

Alexander Hosea Primary School

'Roots to grow, wings to fly'

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

From the Headteacher...

This school year has flown past. I am proud of the rich variety of opportunities that we are able to provide for your children across the school year. We hope that you will be able to join us for the summer activities to come.

What else has happened over the past fortnight?

- Jet class parent lunches – thank you for joining us. We hope that it will help parents to decide whether to continue with school meals as the children enter the juniors.
- Y6 children spent a week at Morfa Bay, taking part in outdoor activities. The instructors and staff were impressed with the children's behaviour, resilient attitude and the way that they supported each other.
- Y1 Phonics Screening
- New Reception Parents' meeting: It was wonderful to meet the families of the new children who will be joining us in September.
- School trips: Reception visited Redwood for their final visit of the year and KS1 ventured to Puzzlewood in the Forest of Dean. The children had a wonderful time.
- Following our recent catering Working Party meeting, we now have a salad bar for the children to use at lunchtime. It is proving to be very popular!

INSET day reminder: The school is closed to children on the following dates: **Friday 13th July 2018** and **Monday 3rd September**.

Staff Allocations for September

We are delighted that all our current staff are remaining with us for the new school year. We have a highly competent and committed team, who keep the best interests of the children at the heart of all that we do. As we have a larger than usual group of children joining us in September, we have an additional Reception class this year (so we will have 8 instead of 7 classes). This has provided an opportunity to appoint our new teacher Mrs Wigginton, who we know will fit well with the team.

Ruby – Miss Helen Tyler & Mrs Wibke Lloyd (TA)

Topaz – Mrs Sally Windmill & Mrs Claire Johns (TA)

Emerald – Mrs Amy Arrowsmith & Mrs Lisa Barry (TA)

Jet – Mrs Laura Cleverley (M, T and alt W) and Miss Rebecca Pursey/Mrs Kelly Ashdown (alt W, Th and F) & Mrs Esra Ward (TA)

Crystal – Mrs Sarah Wigginton & Mrs Jane Gee (HLTA)

Diamond – Mrs Angela Moncrieff & Mrs Helen Sutherland (TA)

Pearl – Miss Kim Edgar & Mrs Louise McAleese (HLTA)

Amethyst – Mrs Heidi Brooks & Mrs Catherine Shrewsbury (TA)

Thank you and requests for help!

For safety reasons, children are not allowed to play on any of the school play equipment at pick up and drop off. In particular, it is not safe for children under the age of 7 to play on the outdoor gym equipment. Also children should walk bikes and scooters off the site, rather than ride them. Bikes and scooters should not be ridden on the playground. Thank you for your co-operation in helping to keep all children safe at drop off and pick up.

Safeguarding reminders

Please could we ask that parents do not enter the infant corridor at the start of school. If you need to pass a message to the teacher/TA, please speak to the staff member on the door or the school office.

Visitors must leave their mobile phones in the lockers at the front of school and not bring them into the school building. Thank you.

INSET days for 2018-19 academic year

Monday 3rd September 2018

Friday 26th October 2018

Friday 21st December 2018

Tuesday 23rd April 2019

Monday 8th July 2019

We have provided these dates early to assist parents when booking holidays.

Did you know?

Wickwar Education Foundation can help with educational funding for pupils of Alexander Hosea Primary School.

Applications (e.g. for Kilve -Y5 and Morfa Bay -Y6) need to be submitted by Dec each year for consideration at the annual meeting in January.

WEF1686@gmail.com

Friends 100 Club Winners

1st Rachel Hathaway; 2nd Keith Clausen; 3rd Cat Lock. Congratulations! If you'd like a chance to win, application forms can be downloaded from the school website (Parents > Friends of AHS > 100 Club)

Thank you!

Thank you for donating your unwanted clothing to our Clothes for a Cause. The total raised will be announced soon. Many thanks again!

friendsofahs@hotmail.com

www.facebook.com/FriendsOfAHS

Help us win £5,000 for our school library!



Our library has recently been refurbished and now needs updating with new books. It takes less than a minute to enter and could make a huge difference to our school library. By entering you could also win £100 in Book Tokens for yourself!

www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools

Free school meals ('Pupil Premium')

The funding (£1320) per child p/a follows the child for the whole of their primary education and can be used for a range of helpful reasons (e.g. free school meals in KS2, additional adults in school, school uniform, subsidising school trips/residential, paying for music lessons, after school clubs etc).

You can claim for children in Reception to Year 6.

Who qualifies for free school meals?

Under current rules, your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit.

If you think you may be eligible please use the following link to apply

www.southglos.gov.uk/advice-and-benefits/benefits/free-school-meals

School Meal Taster Event for Parents/Carers

Integra, who provide our school meals service, would like to invite parents and carers to a school meal tasting session in the playground at the end of the afternoon on

Thursday 28th June (3:15-3:45pm).

Please come along and try some of the food that is on offer to your child(ren).

