



## 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 Mrs Williams:

#### Bristol Zoo

Bristol Zoo trip is fast approaching. We would like all children to arrive for an early registration at 8:20am, so that we can get going early and make the most of the day. We are planning to return to school for a normal end of day. We are really looking forward to spending the day together at this venue. Children will need a drink, packed lunch and a rain jacket. They will wear school uniform, but can wear trainers instead of school shoes if they would like to. To assist the coaches and make sure that the area is safe, please could we ask that children are dropped promptly.

Parents/Carers with mobility issues/children with mobility issues will still be able to access the staff car park as usual.

We will continue to keep abreast of advice about school trips in light of the current health situation and let you know if we decide to postpone the trip until a later date. In the meantime, we will continue to plan for it as normal.

#### Coronavirus update – also see items below

As you will know, this is a changing situation and the Government stepped up their action plan to the delay phase last night. The advice is now that any people (children or adults) with a high temperature (38C+) or constant cough must self-isolate at home for 7 days. We do have thermometers in school and will test children's foreheads if they say they feel unwell during the school day. There is a new helpful guide on the Public Health website – see attached.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

At this point in time, there is no plan to close schools. We will follow all Public Health and Local Authority advice. As the situation develops, it is possible that there will be staff and pupil absence. If pupils are off school in self-isolation, their teacher will provide a list of planned activities that they should be doing at home during the week. In the future months, there may be points when classes may need to combine into larger groups, should we be unable to access supply cover for staff sickness. We will continue to offer the very best that we can during the unsettled times ahead.

#### Some key dates for your diary:

**INSET days** – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. (We will be considering our dates for the next academic year during the spring term). *Please do read this newsletter, the school calendar and the Teachers' weekly bulletins to keep up to date.*

#### Safe travel over Easter Holidays

We know that many families and staff may be planning to travel to other parts of the country or abroad over the Easter holidays and may be worried about safety in relation to Coronavirus. It is likely that many flights and holidays may be cancelled. Please check your travel insurance to find out your rights.

Also check with your travel provider for the latest travel information. We would advise that you keep abreast of the foreign office advice <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice> about travel, which is updated regularly. The maps of affected areas that were in place on Public Health England website at the start of the week, have now been removed from the Public Health website as the illness is in most parts of the world now.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

#### Hand sanitiser

There is a hand sanitiser in the front entrance. Please can we ask that all visitors use this at sign in. Using a hand sanitiser should not replace good handwashing routines.

## Friends of AHS

28<sup>th</sup> Apr 6:30pm

19<sup>th</sup> May

1<sup>st</sup> June

Friends Meeting at School – All Welcome!

Sports Day Refreshments

100 Club Draw

**NEEDED – School Librarians:** The Friends are working to make sure our library has the best books available to the children, but more librarians are needed to ensure it is used to its full potential! If you can spare an hour or so during the school day please send us a Facebook message, email (see below) or contact Mrs Ward. Thank you.

**100 Club Draw:** Congratulations to the winners of the March draw of our 100 Club. If you would like the chance to win in our June draw please see our 100 Club page on the school website (under the Parents section) for more details and an application form. The more people who join the bigger the prizes!

**What's happening?** Things may be a little quiet at the moment but rest assured we are starting to plan some fantastic fun events for the summer term! If you feel you'd like to help in some way but don't really want to join the committee, have a look at our "Friends of AHS Community" group on Facebook.

***Don't forget to keep an eye on the Friends' Noticeboard in the school entrance and also our Facebook page for all our news and upcoming events!***

*friendsofahs@hotmail.com   facebook.com/FriendsOfAHS   School website: 'Parents' section*

## Coronavirus – Advice for parents/guardians

Latest information and advice is updated on the Public Health website, which is updated as needed at 2pm each day:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/common-questions/> is also a helpful guide for parents.

At this point, there is no reason why your children should not continue to attend their early years, school or further education setting as normal. If your child starts to feel unwell and you are concerned, contact 111 for advice.

