

Alexander Hosea Primary School

'Roots to grow, wings to fly'

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

From the Headteacher...

Welcome back! We hope that everyone has had an enjoyable and relaxing summer. The children have returned to school with a positive attitude and the teachers have enjoyed starting getting to know their new classes.

What else has happened over the past fortnight?

- New reception families have met with the class teacher for home visits. We are looking forward to getting to know our new children when they start school on Monday.
- Mrs Wigginton has joined us as our new teacher to teach Crystal Class. She has received a warm welcome from everyone and will be a great addition to the team.
- Y4 enjoyed their wow day to launch their new project. It was lovely to see them dressed as forest animals around school.
- We have had 6 weeks of roofing work done to improve some of the areas around the velux windows and where roofs meet at differing angles. This should keep us water-tight for years to come.
- All of our original water pipes have been replaced across the school and community centre this summer. This will eliminate the pin prick leaks that were beginning to be evident in parts of the school.
- Crystal and Diamond Classes had new carpets fitted and were redecorated. They are looking lovely.
- Both of our infant boilers have been replaced, so that the system can run more efficiently.
- The clubs list has been finalised and most clubs will start over the next week or two.

Next INSET day reminder: The school is closed to children on **Friday 26th October**.



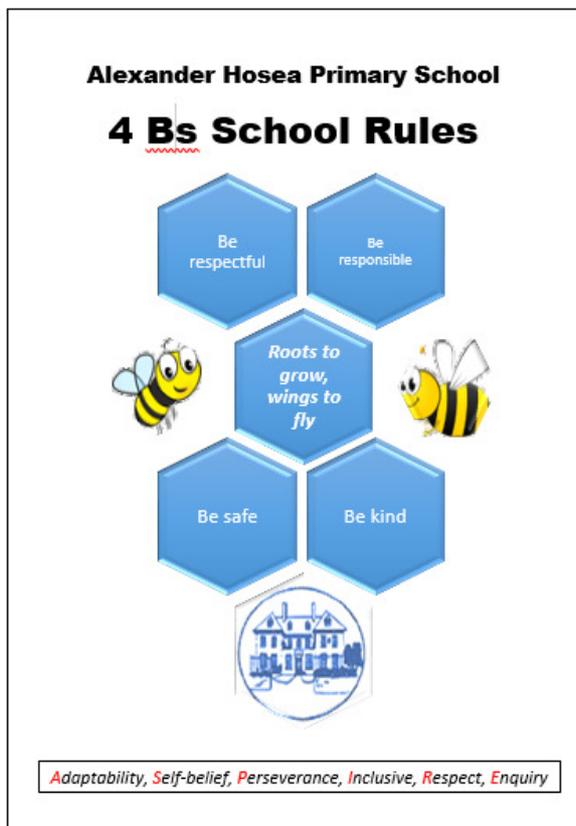
We hope to see everyone at the Wickwar Village Fair (previously known as the Wickwar Craft and Produce Fair).

Mrs Werreitt, Mrs Andrews and Friends have been working tirelessly throughout the holidays to make this community event a success. We are very pleased to be able to provide the venue for what proves to be a lovely community event.

There will be many local community groups hosting stalls as well as the craft and produce competitions. Please bring your competition entries to the school from 9am tomorrow. Good luck!

School Rules and update to Behaviour Policy

For the start of the year, we have refreshed the school rules to make them clearer for the children. We have replaced the previous list of 18 to a slim line 4, which will be known as the 4 Bs: be respectful, be responsible, be safe, be kind.



The children have been talking in their new classes this week about what these look like in practice and how they can follow these expectations.

We are in the process of updating our current Behaviour Policy (which will include these rules). As part of this, we have trimmed down the behaviour ladder, which is displayed in the classroom, so that it now shows: soaring high; soaring; good to be green; pink for think and level 1 sanction. The remaining sanction levels are rarely used, but will remain in the policy in case needed.

The arrangements for supersonic will be more formalised so that there is an equal amount of children who receive it per class, per term. At the end of each term (6 per year), teachers will choose one child per class to receive supersonic and from these a citizen of the term will be chosen to receive the Citizenship Cup (previously annual award) for their phase (Infants/Juniors). This means that more children can receive recognition for their exemplary behaviour per year.

We are proud of the excellent behaviour of children at our school and hope that these tweaks will help all children to be clear about what is expected in class, around school and in the playground.

Winter Menu

The proposed winter menu has been looked at by Mrs Williams and the catering team. As we find the uptake for roast days is fairly similar for other days, we have decided to opt for the 1 roast menu for the winter, to give children more choice. The menu choices for non-roast days look child-friendly and match our observations about the meals that the children enjoy.

The final draft of the menu should be published by the end of this term. When we receive it, we will email it to parents/carers.

Meal prices

Infants (Ruby, Topaz, Emerald and Jet) - FREE

Juniors (Y3-6) - £2.20

Adults - £2.90

Payments should be made in advance using Sims Agora online payment system.

Medicines Reminder

Please make sure that if your child needs to bring medicines or creams into school, they are brought directly to office and not kept in book bags/bags. All medicines should be prescribed and in original packaging with pharmacy label.

The Potters shield has arrived!

The final stunning addition to our house shields has arrived and they have all been erected in the school hall. We are very grateful to Mrs Hathaway for her impressive art work and the time and effort she has given to preparing these shields, which we are sure the children will value for years to come.





South Glos Music Hub are hosting a 'Hands On' event where students will be able to try out all the instruments that we teach. The event will take place at:

4-6pm - Wednesday 12th September 2018

Little Stoke Primary School

Register at <https://southglosmusicub.eventbrite.co.uk>

or on Facebook @southglosmusicub

This is a fantastic way to inspire your child to start instrumental lessons and join a band or orchestra. South Glos Music Hub offer lessons on the following instruments, and you can try them all!

STRINGS: Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass

WOODWIND: Flute, Recorder, Clarinet, Oboe, Bassoon, Saxophone,

BRASS: Cornet, Trumpet, Trombone, Tenor Horn, French Horn, Tuba

Guitar (Classical and Electric), Bass Guitar, Piano, Voice, Drum Kit, Percussion

Please fill out the online registration form so we know you are coming. The link is on our Facebook page @southglosmusicub – please like our page to see all the different events our musicians take part in!

Meet the Teacher

The Teachers would like to invite you to come in for a Meet the Teacher meeting (about 30 mins). These sessions give parents and teachers the chance to get to know each other and share the expectations and specific pertinent information about the particular year group your child is now in. Please meet in your child's classroom.

Emerald and Jet (Y1&2)

Thursday 13th September at 3:30pm

Crystal and Diamond (Y3&4)

Tuesday 18th September at 3:30pm

Pearl and Amethyst (Y5&6)

Monday 17th September at 3:30pm

Student Council

We are looking for our new class representatives for Student Council. If your child is interested in putting themselves forward for the role, they may wish to prepare a short pitch to present to their class.

House Captains and Vice Captains

The children in Y6 have an opportunity to nominate themselves for the role of house captain. On Tuesday 11th, we will host our house meetings, where the Y6 can put themselves forward for the role. The children in their house then vote for their captains. Captains and V. Captains will be announced later in the week.

We need you!

We are looking for a group of willing parents/carers/grandparents to become our Helpers in School this year. If you can spare a few hours each week/every now and then, please come along to an information session on **11th September 9-9:30pm or 13th September 3-3:30pm** to find out more. All Helpers in School are required to have a police check (DBS) to show that they are safe to work with children.

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