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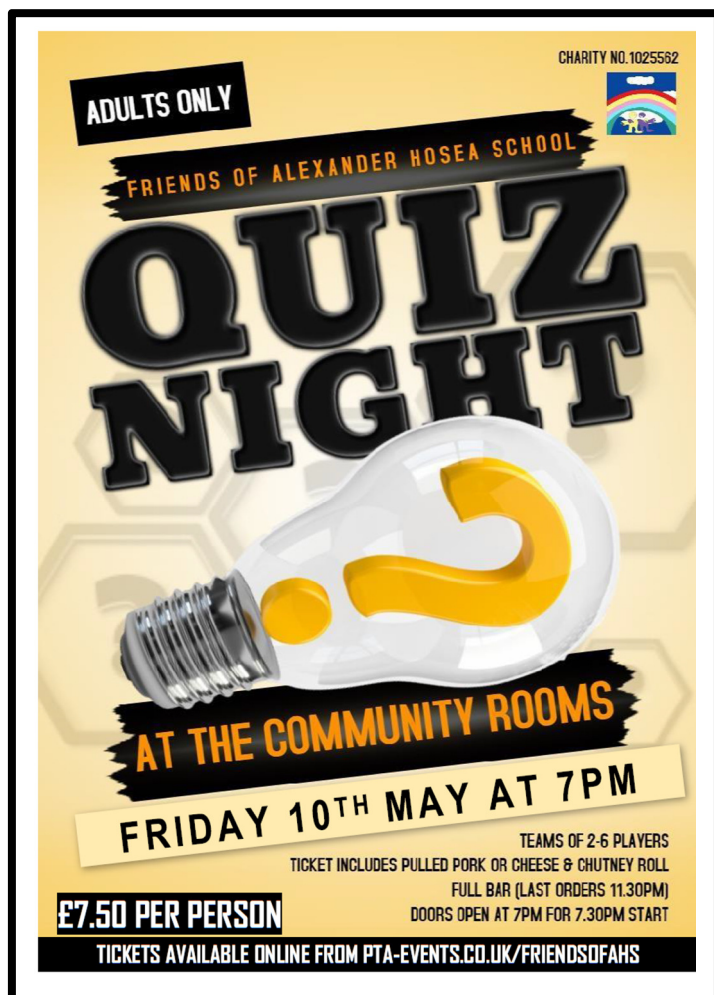
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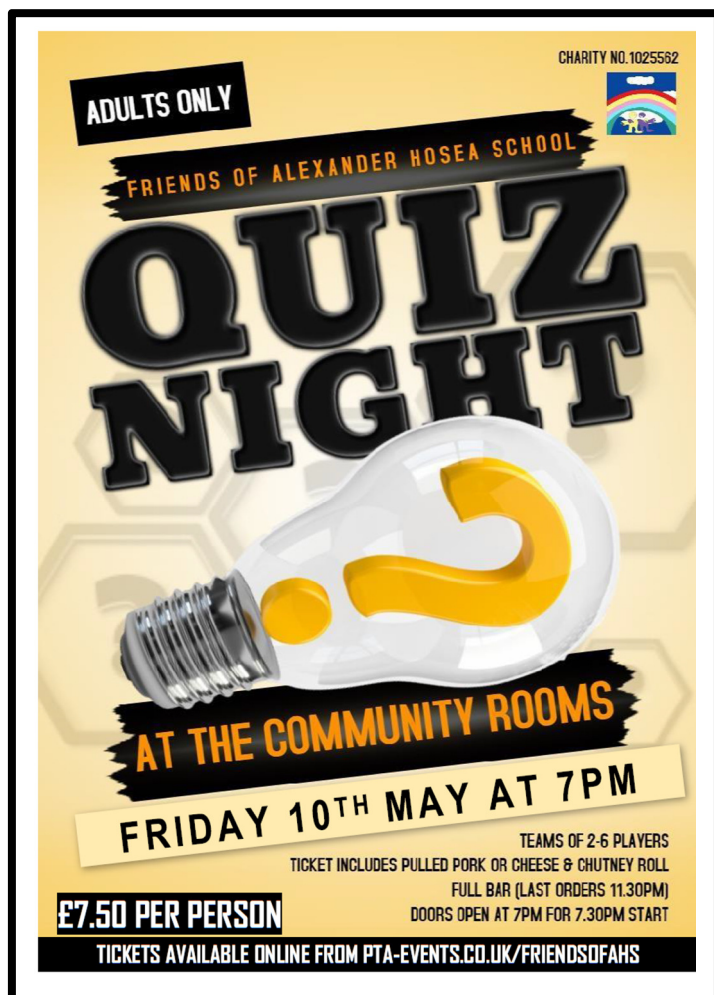
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