The Government and NHS are well prepared to deal with this virus. You can help too. Germs can live on some surfaces for hours. To protect yourself and others:

- Wash your hands regularly and encourage your child to do the same.
- Encourage your child to drink plenty of water.
- Always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.
- Bin the tissue, and to kill the germs, wash your hands with soap and water, or use a sanitiser gel.
- If you have arrived back from another country, follow the specific advice for returning travellers.

All children's water bottles will be coming home with them today. Please wash them thoroughly and make sure that they are clearly named before returning them to school on Monday.

## Handwashing

We regularly encourage children to wash their hands in school (particularly before they eat).

It would be very helpful if all families could reinforce good hand hygiene at home, so that children have a consistent message at home and school.

There are some fun utube videos that children can watch to help them to wash their hands well. The Happy Birthday song can be helpful too.

## Bristol Zoo trip

### Payment and Permissions Slip Reminder

Please could all remaining permission slips and payments be made by **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March**. If you are having difficulties with funds or the online payment system, please contact the school office.

We will be visiting the zoo on 31<sup>st</sup> March – all day.

### WICKWAR OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB (WOOSC) VACANCY

Wickwar Out of School Club (WOOSC) is registered with Ofsted, and is run as a not for profit organisation, based in The Olive Pollard Community Rooms adjacent to the Alexander Hosea School in Wickwar. The club is open from 7.45 am until 9.00 am and 3.30 pm until 6.00 pm weekdays. We also offer some holiday care from 8.00 am till 6 pm according to demand.

WOOSC aim to provide childcare in a safe, secure and relaxed environment, offering a range of activities to reflect the interests of children who use the club. Our website provides further information about our services. We currently have a vacancy for an Unqualified Staff Playworker (based at The Olive Pollard Community Centre) The post is for 9 hours 10 minutes per week (term-time only) with a starting salary of £8.21 per hour. The successful candidate/s will need:

- to be available to work at our Wickwar site from 07:40 to 09:00 every weekday (term-time only) and from 3.30 until 6.00 pm one evening per week.
- previous experience of working with children aged 4-12
- ability to provide and facilitate safe, creative play
- good communication skills and confidence when speaking to parents/carers and children

We provide flexible working conditions, the opportunity to work as part of a team and provide training and support. The closing date for applications is to be confirmed. Interviews will be held once short listing has taken place and a start date will be confirmed with the successful candidate(s) taking into consideration any notice period required.

Application packs may be requested via our email address [woosc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:woosc@hotmail.co.uk) or by calling Emma James on 07815 561783 outside of club hours.

Wickwar Out of School Club (Ofsted Registration No136114)

#### Baguettes

The Catering Team have been trialling an offer of baguettes as one of the lunch options. There has been limited take up at present, so they have run their stock down and these will no longer be available at present. There is the possibility that they might offer these again in the summer months - more information later in year.

#### Reception Parent Lunches

The lunches were well attended this week and we received great feedback from our visiting parents. Thank you very much to the lunchtime staff and catering team for helping these sessions to run smoothly.

We hope you enjoyed your roast!

#### New Laptops

The FoAHS have recently funded new laptops for the Learning Lab. These are much appreciated by children and staff alike and it has been great to see the Learning Lab in action again this week.

#### FEMALE FOOTBALL PLAYERS NEEDED

**St Nicholas FC Girls Development Squad** are looking for players aged 5-8 years old (school years 1-3) for the rest of the season and for the upcoming 2020/21 season.

**All abilities welcome, no previous football playing experience is needed.**

We have some friendly matches and summer tournaments coming up for years 2 & 3, and our year 3 players will be moving up to form the new Under 9s Girls team next season.

**For more information, please contact:**

**T: 07790 229181**

**E: [secretary@stnicholasfc.co.uk](mailto:secretary@stnicholasfc.co.uk)**

**St Nicholas Football Club**

We train on Tuesday evenings 6-7pm at Yate Academy sports hall. We'll move to outdoor training at The Ridings in April.

**Feel free to come along and try a couple of sessions**

We know that with the worry of illness, this is an anxious time for people. We do talk to the children about this in school (as it is all over the news), but we also balance this with a business as usual approach at school. We reassure them that people who work in health are working really hard to keep everyone well and that they can do their bit by washing their hands.