

# Alexander Hosea Primary School

## 'Roots to grow, wings to fly'

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### Newsletter 16, 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021

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

From Mrs Williams.

What a week! We have been very busy in school and we are really proud of our wonderful Y3, 4 and 5 children who showed their brilliant adaptability in getting straight back on track with remote learning. As you will know, we have had an outbreak of Covid-19 (like many other local schools), but it was contained very quickly to stem the transmission of this clearly very contagious variant. There have now been 17 cases (1 in Y3, 10 in Y4 and 6 in Y5), but we are pleased that all of the children have had mild (or no) symptoms and are recovering well. We look forward to seeing everyone back safe and well next week. We are very grateful for the flowers, cakes and well-wishes from parents. Thank you.

This will be the final newsletter of the year, so I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all children, parents and staff for their brilliant teamwork in supporting the education and wellbeing of the children at Alexander Hosea through another challenging year. We know the children have had many successes and achievements and we are proud of them all. I wish all of our fantastic Y6 all the success they deserve as they move on to KS3. We will really miss them.



### Reports

The school reports for Reception, Years 1, 2 and 6 will be coming home with the children today. Children in Years 3, 4 and 5 will take theirs home when they return to school after self-isolation. The children have shown amazing resilience and adaptability throughout the year and have really tried their best.

### 2021-2022 PE Days.

As with this year, on your child's class PE Day, all children need to come into school wearing their PE uniform.

**Topaz-** Monday and Thursday.

(Mrs Windmill will be in touch when she is ready for the children to come into school wearing their PE uniform.)

**Jet-** Monday and Thursday

**Crystal-** Tuesday and Friday

**Ruby-** Tuesday and Wednesday

**Emerald-** Wednesday and Friday

**Diamond-** Thursday and Friday

**Pearl-** Wednesday and Friday

**Amethyst-** Tuesday and Thursday

### Change of menu for 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> July

**Monday 19th July - Pizza**  
(cheese and tomato),  
sweetcorn or salad, yoghurt

**Tuesday 20th July - Hot dogs,**  
cucumber and carrot sticks, arctic roll

**Wednesday 21st July - Fish fingers,**  
chips, beans/peas,  
fruit ice lolly

### Our Value of the Term is: Enquiry

This term we talk about being curious about the world around us and asking questions to understand more. Our projects contain enquiry questions and these are shared with the children as the projects progress.

Alongside this we do talk about changes (including Sex Ed) and moving on.

### Small World items

Two of our experienced SEN Teaching Assistants (Mrs Joyner and Mrs Sutherland) are training as ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistants). Mrs Sutherland is looking for donations of good quality small world (animals, figures, Disney characters) to use for sand tray therapy. Please drop in box in lobby.



## Friends of AHS

THANK YOU for your support with our recent fundraising events. We are looking for new committee members and people to help us run our events, so if you would like to get involved please get in touch via [FriendsOfAHS@hotmail.com](mailto:FriendsOfAHS@hotmail.com).

**Big PTA Summer Raffle:** There's STILL TIME to help us raise funds for the school playground refurbishment project by supporting the Big PTA Summer Raffle. Each £3 ticket enters you into 12 prize draws to win up to £5,000, with two draws taking place each day between the 12th July and the 17th July 2021! Tickets are available to buy NOW from [bigPTAraffle.co.uk](http://bigPTAraffle.co.uk) – just click 'Buy your tickets' and search for 'Friends of Alexander Hosea Primary School' to get started!

**End of term treats:** The Friends are busy planning an end-of-term treat for the children and a fun family food event for everyone that will help to boost our fundraising. More details coming soon!

**Don't forget to check our [Facebook page](#) and [webpage](#) for the latest news!**

DfE: [Schools COVID-19 operational guidance \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

Following the Government announcement this week, the DfE have sent us some new 'Schools Covid 19 Operational Guidance' – follow the link above.

We are now in a new planning stage for September, which will include some significant changes: There will no longer be adherence to bubbles; children can have assemblies together and mixing is allowed (eg at lunch) close contacts will be contacted by Test and Trace and will book a PCR then be able to go about their daily routine (no further isolation) if negative; staff and visitors will no longer be asked to wear masks.

### Drop off and pick up

Due to the change in regulations for schools, the staggered start/end will end on 21<sup>st</sup> July.

Enter via front door anytime between 8:45-8:59am.

Pick up from main playground at 3:30pm.

### Walk-in Vaccine Centres

If you have not yet had your vaccine and wish to access a walk-in, here is the link:

<https://bnssghealthiertogether.org.uk/our-latest-covid-19-vaccination-walk-in-clinics/>

### Libraries Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge is the UK's biggest free reading promotion for primary school aged children. Available through public libraries and online, the Challenge provides fun reading for pleasure activities for all abilities and helps to prevent the summer reading 'dip' during the long break from school.

Summer Reading Challenge - Benefits to Pupils:

- The Summer Reading Challenge can contribute to the achievement of all children, including those with special educational needs, disadvantaged pupils and the most able.
- It keeps your pupils reading over the summer, ready for their return to school in the autumn, and supports the successful transition between year groups and key stages.
- The Challenge encourages children to become more independent in their reading, boosting their confidence and self-esteem.
- Children who take part in the Challenge are more enthusiastic about reading.
- The Challenge offers a fun, free, flexible programme of activities that can bring families and communities together.

**Eat Well  
For Less?**

**BBC One's  
Eat Well For Less?  
is back on the hunt for households looking  
to save on their food shop!**

Email:  
[eatwell@rdftelevision.com](mailto:eatwell@rdftelevision.com)  
0117 9707632

We are looking to represent the whole of the UK and will consider all applications.