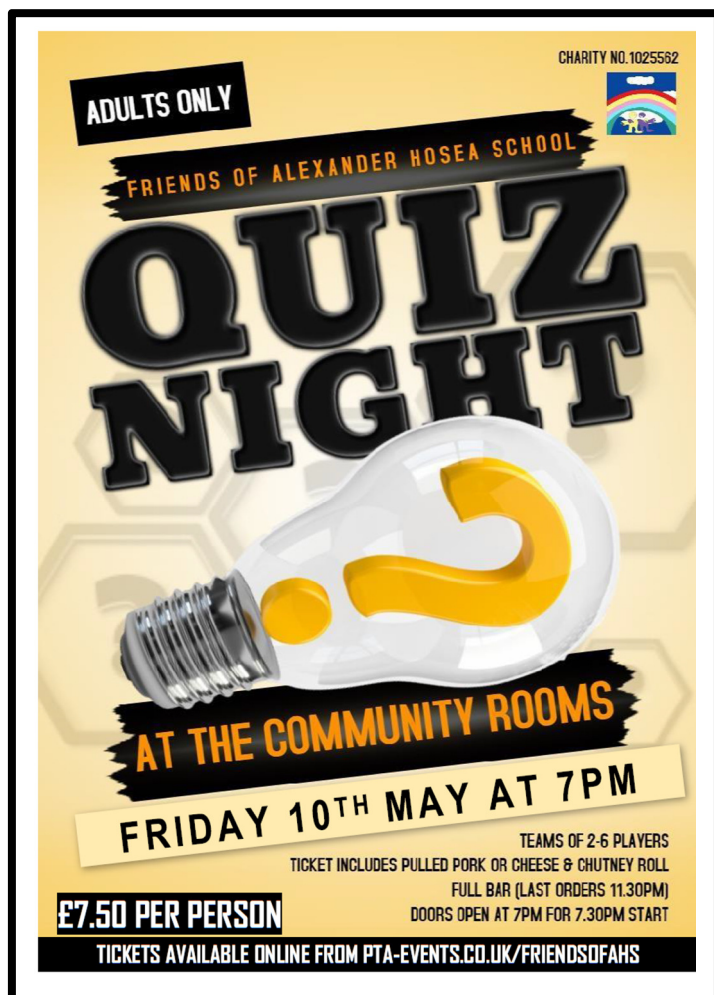
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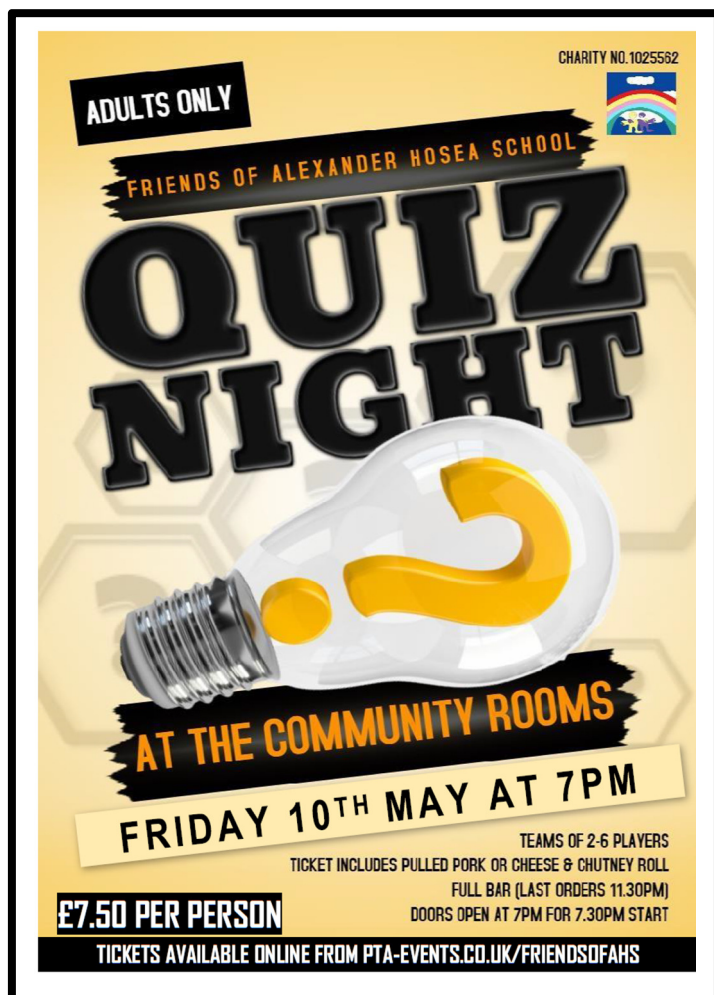
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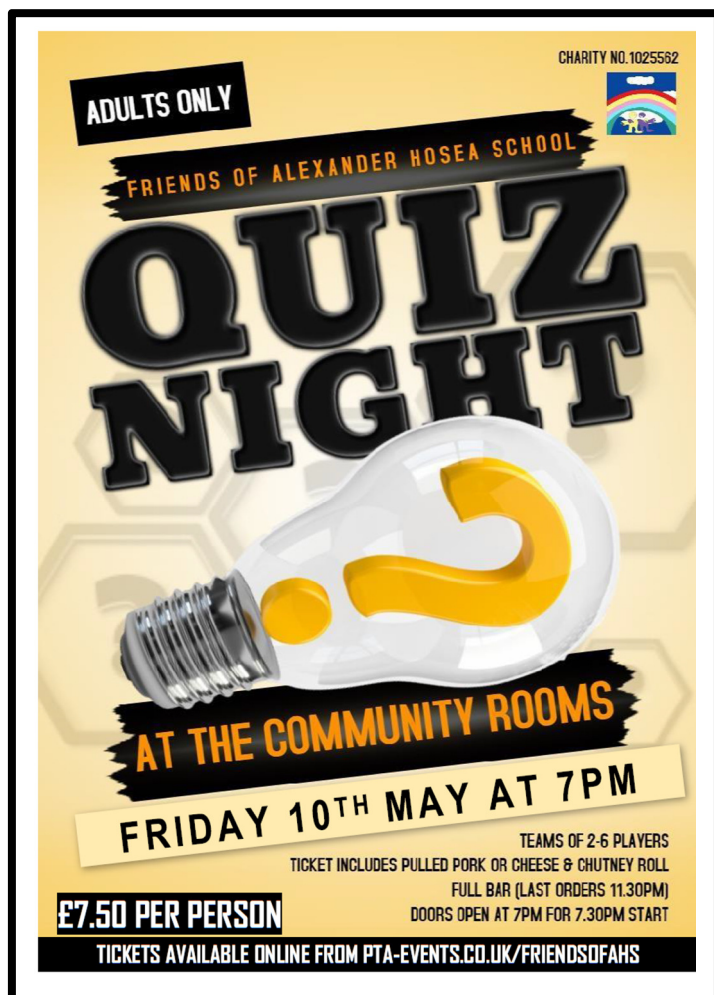
