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



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#### Newsletter 9, 21st January 2022

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

#### Dear Parents/Carers

What a busy fortnight! As you will be aware, like a great many local schools we have been in the midst of a covid outbreak. We would like to thank all our parents for their ongoing support and to all staff for their flexibility and commitment to sustain high quality provision for children both face-to-face and remotely. Despite the ever-changing situation, the children have continued to be committed and conducted themselves very well. We are proud of them all.

Attendance at school remains mandatory – all children are expected to be in everyday, unless they have covid or are feeling unwell. We set remote learning for all children who are absent due to a positive covid result, as long as they are feeling well enough. The vast majority of children with covid at our school have reported very mild symptoms (mostly headache, temperature, upset tummy and cold-like symptoms), but the standard main 3 symptoms remain in place: temperature 37.5 or above; new, persistent cough and loss of taste/smell. Close contacts of positive cases (aged 5 and above) should do a daily lateral flow test in the morning before coming to school each day.

On a lighter note, we have appointed a new School Business Manager – Mr Ian Swann. Mr Swann will be joining us mid-February to work alongside Mrs Hall for their handover. Mrs Hall will be moving on at half term. We look forward to welcoming him to the team.

# Could you spare 3hrs a week to make a difference to families in Bristol & South Glos?

We are now recruiting for our 6 week volunteer training course which will run every Tuesday starting 1st March 2022, 9.30-2.30 at the Coniston Community Centre, Patchway. Training courses are run throughout the year.

Contact us today to find out more.

homestartbristol.org.uk 0117 9501170

Charity no. 1116207 Unit 11, Greenway Business Centre, Doncaster Road, BRISTO Coniston Community Centre Patchway BS34 5LP Date 01/03/22-05/04/22 Time 9.30-2.30

## NSPCC Number Day – 4<sup>th</sup> February

We will be taking part in the NSPCC Number Day on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February. Miss Edgar and Mrs Grainger will be organising some fun activities for the children.

The children are invited to wear non-uniform, including an item of clothing with numbers on it, for the day in exchange for a donation of £1 to NSPCC. We will arrange for buckets to be positioned at the front of the school at drop off for collection money.

## Lego Robotics competition 21st January

Our very enthusiastic Robotics Team took part in their first Lego League Competition today. They worked very well as a team and each player participated brilliantly.

The robot worked really well on the day and the judges were very impressed with the team's first contribution. We are able to keep the robot now so that further children can learn how to use it and we look forward to entering the competition again next year.

The team earned a well-deserved 'Motivate Prize' for excellent enthusiasm and teamwork. The whole team represented the school very well and enjoyed themselves.

Our thanks go to the children (who were amazing) and their coaches – Mr Leighton and Mr Winter-Alsop. Mr Leighton also kindly made us a competition table, so that we have the set up for future years too. Thank you.

We will be looking for a new team of Y4 children to join our Y5 team later in the year.



## Friends of AHS

The Friends would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to Sarah Gregory, who has stepped down from the committee after 7+ years! Thank you for all your hard work Sarah, you have been amazing!

Coming soon: Are you stuck for Valentine's Day ideas? Why not buy a box of 12 Original Glazed Krispy Kreme donuts to share with your loved ones? Pre-order your box from **Friday 28 January** at our <u>PTA Events page</u> and collect your delicious donuts after school on **Friday 11 February**!

**Seed swap:** On **Saturday 5 March** from 10am to 12 noon we will be running a Seed Swap to raise funds for the school vegetable garden – bring your spare flower or veg seeds to the Wickwar Town Hall to swap with other gardeners. Refreshments and children's sowing activities will be available!

**100 Club:** You can still join our **100 Club** – we hold draws every three months, with three winners selected at each draw. The more players we have, the bigger the cash prizes! The next draw will be on 1 March. It's easy to sign up – to find out more visit our webpage.

## Fish Tank

We have a large fish tank that is seeking a new home. If you would like more information, please contact the school office.



## Safer Internet Day - Tuesday 8th February

It is annual Safer Internet Day on 8<sup>th</sup> February with the theme 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'.

There is helpful information for parents and carers at

https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2022/advice-for-parents-and-carers

## New playground markings

Thanks to our wonderful Student Council, Mrs Barnes (General Assistant) and Mrs Rehman (PE Leader), we have some fantastic new playground markings for the children to enjoy.



## Parking reminder

Please do not park in the drop off zone at the front of the school.

On Friday, we also saw cars blocking the roundabout and parking across the staff car park. Please do not park across the entrance and help to keep the traffic flowing.