



ALEXANDER HOSEA PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Roots to grow, wings to fly'

12th May 2017

Dear Parents / Carers

BE HEALTHY

Ready, Steady, Go!

PE kit for sporting events

We are using some of our sports premium funding to purchase a new kit for the children to wear when representing the school at local sporting events. This is royal blue with the school logo on the top and shorts and blue socks. The children will look very smart in this and will be easily recognisable. In the meantime, if your child is representing the school at a local sporting event, please can you make sure s/he is wearing their school PE kit.

Swimming – Jet class

This year we have decided to take the older children swimming so that they can achieve their 25 metre badge. This is a more targeted approach, which we will continue with in the immediate future. This means it will be unlikely that the Y2 /Y3 children will swim this year, unless we manage to get most of the Y4, 5 and 6 children swimming 25 metres.

Visit from Rio Paralympian rower, Pamela Relph

It was great to be able to welcome Pamela to Alexander Hosea. She showed the children her gold medals from London and Rio and talked about how she managed to achieve her successes, hopefully inspiring the children to have self-belief and to persevere to make their dreams come true. This reinforced our school values too!

Bristol Together Football tournament

This is well underway and children are benefiting from the experience.

Kilve Court

Y5 children enjoyed their residential to Kilve Court and staff were complimented on the children's behaviour. Thank you to Miss Edgar, Mrs Gee, Mrs McAleese and Ms Joyner for giving up their time to support the children on camp.

Badminton

Some children participated in a badminton taster session, which provided the opportunity to try a new sport.

Archery event

Children were entered into an archery tournament at KLB and found they had some skills they didn't know they had! Thank you to parents for providing transport.

Sports Leaders

The sports leaders have now been trained by Sharron Bates from KLB. They are supporting the children at lunch times and have a new noticeboard in the playground which lets children know who the leaders are and the rules for the games they are teaching them to play. This was funded through our sports premium too. Miss Pursey has also led a couple of assemblies to ensure all the children understand how this works.

Multi-sports event

The KS1 children all went to take part in an event hosted by KLB along with children from about sixteen other schools.

Sports Award assembly

Miss Pursey leads termly sports award assemblies and children are recognised for being the most improved in a sport or the most sporting class. Updates are tweeted and are also included on the Sports newsletters, which are on the website for information about the events held in support of our Ready, Steady, Go year of sport and physical development.

Gymnastics

Lola Sady and Chloe Howe took part in the national schools gymnastic finals last weekend and came 5th in the under 14's category, being the youngest in the competition. Congratulations to them both – what an amazing achievement!

Forthcoming events

Skipping day – 19th May

You will already have received a letter about this. Skipping ropes may be pre-ordered – please refer to the letter for further information and the order form.

School meals

Mrs McNeill has asked me to remind you that school meals should be paid for in advance. If meals are not paid for, your child will need to bring a packed lunch.

Medical / dental appointments

Where possible, please can these be made outside school hours.

Parent safeh meeting – email info

STAY SAFE

Drop off zone

I received a complaint from a parent at the end of last term about parents who park in the drop off zone, which stops the traffic moving. Please remember to use this for dropping off only and not for parking and leaving your vehicle.

Road Safety

Y3 and Y6 children undertook road safety training provided by the Local Authority Road Safety Team, which will hopefully help them stay safe when they are out and about now the weather is getting better and it is staying light for longer.

Safety on the school site

It has been reported that some children are being allowed to ride their bikes and scooters on the playground and pathway near the racks. Please make sure these are not mounted until outside the main school gates so that children and adults remain safe. I will also remind our children about this in an assembly.

Walking to and from school policy change to increase the safety of your children

Thank you for your support with this. As with any change there were a few hitches to start with but it seems that the process is getting quicker and working well.

Please make sure you wait near enough to the exit for you to be actually **matched** with your child. Parents of children in Topaz class are waiting by the new fence so they can collect from the gate, so please could parents of children in Emerald class wait near the blackboard on the wall so it makes the matching easier. Thanks

ENJOY AND ACHIEVE

Economic awareness - Topaz class

At the end of last term, Topaz class got involved in creating plans to improve their outdoor learning environment which included a fence and sandpit. They (with the help of their parents) raised money

through a cake sale to subsidise this. Thank you for supporting them by buying cakes etc. They were very excited on their return to school to see that they had been able to make a difference!

Project WOWs

Jet class went to Lower Woods dressed as fairy tale characters for a picnic lunch and a story to launch their project 'what's the ending?'