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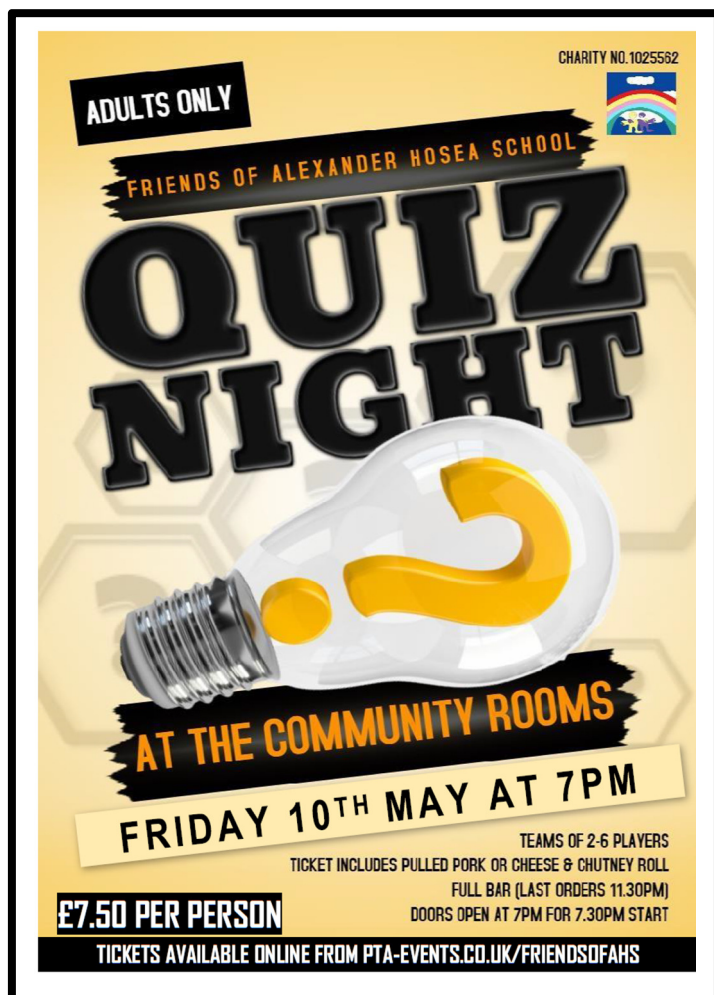
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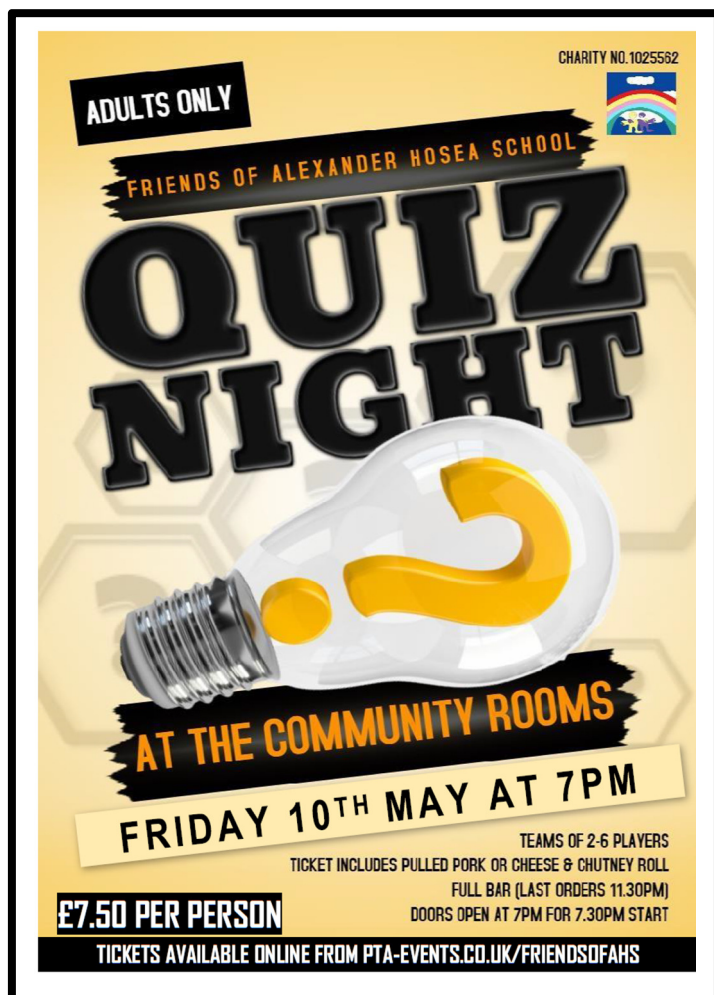
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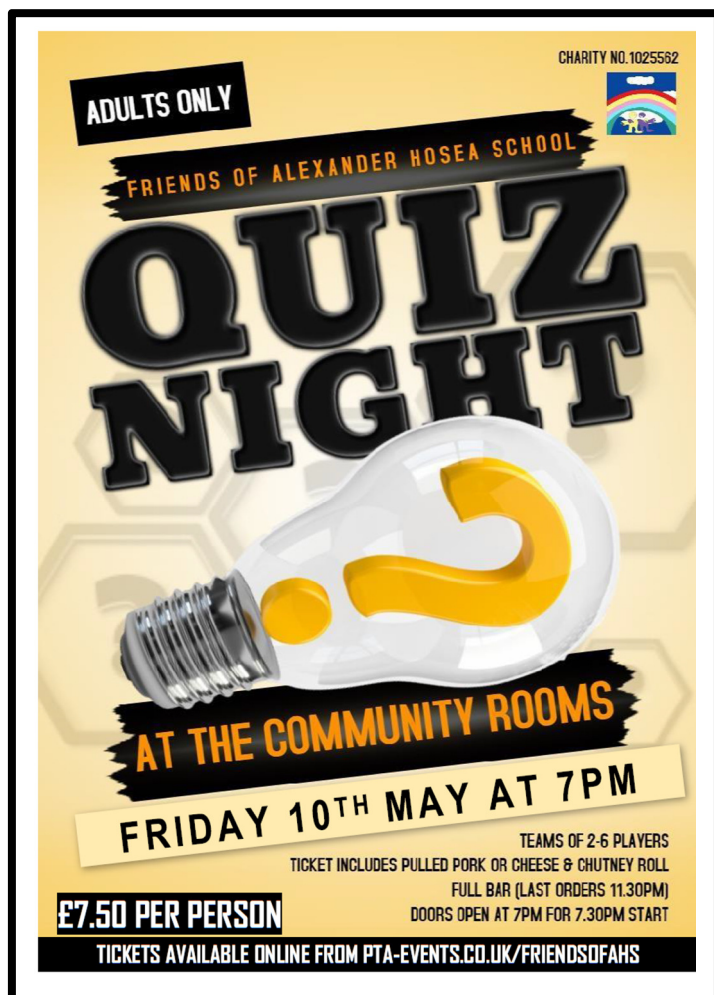