Any information you give us will be processed in accordance with our privacy notice, a copy of which is available on request.

### Parking reminder from South Glos Streetcare & Transport

The council have received concerns from local residents living in Inglestone Road regarding their accesses being obstructed by vehicles driven by parents picking up their children from the school.

The information that has been given to them is that they should contact the local police if they are being prevented from exiting their properties as the police have enforcement powers to remove the offending vehicle.

Please can all parents park considerately and in a safe manner so that residents living in the roads near the school can exit and access the properties at any time of the day.

## HAVE YOU OR YOUR CHILDREN MISSED THE GOVERNMENT'S EU SETTLEMENT SCHEME?



The EU Settlement Scheme was set up following Brexit for EU, EEA or Swiss nationals to protect their rights to live, work, rent, access to benefits and healthcare in the UK. The deadline passed on 30th June 2021.

However, if you haven't yet applied on behalf of your child, late applications are still considered by the government. Southern Brooks Community Partnerships can offer free support. Get in touch today on [euuss@southernbrooks.org.uk](mailto:euuss@southernbrooks.org.uk) or 07971 797 770.



### Support for Parents

If you need any support for challenges you are facing as a result of the impact of Covid 19, please see the pack from South Gloucestershire (sent out via email on 8<sup>th</sup> July).

There is support available for: Finance; Employment; Getting enough food to eat; Emotional, physical and wellbeing and Housing.

### Covid-19 Local and financial support for South Gloucestershire



**Covid-19** has had a major effect on our lives. Many of us are facing challenges. This leaflet lists help available. Book an appointment with a One Stop Shop Advisor to get the help you need.

01454 868009

[OSSAppointments@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:OSSAppointments@southglos.gov.uk)



### Online Safety Webinar for Parents

Avon and Somerset Constabulary is offering a free online safety webinar to the parents and guardians of children at Alexander Hosea Primary (and the Cotswold Alliance). This webinar will be delivered via MS Teams.

Content:

- Child exploitation and online grooming
- Overview of online risks
- Technical protective and safety measures available

Including parental controls, apps (steganography), scenarios, advice for help, general internet use and boundaries for the internet.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/159412357653>

On the back pages of this newsletter, there are also some links to agencies who might be able to offer help and support if you need it. These have been recommended by the COMPASS Early Help Team in South Gloucestershire Council.

As the school will not be open during the summer holidays, if you have a concern about the safety or wellbeing of a child, please contact Access and Response at South Gloucestershire on 01454 866000.

## **Specialist Agencies who can offer support for families**

We have all been through challenging times in the past 18 months and some families may be seeking additional help and advice. These agencies may be able to help.

### Young people's mental health

**Off The Record:** Free, self-referral counselling service for young people age 11-15, who are experiencing low mood, depression, anxiety, phobias, self-harm, eating problems and/or anger. Young people can call, email or text, and services operate in Patchway, Kingswood and Yate. Also offer parent support groups and sessions. Can also see [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) for more information and up to date groups and activities.

Tel: 0808 808 9120. Text: 07896 880011. Website: [www.otrbristol.org.uk](http://www.otrbristol.org.uk). Email: [hello@otrbristol.org.uk](mailto:hello@otrbristol.org.uk)

**Kooth:** Free, safe and anonymous online support for young people 11-18. Monday – Friday 12pm – 10pm, Saturday – Sunday 6pm – 10pm. On Kooth you can: Chat to our friendly counsellors; Read articles written by young people; Get support from the Kooth community; Write in a daily journal. <https://kooth.com/>

**Childline:** Free counselling via online webchat, and free support/advice available 24/7 via confidential helpline, and emails via the website. Tel: 0800 11 11. Website: [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)  
**HELP Counselling:** Low-cost counselling for children and young people age 9-25 years old. Website: <https://www.help-counselling.org.uk/>

**Young Minds** national charity offers confidential online and telephone information and support for anyone worried about the emotional, behaviour, or mental health of a child/young person up to 25 years of age, including ADHD, Autism and Aspergers. Parents Helpline: 0808 802 5544 Website: [www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk) Young Minds Crisis Messenger Service for free 24/7 support across the UK if you are experiencing a mental health crisis. Text YM to 85258.

### Adult mental health

**South Gloucestershire Talking Therapies:** Therapeutic interventions including counselling and group courses, in line with people's differing needs, age 16+. Self-referral via the website: <https://www.wellaware.org.uk/projects/talking-therapies-south-gloucestershire/> Tel - 0333 200 1893 <https://www.vitahealthgroup.co.uk/nhs-services/nhs-mental-health/bristol-north-somerset-south-gloucestershire/>

**Samaritans:** Free, confidential emotional support for those experiencing despair, distress, self-harm or suicidal feelings.

Tel: 116 123 (free, from any phone, 24/7). Website: [www.samaritans.org](http://www.samaritans.org). Email: [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)

### Family/parenting support

**NHS website:** Advice for parents on a range of parenting issues, including talking to teenagers, fussy eating and teenage aggression. Website: [www.nhs.uk/family](http://www.nhs.uk/family)

**Parent Buddies** is a confidential, universal, one-to-one listening service offering short-term support depending on family need. Volunteers are trained to provide parents/carers with listening, and signposting to specialist services. <https://www.parentbuddies.co.uk/>

**CCP – Caring for Communities and People** – Offer outreach support for families at an early help level. Families can self-refer. [www.ccp.org.uk](http://www.ccp.org.uk)