Diamond class visited Westonbirt Arboretum to launch their project.

Other classes started their projects with a range of exciting events to motivate the children.

Big Sing

Children from local schools joined Pearl class for a singing opportunity provided by the Local Authority Music Service.

They learned some new songs and then sang to an audience made up of members of Alexander Hosea.

Assessment Update

Y2 and Y6 children are sitting their SATs and have all worked extremely hard to ensure they are well prepared. A special 'thank you' to **all** the staff who have been involved in teaching them, but especially Miss Pursey, Mrs Cleverley and Mrs Brooks and their TAs and also those who supported Y6 during the tests this week.

POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION

Friends

Circus tickets

These are now on sale and are available from Friends or on-line. This is planned to be a big event to bring our 'Ready, Steady, Go' year to a close so please come along. We have also booked a special day during term 5 when a visitor to the school will be teaching the children a range of circus skills to get them in the mood!

Fun run / non-uniform day – 26th May

The children will be involved in a 'fun run' on the last Friday of term (26th May) which the Friends are organising, along with an opportunity to have a breakfast too. We have decided to make this a non-uniform day, so children can come dressed in sports kit for a voluntary contribution of at least £1.

Parent Council

The next Parent Council meeting is scheduled for Friday 19th May – please make sure class reps have any agenda items.

Project outcomes

Many parents / grandparents joined the children for the project outcomes at the end of last term; very positive feedback was received from these. Photographs can be found on the class pages on the website.

Parents' evenings

Thank you for coming along to the parents' evenings at the end of last term. I hope you found the opportunity to talk to class teachers useful and that the interim reports provided helpful information about the attainment of your child and their attendance.

Parent Questionnaire outcomes

Thank you so much for completing the questionnaire which was issued on parents' evenings. The outcomes were extremely positive overall.

	Strongly agree/agree
My child is happy at	97%

this school	
My child feels safe at this school	100%
My child makes good progress at this school	97%
My child is well looked after at this school	99%
My child is taught well at this school	100%
My child receives appropriate homework for their age	87%
This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	94%
This school deals effectively with bullying	54%
This school is well led and managed	94%
This school responds well to any concerns that I raise	84%
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress	97%
Would you recommend this school to another parent?	97%

Parental Support

I would like to thank the parents who spent time at the end of term, during the Easter holidays and at the start of this term helping get the immersive learning environments ready for the children and for undertaking a range of practical tasks to improve the inside and outside areas of the school. Your support and time is very much appreciated and make a big difference to the children.

Easy fundraising – please remember to use this when buying online; it is an easy way to raise money for the school to support your child's learning.

Half term community events:

Yate and District community centre:-

30th May, 10.30 or 1.30pm – Indian Culture workshops

1st June at 2.00pm – Local History Discovery Walk

To book – ring 01454 862200 or contact at yate.heritage@southglos.gov.uk

DIARY DATES FOR TERMS 5 and 6 2016-17

	Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th	Year 2 SATs
	Friday 19 th	Skipping – Whole school event
	Tuesday 23 rd	Topaz Redwood Trip
	Tuesday 23 rd	Amethyst and Pearl Homework Share
	Thursday 25 th	Crystal Homework Share

	Friday 26 th	Diamond Homework Share
	Friday 26 th	End of Term 5
June	Monday 5th	Start of Term 6
	Monday 5 th – Friday 9 th	Y6 Morfa Bay Residential
	Tuesday 6 th	Jet Class – Visit to Heritage Centre 1pm
	Thursday 8 th	Clothes for a cause
	Saturday 10 th	Festival of Youth Sport
	Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th	Phonics Screening week (Y1)
	Tuesday 27 th	Sports Day
	Friday 30 th	Movie Night – Friends’ event
	Friday 30 th	Reserve Sports Day
July	Tuesday 4 th	Circus Skills Workshop – whole school event
	Wednesday 5 th	Diamond Homework Share
	Thursday 6 th	Crystal Homework Share
	Monday 10 th	Staff INSET day – school closed to pupils
	Wednesday 12 th	Amethyst and Pearl Homework Share
	Thursday 13 th	Tom Robson
	Friday 14 th	Pupil Reports home to parents
	Saturday 15 th	Wickwar Games
	Monday 17 th	Y6 Leavers Assembly – 6.00 pm (Y6 parents invited)
	Tuesday 18 th	Move Up Day
	Thursday 20 th	Friends of AHS – Big Family Event
	Friday 21 st	End of Term 6

Yours sincerely

Ms. V. Quest
Headteacher