

# Alexander Hosea Primary School

## 'Roots to grow, wings to fly'

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

From the Headteacher...

We have had a lovely fortnight since the last newsletter and the children have been very busy!

#### Celebrations and latest news

- What a wonderful day we all had at Berkeley Castle! It was such a pleasure to see the children's excitement and enjoyment throughout the day. They really did enjoy every minute. Thank you so much to the Friends of AHS for funding the trip. I am sure the children will tell you about the fun they had! During the day the children had a guided tour of the castle (and sought out their dragon models), played in the woodland and lawn areas, dressed up as dragons, knights and princesses and made their own crown. The teachers have captured some of the moments in their class newsletters this week, so please do have a look. Throughout the day the school staff and castle staff all commented on the excellent behaviour of the children. They were commended for their enthusiasm, keenness to learn during the guided tours as well as the respect they showed the castle and grounds. We are really proud of all the children for representing our school so well. It is this good conduct that makes whole school trips a viable option for the school, so that we can provide significant and memorable experiences for every child. We are looking forward to the next one in the new academic year!
- All children were given a 10% voucher to use if their families wish to go to Berkeley Castle again this year. <https://www.berkeley-castle.com/>. Our 21 dragon models are part of the dragon events that are going on at the castle over Easter. The dragons that are on display will be collected at the end of April and returned to the children. If you would like any additional vouchers for extended family members, please pop into the school office.
- **Red Nose Day (15<sup>th</sup> March)** children wore a red top with the rest of their uniform in exchange for £1 for Comic Relief <https://www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday>. It was interesting to note that many families preferred not to buy the plastic red noses this year, as they had concerns about single use plastic.
- Library visitor performed part of 'I Wish I was a Mountain' in assembly – see last page.

INSET dates: INSET 4 – **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019** and INSET 5 – **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019**. We have not yet confirmed all of our INSET dates for next year, but there will be an INSET on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019**.

#### What's coming up soon?

**Parents' evening 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> March (4-6:30pm)**. The arrangements for parents' evening will be the same as in the autumn term, so Topaz & Ruby in own classrooms; Emerald & Jet in Forest Room; Crystal & Diamond in Library and Amethyst & Pearl in Opal Room.

**NEW!** There will be a drop in crèche for pupils of Alexander Hosea in the Blue Room throughout the evenings (4-6:30pm) with Mrs Joyner.

- Y5 will be going to **Kilve Court** for their residential 3<sup>rd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> April. There is much excitement building!
- Y6 will present their party political broadcasts (for the parties they have set up themselves as part of the project on parliament) to the rest of the school next week and the children will have the chance to vote on Friday.
- Topaz journal share on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> and Ruby on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April - see class newsletters.
- Sporting event at KLB for a small group of KS2 children.
- End of Term 4 – 5<sup>th</sup> April and INSET day for staff on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Return to school after Easter on 24<sup>th</sup> April.

### World Book Day tokens

<https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>

All children have been given a £1 book token. These can be used at many bookshops – for more information, follow the link above.

Deadline to use them by is **31<sup>st</sup> March 2019**

### Drawing Competition

To connect with our 'Year of the Arts', Bellway Homes would like to invite all children to take part in a drawing competition.

The children can draw/paint a picture of either a construction vehicle or their ideal house (A4 size) at home and bring it in to school for collection on 5<sup>th</sup> April. Please could children record their class and initials on the back of their picture. Bellway will select 3 winners, who will each receive a small prize and will donate £500 towards the school fund.

They are planning to ask a local paper to run an article about the competition, once the winners have been chosen.

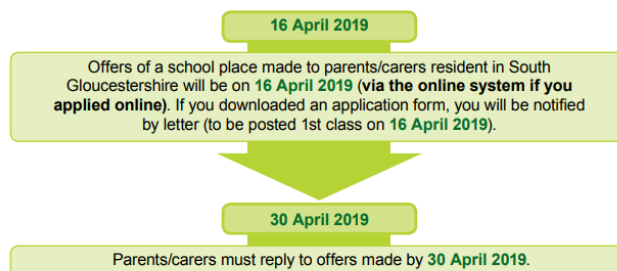
### 'Bank' lunchtime staff required

We are currently looking to expand the number of people we have on our books as 'bank' lunchtime staff (i.e. lunchtime supervisors who are available to come in and cover on an ad hoc basis when our permanent lunchtime supervisors are absent for any reason).

If you would be interested in applying to be a member of 'bank' lunchtime staff, please contact the School Business Manager Allie Hall on (01454) 294239 or [allison.hall@sgmail.org.uk](mailto:allison.hall@sgmail.org.uk)

### Admissions to Primary School in Sept 2019

<http://www.southglos.gov.uk//documents/Admission-to-Primary-Schools-2019-20-FINAL.pdf>



### Business funding channels

If the company you work for has a charity element of their work, which could contribute to an aspect of school life, we would love to hear from you. Please email the contact information to [Allison.Hall@sgmail.org.uk](mailto:Allison.Hall@sgmail.org.uk)

### Toast at morning break

It has come to light that some of the younger children are sharing toast or tuck money provided by their parent. With this in mind, the younger children have been reminded that they should only spend the money they have been given on their own piece of toast and that they should not share toast with anyone else, as their parents will expect them to have eaten it themselves.

Toast costs 10p per day.