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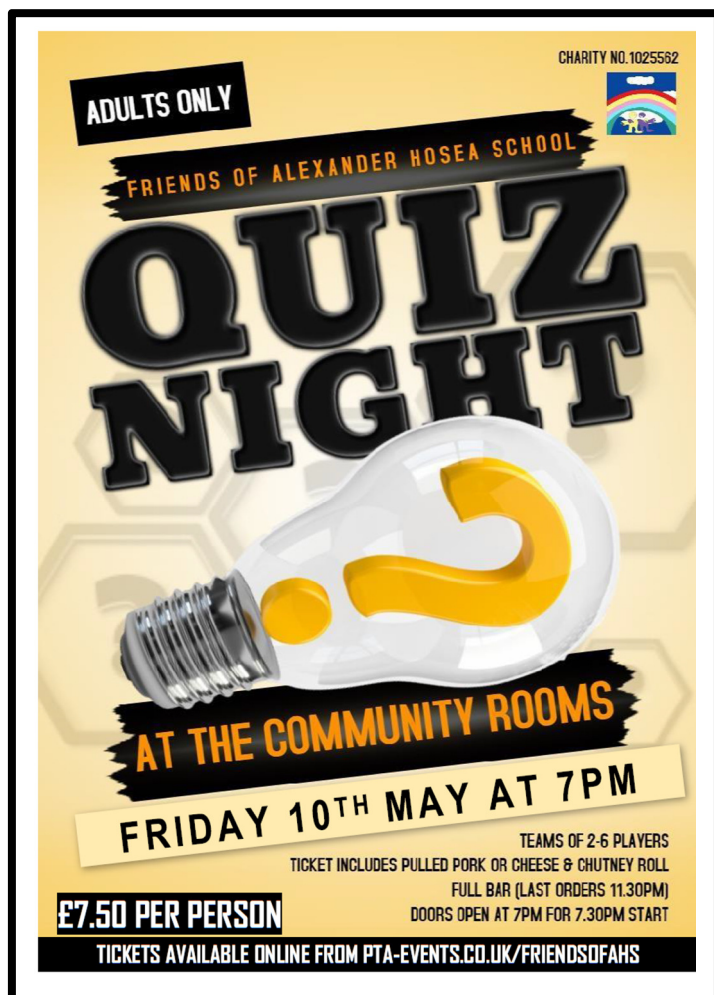
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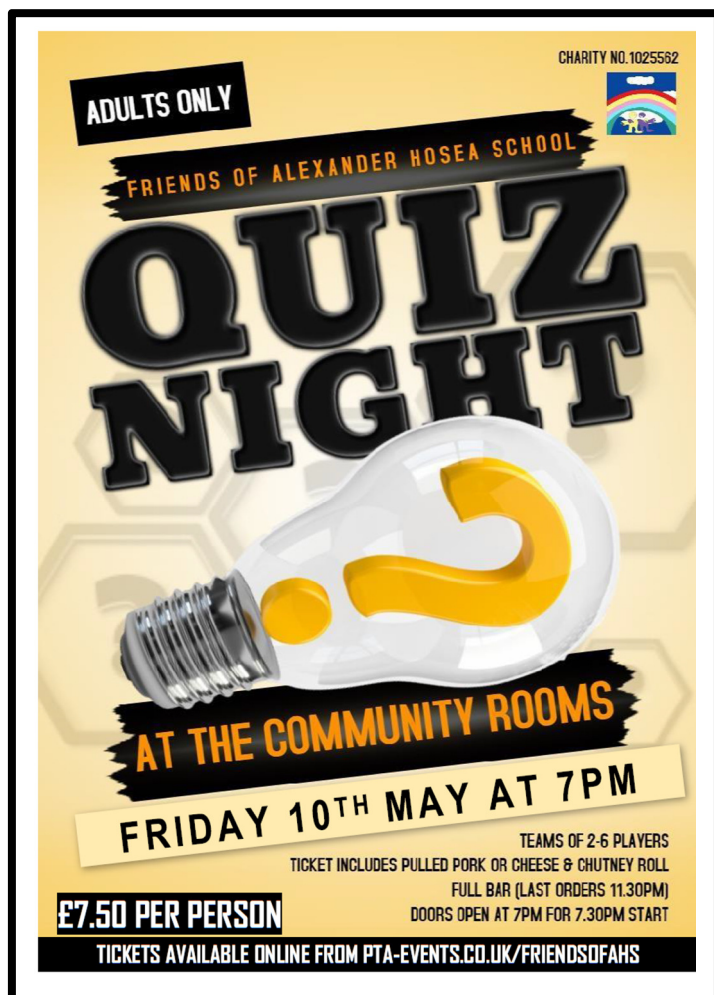