Sports Day School Meal

On sports' day (26th June), the children are invited to have a school meal (free for children in Topaz, Emerald and Jet). The meals will come in picnic boxes, so that they can bring them out on the field to eat with their families. The main meal is being chosen by the school council (more information to follow) and there will be choc ices for dessert.

Reminder from the Admin Team

Please complete the consent form with regard to the use of the emergency adrenaline auto injectors (EpiPens) that we now hold in school.

The consent form applies to **ALL** pupils at the school, even if your child is not at risk of anaphylaxis.

The letter and consent form can be found on the school website (see link below). Alternatively please ask the office for a paper copy if required.

<https://www.alexanderhoseprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Newsletters+and+Up+dates&pid=24>

Thank you.



SUMMER
2018 at WOOSC
We are open Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
of the first 4 weeks guaranteed*
SIGN UP CLOSES FRIDAY 6th JULY 2018
Contact us on 07815 561783 or woosc@hotmail.co.uk for more information or alternatively sign up in club today!

* Registration forms need to be done before your child's first session. Children starting school in September are welcome too.

School Clubs

The club timetable can be viewed on the school website on the 'News and Events' page (see link below)

<https://www.alexanderhoseprimary.co.uk/page/?title=News+%26amp%3B+Events&pid=3>

For further information, please contact Mrs Packer in the school office.

Availability of Wickwar Out of School Club Sessions from September 2018 as at 11/06/18

If you require a session that is showing as fully booked, please call or email WOOSC to be added to our waiting list.

Current availability is as follows:

Day	Morning Session (07:45 - 09:00)	Afternoon Session (15:30 - 18:00)
Monday	Limited places available	Limited places available
Tuesday	Fully Booked	Last place available
Wednesday	Limited places available	Limited places available
Thursday	Fully Booked	Limited places available
Friday	Limited places available	Limited places available

Registration forms available in club, via our website www.woosc.org.uk or by emailing woosc@hotmail.co.uk



SPORTS DAY
TUESDAY 26TH JUNE 2018
CAKE DONATIONS
BIG OR SMALL, HOMEMADE OR SHOP BOUGHT
WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED!!
(NO NUTS OF ANY KIND PLEASE!)
PLEASE BRING TO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY MORNING, THANK YOU

sports day poster



Friends of AHS

7th July – Wickwar Games Fun Runs
17th July – Summer Discos (Infants 4:45-5:45pm, juniors 6:00-7:00pm)

Wickwar Games 1K & 5K Fun Runs

Under 8s 1K (Free). Family 5K (Adults £5, Kids £2.50)
Register early and save 10%! Registration forms can be downloaded from the school website (Parents > Friends of AHS > Wickwar Games)

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Governor Vacancies for September 2018

The terms of some of the current governors are shortly coming to an end, so the Governors of Alexander Hosea School will have three vacancies from September 2018. Like any successful organisation, a strong Governing Body requires a mixture of skills, knowledge and experience. No experience of working within education is needed, though a commitment to learn and to contribute is. The core functions of the Governing Body are:

- 1) Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- 2) Holding the School to account for its educational performance and that of its pupils.
- 3) Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

This is an exciting time in a rapidly changing education system.

The Governors are interested in hearing from anyone who might be interested in becoming a Governor, whatever their background or experience. There is no need for the new Governors to be parents of children at the school. We are particularly interested in hearing from anyone who has experience in HR, Property Maintenance or Finance, but this is not a requirement.

If you could make a contribution to building on the recently secured "Good" Ofsted rating by becoming a Governor at our school, please contact Aaron Smith via aaron.smith3@sgmail.org.uk.

Key dates for Term 6

- 4th June – start of Term 6
- 4th – 8th June Year 6 at Morfa Bay.
- 11th-15th June Y1 Phonics screening.
- 12th June New Reception Parents' meeting 6-7pm.
- 15th June Teacher allocations in newsletter
- 26th June Sports' Day with family picnic
- 28th June Parent Council
- 9-12th July Shuffle up week (children in new classes)
- 12th July School Reports come home
- 16th July Year 6 pantomime
- 17th July End of year disco
- 20th July End of school year

As Term 6 is a very busy term, please also look at the school calendar on the website:

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

General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

As you will be aware, new data protection legislation comes into force on 25 May 2018. Much of what we already do to protect data meets the requirements of the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), but there will need to be some changes to comply with the new regulation. These include:

- We have a new Data Protection policy (published on the school website this week);
- We have appointed Integra (South Gloucestershire Council's trading company) as our Data Protection Officer and to provide support as we change our policies and procedures to comply with the GDPR;
- We have updated our Privacy Notice for pupils (emailed to all parents/carers earlier this week and also available on the school website)
- We have provided staff with additional information to ensure that they are aware of our responsibilities relating to data collection, handling, use and security;

<https://www.alexanderhoseaprimary.co.uk/page/?title=GDPR+Policies&pid=220>