## EASTER 2019 HOLIDAY CLUB AT WOOSC

All children aged 4 to 12 years old welcome this Easter \*

includes final year of Pre-school

Monday 8th April - Open all Day

Tuesday 9th April - Open all Day

Wednesday 10th April - Open all Day

Monday 15th April - Open all Day

Tuesday 16th April - Open all Day

Wednesday 17th April - Open all Day

Contact us on 07815 561783 or [woosc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:woosc@hotmail.co.uk) for more information or alternatively sign up in club today!



## Friends of AHS

7<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> March – Reading Challenge  
30<sup>th</sup> April – Children's Popcorn Night  
7<sup>th</sup> May – Friends Committee Meeting  
10<sup>th</sup> May – Quiz Night  
13<sup>th</sup> July – Wickwar Games

### Reading Challenge

There's still time to take part in our Reading Challenge. Children are invited to read or share as many books as they would like until 28<sup>th</sup> March, and they can ask for sponsorship for each page or book they read or share. Sponsorship forms are available from the main entrance noticeboard or can be downloaded from the [school website](#). All the sponsor forms and money need to be returned to school by 3<sup>rd</sup> April. There will be a small gift for everyone who takes part!

### Children's Popcorn Night

All AHS Children are invited to watch "The Greatest Showman" straight after school. Cost will be £2.50 per child which includes popcorn, snacks and drinks. Payment can be made via [pta-events.co.uk/FriendsOfAHS](http://pta-events.co.uk/FriendsOfAHS) or via Sarah Gregory, Jane Daniel or Hannah Murray in the playground after school from next week. If anyone can help us with this event, please let us know.

### Quiz Night

Save the date! Our ever popular Quiz Night is back again on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May! Start getting your team together now (max 6 people) and keep an eye out for more details coming soon.

### Berkeley Castle

We hope all the children enjoyed their trip to Berkeley Castle!

[friendsofahs@hotmail.com](mailto:friendsofahs@hotmail.com) [www.facebook.com/FriendsOfAHS](http://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfAHS)

## GOVERNOR NEWS

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> we held a Governor Day at school. The governors had the privilege of seeing the school at work for the day. We were able to look at the inspiring classroom environments; see the children at work; talk with the children and teachers; have lunch with the children; observe the pupil council and get an increased understanding of how the curriculum is delivered. All the governors were impressed by what they saw. The children were happy in their work, they were friendly and talked confidently about their learning, behaviour expectations (The 4 Bs) and an array of other topics. Governors who attended the pupil council were impressed with the way the children spoke about different issues putting forward their views and ideas effectively and a governor, who was taken on a learning walk looking at Maths could see the continuity and progression throughout the school, from Reception to Y6.

We would like to thank the children and the staff for an informative and enjoyable day.

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A GOVERNOR?

We will soon be sending out the paperwork to recruit a new parent governor. We know that every one of you have skills and knowledge that would make a positive contribution to school. The governing body is an important aspect of school life with 3 core functions which relate to the school's vision, the educational performance and the financial performance.

If you have an interest in education, are enthusiastic and have a little time available for meetings we would love to hear from you.

If you would like to know more about being a governor, one of us will be around during parent's evening next week. Please come and chat.

Best regards,

Mrs Celia Rogers – Chair of Governors

## Family Theatre @ Yate Library

'I Wish I Was a Mountain', Wednesday 17 April, 2:30pm Yate Library

Recommended for adults and children aged 7+

We'll be bringing some of the very best theatre shows for children, young people and families right to your doorstep. To encourage everyone to come and try our new theatre venture out, we are asking you to pay what you want for our first performances. Simply watch the show and, at the end, put a donation in the bucket. Just pay whatever you think the experience deserves. **Pop into the library or visit [www.southglos.gov.uk/childrenslibrary](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/childrenslibrary) to book tickets**

### 'I Wish I Was a Mountain' is our first performance

On the day of the famous annual fair, the town of Faldum receives an unexpected visit. A wanderer offers to grant a wish to anyone who wants one. Before long, the city is transformed. Mansions stand where mud huts once squatted, and beggars ride around in horse drawn carriages. And one man wishes to be turned into a mountain.

Do we really need the things that we need? What do mountains feel? How did time begin? Adults are kindly requested to leave all answers to these questions at the door. Children, come as you are.

Running Time: 45 minutes

Co-produced by the egg and Travelling Light Theatre Company  
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### Jacket potatoes

As jacket potatoes are becoming a popular choice at the moment, some of the older children have been worried that they have not had the chance to choose to have one (as they have all gone before their sitting, on some days). It has been tricky for the catering team to know how many jacket potatoes to put in each day, as different amounts of children want them each day. This means that sometimes there is a lot of waste and sometimes disappointed children.

We are in the process of looking into a meal ordering system (as suggested by the Catering Working Party last year) and South Glos are hoping to be able to roll out a pilot to a few schools in the summer term. Once we have found out how this system might work and how much it will cost, we will make a decision about whether it would suit our school.

In the meantime, the staff have suggested that they ask the children at morning register how many children would like jacket potatoes. This will then give Deb and Antonia helpful information about how many to cook each day.

### Breaktime snacks

For many years, we have had the expectation that children only have toast or fruit at break time. Recently we have noticed some breakfast style bars and malt loaf coming in. Whilst these might be suitable for lunchboxes, please could we ask that only fruit is brought from home as a breaktime snack. Thank you.