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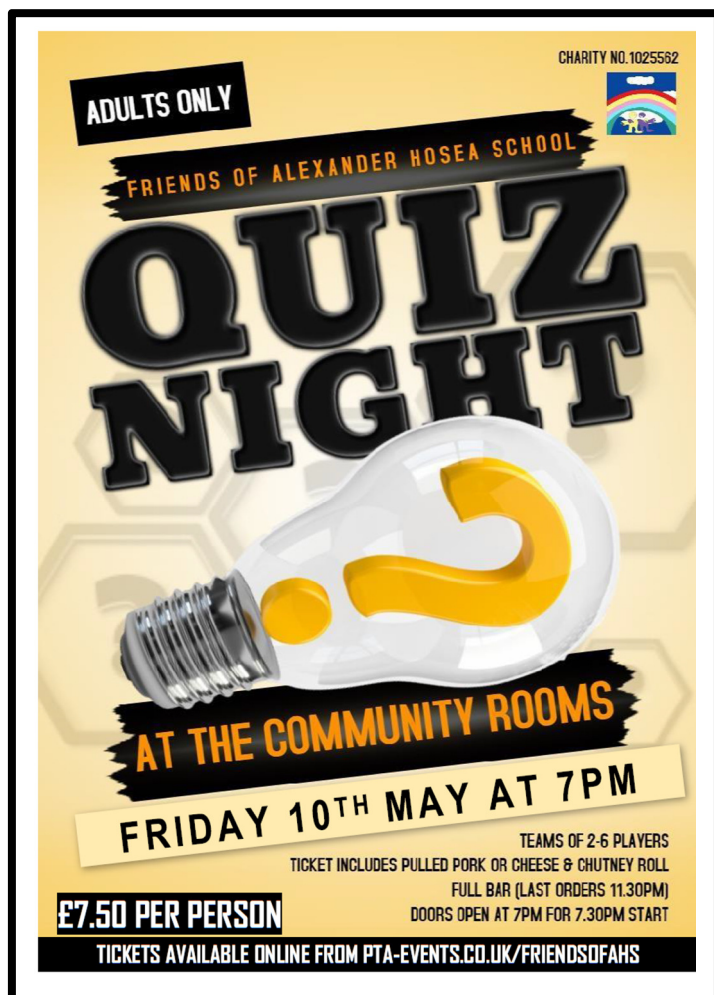
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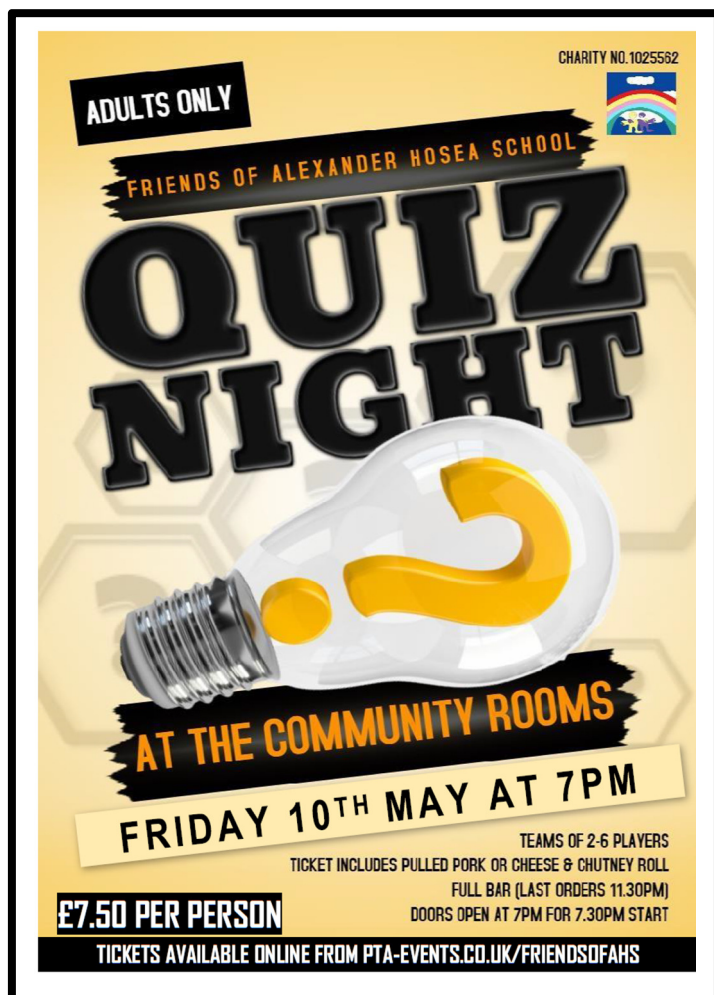
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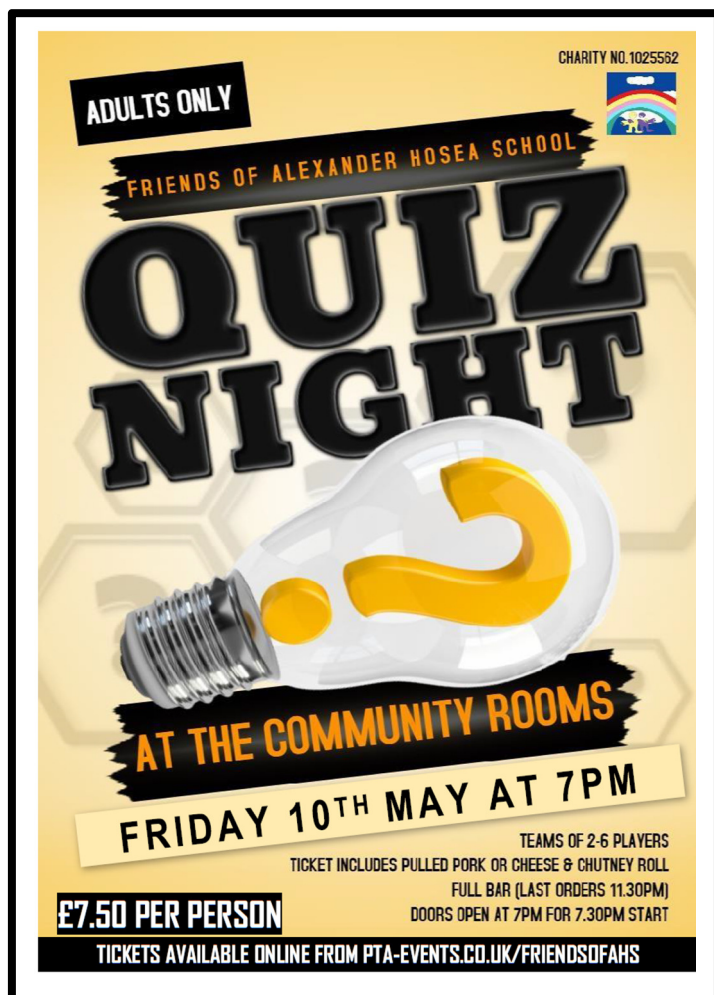
