

## Newsletter 13, 28th March 2025

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

Dear Parents/Carers,  
As this will be the last newsletter before Easter, we would all like to wish you a happy Easter.

### Staffing update

As you know, Mrs Windmill will be retiring in the summer term. She has contributed so much to the school over more than two decades and will be greatly missed.  
We are delighted to have now appointed Mr Feaster as our new Deputy Headteacher. We know he will be a great addition to the team. He will visit a few times in the summer to do a handover with Mrs Windmill.

### Neuro-diversity week

Last week, we celebrated neuro-diversity week. This linked into two main values 'Be unique' and 'Be respectful'. The children engaged very well with the week's assembly and many children shared their personal experiences of living with neuro-diversity and this was celebrated and valued. We are very proud of all the children who shared with the school.

### Y2 Parent Lunch

We had a great take up of the invitation to parents to come to Y2 lunch. There were lots of positive feedback about the lovely atmosphere and food. Our next invitation will be extended to Y6 parents to join their child for a special leavers' lunch in July.

### Dodgeball competition

Team of Y5 children (Arwen, Mylo, Jude, Mila, Lucus, Tayson and Max) took part in a dodgeball competition at Bluecoat school last week. They played 3 versions of the game – Bodyguard, Jedi and normal - and showed our value 'Be a team player' in action, working together to achieve high score of 20. We are proud of them for representing the school very well and for winning the competition overall.

### Mosque visit

Our Y2 and Y5 children visited Easton Jamia Mosque in Bristol. This has been an excellent opportunity to help the children to deepen their learning about Islam as part of their curriculum. The children were very respectful throughout the visit and represented the school very well.  
Kind regards - Mrs Deb Williams - Headteacher

### Dates for your diary

#### **Week 6 31<sup>st</sup> March**

Swimming top up for invited Y5/6 chn  
31<sup>st</sup> – Y6 clarinet performance to parents  
31<sup>st</sup> – Cup awards  
1<sup>st</sup> April – Y6 learning outcome to parents  
1<sup>st</sup> – Parent Council  
1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> – Parents' evenings

#### **EASTER HOLIDAYS**

#### **Week 1 21<sup>st</sup> April**

Mon – Bank holiday  
Tues and Weds INSET days – school closed  
Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> –  
Fri 25<sup>th</sup> – Music afternoon and performance in playground at the end of school

*Please see teachers' weekly newsletters for more information about specific class activities.*

### **Wickwar Out of School Club**

#### **Vacancy**

Wickwar Out of School Club (WOOSC) is registered with Ofsted and is a not-for-profit organisation, based in the Community Centre on the grounds of Alexander Hosea Primary School in Wickwar. The club is open weekdays for morning and afternoon sessions during term time.

**We currently have a vacancy for a**

#### **Playworker**

Our current vacancy requires someone with passion and enthusiasm for creating play opportunities for children. The ideal candidate would have a nurturing approach and be willing to get involved in with the children's activities. Previous experience is not essential, just patience and a sense of fun!

#### **This role requires someone to:**

- Provide full care for children aged 4-11 years
- Deliver appropriate and creative play opportunities
- Work as part of a team, reporting to the Day Manager
- Abide by and follow club policies operating procedures
- Perform other general duties as required

#### **Skills and experience required:**

- An interest in working with young children
- Ability to use own initiative
- Good communication skills

**This position is for Monday AM, Tuesday AM and Tuesday PM sessions, term time only.**

**AM sessions 7.40-9.00/PM sessions 15.00-17.30 or 15.30-18.00**

**Competitive hourly rate**

**Applicants must be aged 17 years+ and, in line with our policies, the successful applicant would be subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check (DBS)**

Please email [woosc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:woosc@hotmail.co.uk) for more information or to apply.

Start date: ASAP

## This term's Value



## Special menus (see email from December for more information)

31<sup>st</sup> March – Eid Al-Fitr

15<sup>th</sup> May – Eurovision themed menu

6<sup>th</sup> June – National fish and chip day

Reminder: please pre-book on Scopay

## WEAG & Eco Club

Eco club and Mrs Brooks were successful in receiving hedgerows from Woodlands Trust. This week, on Monday, the Eco club and volunteers from WEAG planted lots of new hedgerow saplings. Thank you WEAG for helping us plant these, the children loved the experience. Thank you, Mrs Brooks, for organising.



## Named / labelled uniform

Please check your children's uniform and items coming into school for labels and names that may have washed out. We have a large amount of drinking bottles and uniform in lost property.

You can order new labels from Name Tag, where a donation of your order is contributed to Friends.

[www.mynametags.com/affiliate?id=29328](http://www.mynametags.com/affiliate?id=29328)

## School discos

Thank you to the Friends of AHS for hosting discos last week.

We were delighted to have won a competition for our children to have a free disco from Party Peeps.

The Friends of AHS did a great job of running the event and making sure that everyone had a great time.

## Pupil premium

If you are in receipt of benefits, your child may benefit from additional funding through the school. Please complete a short application online or call Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

<https://find-information-for-adults-children-families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=yp4evwg7Duw#apply>

**Hobbs House** - Thank you very much to Hobbs House Bakery for leading baking sessions for our Year 6 children. The children really enjoyed the experience and the school smelled delicious!

## Sport

Our children have had a busy sporting fortnight with tournaments in dodgeball, netball and tag rugby. We are proud of all of the children who take part in our school teams to represent Alexander Hosea.



## Friends of Alexander Hosea

### *Friends of Alexander Hosea Committee Update*

The Friends of Alexander Hosea is excited to introduce our new team members!

Please join us in welcoming Alice as our new Chair, Tara as our secretary and Gemma as our Treasurer. They are eager to help plan fun activities and fundraising events that will benefit the children at AHS. We look forward to working together to create memorable experiences for our students and strengthen our school community through these exiting initiatives. Let's make this year a great one for our children!

The recent school disco went very well, we hope the children enjoyed this free event. Thank you, Mrs Smith for running the event.

If you have any new fundraising ideas or would like to help with an event please do get in touch. Thank you to those who have already offered us support.

**Our next meeting will be held Tuesday 29th April at 6pm**, we will be running a crèche with Mrs Hillier should you need to bring your littles. We'd love this meeting to be focused on your thoughts, what events you like / don't like, what ideas you have for fundraising. Please do come along. Tea, coffee, hot chocolate and biscuits will be provided. If you cannot make it but would still like your thoughts heard please email us.

You are welcome to contact us via the channels below:

✉ [committee@friendsofahs.org](mailto:committee@friendsofahs.org)

📱 Friends community WhatsApp group (please contact one of the committee members on the numbers above if you wish to be added)

Friends Facebook page

Friends of Alexander Hosea

*Upcoming events*

