



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..



Harvest Service at Holy Trinity Church

Harvest service was a delight again this year at Holy Trinity Church. We were moved by the children's beautiful singing. This year, the Y5 children sang a meaningful song about the food waste in our world (linking to our Year of Citizenship) and Y4 even sang in French. The community's generosity was evident in the donations to a local food bank.

Thank you to the parents/carers who walked with us to the church. We appreciate you giving your time to help us.



Jigsaw PHSE programme

We have started to launch the new Jigsaw PHSE (personal, health, social education) programme. The children might start talking about Jerrie the Cat or the puzzle piece character for their year group.

This term we will be trialling some of the resources from the first theme.

Some key dates for your diary:

Cup Assembly: Wednesday 23rd October. Who will be nominated this term?

Parents' Evenings: Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th October 4-6:30pm.

School Meal Taster session – Integra Catering would like to invite Infant parents/carers to attend a taster session, to sample some of the food from the new menu on Friday 22nd November at 3pm in the hall.

Christmas Fair – see information below Saturday 30th November in the Community Centre.

Please do read this newsletter, the school calendar and the Teachers' weekly bulletins to keep up to date.



Children's University is up and running for those families who wish to engage with it.

<https://www1.uwe.ac.uk/study/schoolsandcolleges/childrens-university.aspx>



We were delighted to receive many designs for the Year of Citizenship.

Congratulations to everyone who took part and to Jessica (Y6), whose design will be used this year.



Holiday Events in October 2019 at Yate and District Heritage Centre

Egyptian Craft Workshop

Halloween Craft Workshop



Free Children's Holiday Workshops 10.30am or 1.30pm

Booking essential. Children to be accompanied.

- 30th October—Ancient Egypt Clay workshop
- 31st October—Halloween Craft Workshop- run by Gloucester Records Office

Yate & District Heritage Centre
Church Road, Yate
South Gloucestershire
BS37 5BG

Tel: 01454 862200 / www.yateheritage.co.uk

School Meals

The new menu for autumn and winter is now in and will be emailed to parents this week.

5th November – Fireworks menu.

10th December – Christmas dinner for the children.

We are looking into an online meal ordering system, so that parents can order with their child in advance. This will help the catering team to know how much of each item to prepare, so that all children have the full offer available.

Allergies in School

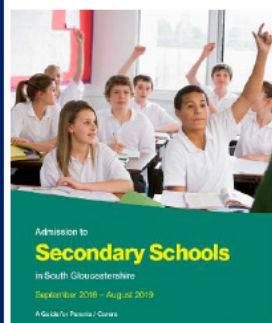
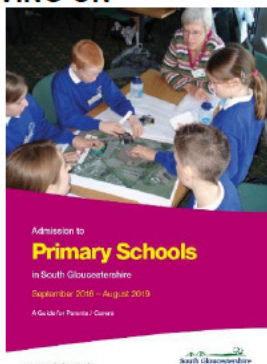
We have a number of children in school with allergies to certain foods (including nuts). Please can we ask that children are not given nuts (including in chocolate spreads, like Nutella) in lunchboxes. Thank you.

STARTING SCHOOL / MOVING ON

RECEPTION 2020 ADMISSIONS

Information about admissions into Primary School is now available on the South Glos website – Click on the book to be taken to the site.

**Deadline for applications 15th
January 2020.**



**YEAR 7 2020
APPLICATIONS**
Information about admissions into Secondary School is also available on the South Glos website – Click on the book to be taken to the site.

**Deadline for secondary
applications is 31st
October 2019**

50 Best Reads

Each class displays recommended reading (at an appropriate pitch for the year group) to help children to choose high quality reading books. The links are below. On these webpages, it is possible to click on the image of the book to order on Amazon.

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/reception>

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/year-1>

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/year-2>

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/year-3>

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/year-4>

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/year-5>

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/year-6>

If any families have any of the previous year's reading lists, that are no longer needed, we would welcome donations to top up our selection.