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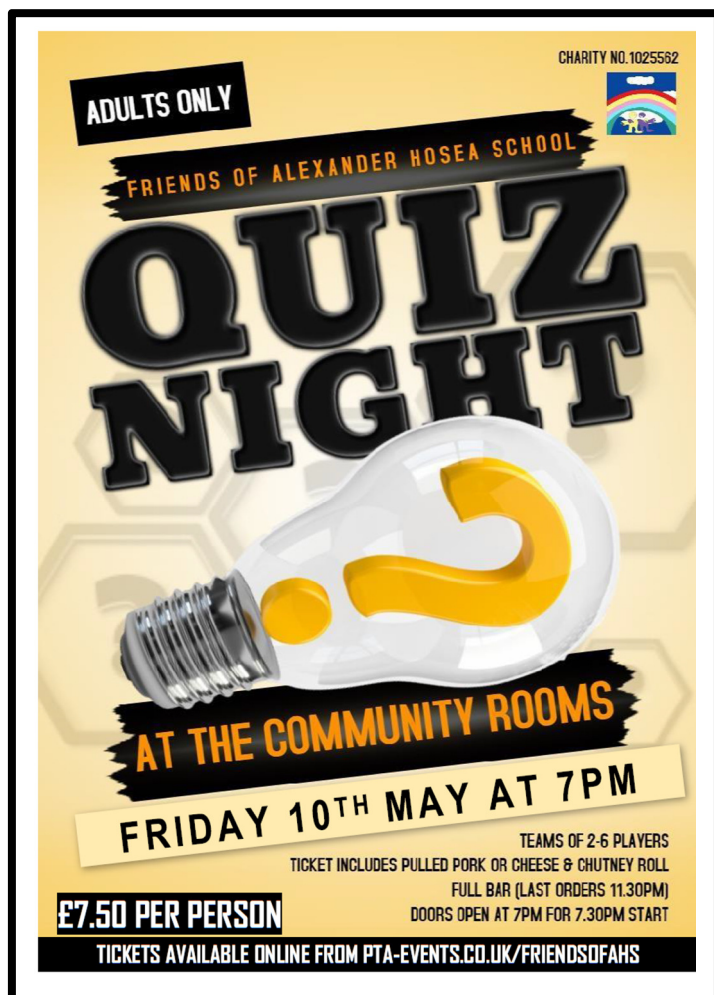
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### Newsletter 15, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019

