term.

This Term's winners are:

Infants – Ralph (Y1) and Juniors – Rosie (Y5)

Parking Reminder

Parent Council have asked for a reminder in the newsletter about parking. Please only use the drop off area to drop off children, who can walk in to school on their own (Y5/6). Cars should not be left unattended in this area, as it can cause hold ups for other families, who wish to drop off, and interrupt the flow of cars to and from the site.

Also no cars should be parked on the white lines as it can cause difficulties with visibility for pedestrians and other drivers. Thank you for parking considerately.



We would love to have our few pots (near the school entrance) weeded and topped up with new flowers.

If you have any flowering plant offcuts and an hour to spare, please let us know.



Friends of AHS

10th June – Clothes for a Cause

19th June – Summer Arts Project: Tea Towels

13th July – Wickwar Games: 1K and 5K Fun Runs

16th July – AHS Summer Discos (Infants 4:45-5:45, Juniors 6-7pm)

100 Club June Draw

Congratulations to the winners of our 100 Club June Draw: Vicky Dummer, Nicola Tansill, and Keith Clausen. If you would like a chance a win in our next draw, check out our website for more details.

Clothes for a Cause

We need clean wearable clothes, paired shoes, hand bags, belts and cuddly toys (in any plastic bag) brought to school by 9am Monday. No clothing with school logos or bedding/blankets, thank you.

Summer Arts Project: Tea Towels

The children are creating self-portraits which will be used to produce a tea towel featuring the whole school. They make great gifts and keepsakes! The tea towels are £4 each or 3 for £10.50, and available to order online at pta-events.co.uk/FriendsOfAHS or via paper order form.

Wickwar Games: 1K and 5K Fun Runs

Entry forms for our Fun Run can be found on the school website (Parents section) and you can save 10% by registering online by 6th July! **HELPERS NEEDED!** If you can help on the day, please let us know. We cannot run this event without your help!

Sports Day Refreshments

Thank you to everyone who donated cake, bought refreshments or helped us on the day. It was much appreciated and raised a fantastic £532 for our school. Also, Congratulations again to the winners of the Pot of Gold: The Winter-Alsops!

Quiz Night

Thank you to everyone who supported our Quiz Night and Congratulations again to the winners: Wickwar Assemble! We are very pleased to announce that we raised £440 for our school. Thank you!!

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We always have a very good engagement with the Library Summer Reading Challenge at Alexander Hosea Primary, so we know that children will be keen to find out about the challenge for 2019 – see above.

The children should keep their reading certificates as they will be able to use this challenge to add to their Childrens' University Passport from September – more information to follow soon. If you would like to start having a look at this, please follow the link:

<https://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk/>



Any brand of crisp packets

Thank you for your used crisp packets, we will soon be able to post the first batch to Terracycle. Keep them coming!

Governor Update – June 2019

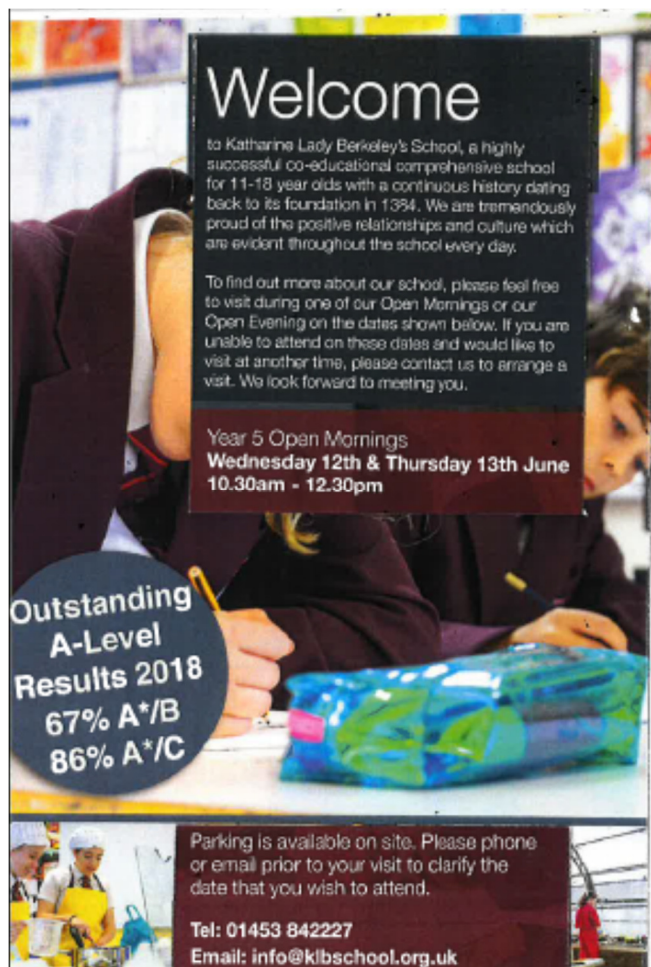
As usual we had a full agenda for our Full Governing Body meeting on 16th May, including agreeing the school budget for the next financial year. As I am sure you are aware, budgets are very tight and the school is working hard to ensure best value for money and making savings where possible whilst ensuring that the quality of teaching and learning remains as high as ever. To help us achieve that we are grateful for the support of parents by attending and contributing to the events organised by the Friends of AHS.

We talked about different aspects of safeguarding including how the building is being maintained with a planned programme of improvements to ensure that it remains safe place for all staff and children.

Mrs Williams shared with us news about the very good levels of attendance of all children, the progress that the children are making and how the teachers ensure that information is shared with the next class teacher to allow for a smooth transition to the next year group.

By now you will all have received our request for nominations to become a parent governor. We hope that you will take time to consider this. Everyone has skills and knowledge that can support the governing body and therefore support the school in maintaining the high standard of education that your children enjoy. There are 5 full governing body meetings during the academic year along with 5 meetings for each of the three committees. The committees are: Teaching and Learning; Staffing and Finance and Premises and Welfare. Governors generally only belong to a single committee. We look forward to receiving your nominations. If you would like to know more about being a governor, please contact me through the school office.

Kind regards, Celia Rogers (Chair of Governors)



Welcome

to Katharine Lady Berkeley's School, a highly successful co-educational comprehensive school for 11-18 year olds with a continuous history dating back to its foundation in 1384. We are tremendously proud of the positive relationships and culture which are evident throughout the school every day.

To find out more about our school, please feel free to visit during one of our Open Mornings or our Open Evening on the dates shown below. If you are unable to attend on these dates and would like to visit at another time, please contact us to arrange a visit. We look forward to meeting you.

Year 5 Open Mornings
Wednesday 12th & Thursday 13th June
10.30am - 12.30pm

Outstanding A-Level Results 2018
67% A*/B
86% A*/C

Parking is available on site. Please phone or email prior to your visit to clarify the date that you wish to attend.

Tel: 01453 842227
Email: info@klbschool.org.uk

Class Allocations

We are very pleased to be full in September for Reception. We look forward to meeting all our new families alongside current parents with younger siblings at our new parents meeting on Weds 12th June 5-6pm.

We are now in the process of finalising staff allocations to classes for September and we will communicate this to parents in the coming days.

Following last years' successful 'Shuffle Up' week, we will do this again this year. This means that all children will have the chance to spend time in their new classrooms with their new teacher(s)