You may also wish to look for reading ideas at

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/our-recommendations/100-best-books/>



Friends of AHS

Today	Christmas Card Order Deadline
21 st Oct	Puddings for Christmas Order Form Deadline (online until 23 rd Oct)
4 th Nov	9am Clothes for a Cause
4 th Nov	7:30pm Friends Committee Meeting in The Buthay – all welcome!
6 th Nov	Non-uniform day (£1 or chocolate donation)
w/c 25 th Nov	Christmas Gift Shop – more details to come!
30 th Nov	1 to 4pm Christmas Fair

Puddings for Christmas! ONLY a few days left to order... Please return paper order forms to school by Monday. Online orders can be made until Wednesday via pta-events.co.uk/FriendsOfAHS. Unfortunately we will not be able to accept any late orders so don't delay and don't miss out!

Clothes for a Cause: Please remember to wrap your good quality clothing really well in plastic bags to keep them dry and leave them by the "duck gates" by 9am. We can accept belts, handbags, paired shoes, cuddly toys, and clean clothes, but not bedding, logo'd school uniform, towels or damaged clothes. Thank you!

Non-uniform day and Christmas Fair: Children can wear non-uniform on 6th November for a £1 or chocolate donation for the Chocolate Tombola at our Christmas Fair. This year's Christmas fair will feature children's Craft and Games, Santa's Grotto, Hot Pork Rolls, Gift Stalls, plus much more!

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

STEM Education Awards 2019

Congratulations to Layla-Rose and Robert (Y6), who were nominated for the first South Gloucestershire STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Education Awards this year.

The awards ceremony was held at the Aerospace Museum last Friday. This was a special event with key speakers from the world of STEM industry.

We will be looking for a further two Year 5 pupils to nominate at the end of this academic year. The award is to celebrate passion for STEM learning and inspire pupils to consider working in a STEM field in the future.

Communication with the school

We understand that on occasion parents/carers may wish to discuss a query or concern they have about their child's experience at school. If you have a query or concern, contact the school office and they will answer your query or pass the information to another member of staff who can help.

It is always best to raise queries or concerns through direct contact with the school instead of using social media, as this may be upsetting for other parents and would not help a solution to be found (as school would not be aware). We also ask that parents/ carers consider carefully what they post publically about the school.

"Chipping Sodbury School Open Morning will take place on October 19th 2019. The school will be open from 9.30am with the Headteacher's presentation at 10.30am. If you are unable to attend but would like to look around the school, please contact them on: Tel: 01454 862900 or email: enquiries@chippingsodburyschool.com"

Parents' Evening

We have had a few difficulties with our online parents' evening booking system this time, as a result of an increase in numbers of children (beyond 30) in some classes and some families booking more than one appointment per child. To ease the pressure on appointments, we would ask that only one appointment is booked per child for the next parents' evening in March 2020. Separated parents, who are unable to attend together, would need to agree together which parent would book the slot and which parent would contact the teacher to arrange an alternative time to meet for 10 minutes. We will make sure that there are equivalent slots to accommodate one for every child in the class.



CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Christmas Fair is the biggest fundraiser of the school calendar and hopefully this year is going to be another successful event. But this will not be possible without your help.

This year we are asking for three separate donations, however big or small, any donations will be greatly received and very much appreciated. We are running 3 tombola's, Bottle, jolly Jar and chocolate, we need donations for all 3 please!

- Bottle tombola: any bottle, any filling! Could be wine, ketchup, shampoo or even nail varnish! Just an unopened, unused bottle of something please! Please bring into class by Monday 11th November
- A chocolate bar, again any size, any brand, in exchange for Mufti day on Wednesday November 6th
- A Jolly Jar, for this you need any sized old jar. All you need to do is wash it out, and fill it with anything, sweets, chocolate, stationary, small toys, hot chocolate powder and marshmallows, anything you can think of. Get the children involved in filling and decorating and there will be a prize for the best, most original 'Jolly Jar' in each class. Please bring into class by Monday 11th November
- If you are available on the day to help on a stall for just half an hour, please see either Leanne Woodruff or Hannah Murray
- Finally, please try and come along on Saturday 30th November! We have lots of stalls to get a few Christmas gifts, we will have hot pork rolls, lots of games and crafts and of course Father Christmas himself will be there with a little early Christmas gift in the school Grotto.

SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 1PM TIL 4PM





Cotswold Alliance Orchestra

The Cotswold Alliance is a group of like-minded schools (Alexander Hosea, Trinity, Hawkesbury, Horton, St John's Mead, Iron Acton and Old Sodbury), with a passion for improving opportunities for children to shine.

With this in mind, Mrs Webber (Headteacher at Old Sodbury) would like to invite children who are learning a musical instrument to consider being part of the Cotswold Alliance Orchestra.

If your child has musical instrument tuition (at school or home) and they would like to get involved this year, please contact the school office. It would be helpful to know which instrument they play and the most recent grade they have achieved.

We have set a provisional date for the first session at Old Sodbury for 14th January 2020.

Rotary Club charity shoeboxes

The Rotary Club has invited our families to support their mission to spread a little happiness to disadvantaged children and adults in Eastern Europe. They do this by sending shoeboxes full of gifts, filled by their supporters.

Recently the Rotary Club came to run an assembly for the children to help them to find out more about the project. Many shoeboxes have been delivered to school already. Thank you.

Each box costs £2, which covers the cost of the box and distribution costs. Please tape the £2 to the top of the box.

If you would like to get involved, please return your shoebox to school by Friday 8th November, so that they can be collected on this date.

Thank you for your support. Hopefully together we can put smiles on lots of people's faces over the festive period.

Rotary Shoebox Scheme

www.rotaryshoebox.org

"Spreading a Little Happiness"

Suggestions for filling your shoebox

Toys ~ For Boys & Girls

Cars, trucks, etc, balls, complete jigsaws, action figures, colouring books, pens, crayons, lego blocks, yo-yo, bubble blowers, wooden and plastic toys, building blocks, pencil case, pencil sharpener, dominoes, playdough / plasticine & cutters, fluffy toys, dolls, stickers, writing pads, skipping rope, scarf, mittens / gloves, hat, harmonica, games, cards...

Teenagers ~ up to 18 years age

Sportswear, scarf, gloves, socks, hat, football memorabilia, writing materials, games, playing cards, tennis ball, tooth brush & paste, roll-on deodorants, comb, mirror, costume jewellery, make-up, hair brush, toiletries, school stationery, clothing repair kits, sketch pad, coloured pens / pencils...

Household Goods ~

For older folk & families

Scarf, gloves, hats, wrapped soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, disposable razors, shampoo, soap flakes, pan scourers, antiseptic cream, bandages, face or body creams, cosmetics, pens, writing pad & envelopes, T-lights, candles, sewing kit, scissors...

Baby ~ Age up to 12 months

This is given to new mothers and can include baby wipes, baby shampoo, baby oil, talc powder, bonnet, booties and mitts, baby gown, baby blanket, small soft toy or plastic rattle...

What NOT to include in boxes

Food, sweets, chocolate & drinks, battery operated toys, conflict related items, matches, inflammable liquids, inflammable aerosols (eg: deodorants & hair spray), seeds or any other living material, automatic washing machine powders

For safety -

Please securely seal tape top of liquid containers. Protect anything sharp and do not put anything sharp into the Toys box.

The type of contents are indicated on the box top.



In the case of toys & teenagers, additional information as to the suitability for boy or girl, along with age group is also indicated. A card with the sender's name and a photograph is also a nice thing to include.

Above all, the contents should be of good quality, remembering that the recipient will be opening the box in eager anticipation, and especially with the toys for the children, quite possibly the first real gifts they have received for a very long time.

Stamps for CRY

Reverend Ray Avent, from the local chapel, is a regular visitor to our school and leads Tuesday assemblies at intervals throughout the year. The children enjoy his stories about his life and his messages about kindness. He is an avid supporter of the CRY stamp appeal.

CRY aims to rescue and restore children and young people broken by poverty, oppression, exclusion and abuse. They set up projects that provide for the most basic needs - food, water, shelter, education - in some of the poorest nations in the world.

CRY can use your old stamps to generate additional income for the charity. Please trim them from the envelope, collect them together and post them in the collection box in the school entrance.

<https://www.cry.org.uk/donate/stamps>