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

From the Headteacher...

We hope that you all had a lovely Easter break.

#### Celebrations and latest news

- Topaz and Ruby Classes visited Redwood for their forest skills experience. They had a great time.
- Year 1 started their first day on a treasure hunt to solve clues to the classroom environment. This delayed gratification made them even more intrigued about how the classroom might look for the summer term.
- Year 2 had a regal time last week when they dressed up as royals for their project launch. They enjoyed the activities and having a royal banquet. The balcony is now a popular learning location in Jet Class!
- Year 3 took part in a Stone Age event to engage them in their new project. Thank you to our expert Mrs Roper, for facilitating the event. The children loved it!
- Year 4 visited Sevington House's living museum. The children enjoyed the experience and looked amazing in their Victorian outfits. They thought the school Ma'am was very strict and quite a contrast to our child-centred and positive approach at Alexander Hosea!
- Y5 came in dressed as Romans last week. They developed a settlement and decided what elements they might need to make it successful. To their surprise (and horror!), the Vikings (aka Year 6) then proceeded to invade them by coming across the sea in their long boat.
- The staff have injected their usual creativity to the **classroom environments**, which look wonderful. The children love the big reveal of their newly decorated learning environments to help them to immerse themselves into their new project. Photos will be posted on the website soon.
- **'Greatest Showman' Cinema Night** on 30<sup>th</sup> April (after school). Thank you to the Friends for this event. The children thoroughly enjoyed singing along to the tunes.
- **KS1 multi-skills event at KLB** 30<sup>th</sup> April. The children had a great time and represented our school very well. We are proud of them all.
- The final music tuition sessions have started, with Y4 learning Stomp, Year 2 recorders and Reception & Year 1 Beat bus. We are very grateful to the Wickwar Educational Foundation for funding these brilliant opportunities this year.

INSET dates: 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?**

- Bank holiday Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May. Have a lovely long weekend!
- Y2 and Y6 SATs take place in May. Y2 happen at intervals throughout the month and Y6 in w/c 13<sup>th</sup> May.
- Parent Council meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2:45pm. Please can class reps let Mrs Williams know if they can attend.
- 'Football Together' programme starts soon for a group of Y5 children, who will engage in sporting opportunities with a contrasting school in an urban setting. Thank you to Mrs Mac for organising.
- Sports Day (weather permitting) is earlier this year, as Term 6 is always super busy. The event is booked on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May. Infants in morning and juniors in afternoon, with a family picnic. Letter to follow with more information
- End of Term 5 – 24<sup>th</sup> May. **Return to school on 3<sup>rd</sup> June.**
- New Reception parents' meeting 12<sup>th</sup> June 5-6pm.



### Times Table Rock Stars update

Times Tables Rock Stars is proving to be very popular home learning resource with children across the school. The children have been busy learning their times tables and improving their recall speed. Each week in assembly Mrs Brooks celebrates achievements from TTRS and was amazed by this month's scores. Several children in Jet and Emerald have been busy logging on to play the different games, scoring high points for participation. In the juniors we now have 46 Rock Stars (children whose speed of answering is less than 3 seconds!) and 17 Rock Legends (these children answer questions in less than 2 seconds!). The race is on to get our first Rock Hero (achieved if average recall speed is less than a second!). Will (Pearl Class) has the fastest speed in the school at 1.03 seconds and Austin (Emerald Class) has the highest points in the infants – 90,421 points!

Keep up the good work everyone!

Mrs Brooks – Maths Leader

### Updates to Sims Pay

From 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019, there will be a change to how debit and credit card payments you make to us will appear on our payment pages and your bank statements.

- You will see Pay360 branding and company details on our payment pages
- The billing descriptor on your bank statement will change from "CAPITA Alexander Hosea" to Pay360 Alexander Hosea.

### Transition arrangements

In the coming month, we start to put the wheels in motion for the new academic year planning.

Part of this is to allocate teachers and TAs to classes and begin transition discussions for SEN children.

In July we set aside an annual INSET day for the sole purpose of passing on information between teachers and discussing achievement and pastoral needs of children. Also in July, the children spend 4 morning sessions with their new class and teacher, which helps to build new relationships.



### Multi Skills Event- KLB.

30<sup>th</sup> April 2019

The children from Emerald and Jet all had a wonderful time at KLB for the annual multi- skills event.

They put into action all the different skills they have learnt in PE this year and all showed super perseverance to stick at a game which may have been new to them.

They showed good team spirit and friendliness to children from other local schools.

All of the children were a huge credit to the school.

Mrs Rehman and Mrs Arrowsmith



## Friends of AHS

7<sup>th</sup> May – Friends' Committee Meeting  
 10<sup>th</sup> May – Quiz Night  
 21<sup>st</sup> May – Sports Day  
 1<sup>st</sup> June – 100 Club Draw  
 10<sup>th</sup> June – Clothes for a Cause  
 13<sup>th</sup> July – Wickwar Games: 1K and 5K Fun Runs

### Quiz Night – 7pm til late!

Book your team and get ready for a fun night out with our new Quiz Masters! Teams of 2 to 6 people with prizes for both the winners and the losers. Full licensed bar until late and you may pre-order your alcohol online. Tickets are £7.50pp, including a Pulled Pork or Cheese and Chutney roll. Book online from [pta-events.co.uk/FriendsOfAHS](http://pta-events.co.uk/FriendsOfAHS) only until Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May – so don't delay!

### Sports Day - 9:30 to 2:30pm

The Friends will be selling refreshments before and after the races for this year's Sports Day. Cake donations would be greatly appreciated (no nuts of any kind please).

### Wickwar Games: 1K and 5K Fun Runs

The Friends are organising the Fun Runs again for this year's Wickwar Games. More details and entry forms can be found on the school website (Parents > Friends of AHS > Wickwar Games).

### Reading Challenge

We had 42 children take part in our Reading Challenge and together they raised a truly fantastic **£1120.33!** A huge thank you to all the children and also their sponsors. All the money raised will be used to purchase new fiction and reading scheme books. We hope they all liked their Certificates and small thank you gifts. Thank you again for your support.

### Greatest Showman Popcorn Night

Our Popcorn Night proved very popular and all the seemed to children enjoyed it - they sang all the songs and knew all the words!  
[friendsofahs@hotmail.com](mailto:friendsofahs@hotmail.com) [www.facebook.com/FriendsOfAHS](http://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfAHS)

## Behaviour management mid-year update

We are very proud of the behaviour of the children at our school and regularly receive positive feedback from visitors to the school and from other schools/venues when we go off site. We have high expectations and communicate these to the children, so that they know what is expected of them.

Our approach to behaviour management is based on research and is well-established over time. The main focus is on positive strategies to promote good choices and we do this in various ways. Children can achieve praise, house points and weekly certificates. We aim to support children to develop their intrinsic motivation to make positive choices and be good citizens of our school. We call this 'the want'. Each term, the teachers nominate a child from each class for a Supersonic Award for exemplary conduct and attitude to learning. One child from each phase (Infants/Juniors) is then awarded the Citizenship Cup, which they can take home for a term.

As all children are different, some will require more encouragement than others to build their intrinsic motivation. We encourage the children to be supportive of each other (using their ruby powers) to help each other to develop these skills.

Our sanction system is used, where needed, as a short term reminder of expectations and to get children back on track. We usually find that a gentle reminder or 'pink for think' is enough of a prompt. In the event that we may have concerns about the behaviour of your child, we will discuss this with you, to work in partnership to bring about improvements.

For more information, see the school's Behaviour Policy on the website.

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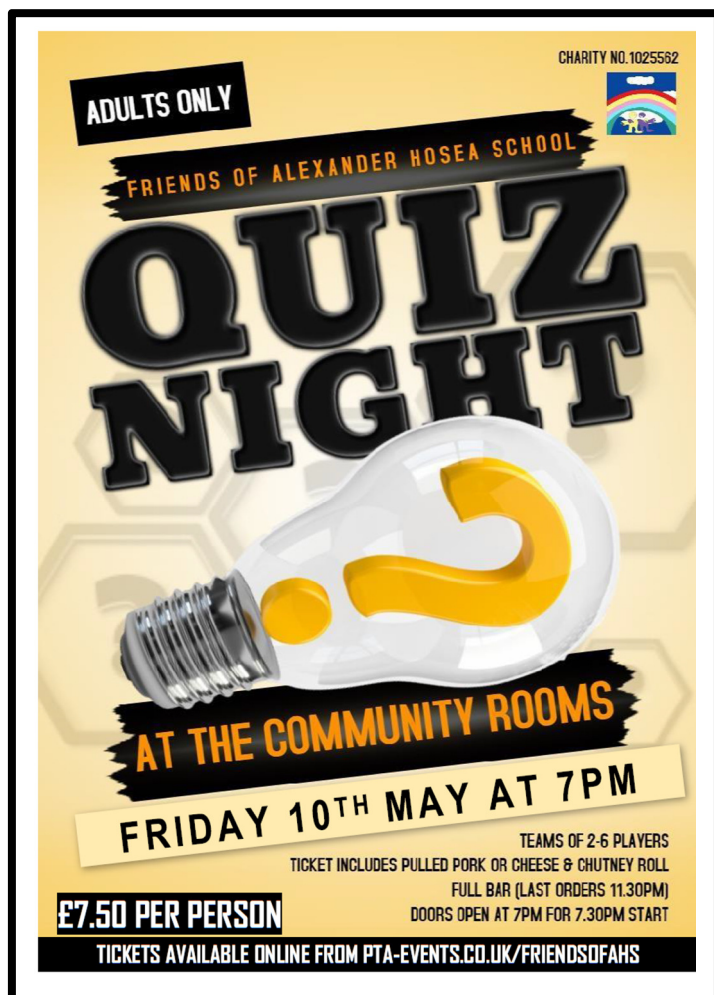
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## 'Bank' lunchtime staff required

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)



## **GO SKETCH Fine Art Course at Alexander Hosea** **Primary for 1 term only!**

**3:30-4:45 starting Tues 4th June for 5 weeks (No class 11th June)**

*Does your child love art? This term we will be looking at artists who love drawing cool animals that wear sunglasses, awesome hats and even look like rainbows! Mini exhibition on the last week.*

Open to year 1-6

£38 for 5 weeks (20% sibling discount)

**Contact Emma: [emma@gosketch.co.uk](mailto:emma@gosketch.co.uk) / 07717313651**

**For more info or to book: [gosketch.co.uk](http://gosketch.co.uk) and click Book Now**

## **Health and Safety reminders**

- Dogs are not allowed on site (even if carried).
- Children should dismount scooters and bikes at the external gates, to avoid potential collisions with pedestrians.
- The play equipment on the field is out of bounds after school hours.

Thank you for your co-operation.

## **Class organisation for September**

Although we do not yet have our final numbers for the new Reception for September 2019, we have looked at the first round of accepted applications to decide about class organisation for September.

We have decided that we will revert back to one Reception Class (Topaz with Mrs Windmill & Mrs Johns) and have two Year 1 classes next year.

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