

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.

We have started to arrange for visitors to come in to school linked to projects: Year 1 had a sea shanty group leading dance and singing; Year 3 have started their djembe drumming and Y4 had a visiting animal company to meet all manner of creatures. We will be continuing to run school trips as well, but transport costs are making these increasingly expensive, so we will try to balance these with having visitors into school to enhance learning. Wickwar Educational Foundation are able to assist with some funding for families that need help with residential trips. They consider all applications in January, so deadline for applications is December each year. <https://www.alexanderhoseaprimary.co.uk/page/?title=The+Wickwar+Education+Foundation&pid=149> Parents may contact the school office for more information too.

School Business Manager vacancy

Mr Swann has sadly decided to move on at the end of October, so we are seeking a new SBM to join our happy and successful team in November. For further information, please see email sent to parents last week.

The deadline for applications is
Monday 26th September at 12:00 noon.

Lunchbreak Supervisor Vacancies – open advert

We are looking for new lunchbreak supervisors to join our successful team. There are roles for bank staff (who can work on a casual basis) as well as a contract for 2 lunchtimes.

If you, or anyone you know, might be interested in applying for this role, please contact Ian.Swann@gmail.org.uk or ring the school on (01454) 294239 for more information.

Harvest Service at Trinity Church

We will be taking the Y1-Y6 children to the church for Harvest on the morning of Monday 3rd October. Some classes would appreciate parent helpers to assist them. Please contact your child's teacher if you can offer help. Please can the children bring packets/canned items to donate to the Food Bank on the morning.

Our Value of the Term is: **Adaptability**

This term we talk about coping with change and transition to new year groups.

We link this to the chameleon from our ELLI learning to learn characters.

PE hoodies for sale

We have a selection of brand new and as new 1st design Alexander Hosea PE hoodies (mostly with zip fronts) without the name on the back. These are mostly age 7-8 and age 9-11. We had originally purchased these for use at tournaments, but most children have their own, so we haven't needed to use them.

These are now for sale from the school office for £7 (online payment) from next Friday. We also have some brand new PE t-shirts in some sizes and house colours too for £5.50.

Nut reminder: Please note that we have a number of children with serious nut allergies, so we are a nut-free school. This includes nut items such as chocolate spread with hazelnuts.

Parent Helpers

We are keen to have parent helpers in school to support with reading. Every class would benefit from parent helper time. If you can help, please read the information emailed to parents. Please contact the office to register your interest.

All Helpers in School need to have a DBS safeguarding check and need to read and sign the confidentiality agreement and Acceptable Use of IT. Please contact Ian.Swann@gmail.org.uk for information about how to get a DBS.

Parents' Evening

After a two year gap due to covid, we are very pleased to be reverting back to our in-person parents' evenings this term. These will be held on Tues 18th and Weds 19th October 4-7pm. The office will send a letter out and a link to sign up closer to the time.

At parents' evening you will be able to see your child's classroom and look at their books.

Please note that all appointments will continue to be 10 minutes in length as usual.

Safeguarding

We take our commitment to safeguarding very seriously and follow guidance in 'Keeping Children Safe in Education'.

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Deb Williams Debbie.Williams@sgmail.org.uk and in her absence Mrs Sally Windmill Sally.Windmill@sgmail.org.uk and Miss Kimberley Edgar Kimberley.Edgar@sgmail.org.uk are Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads.

Considerate Parking

Please can all parents park considerately and in a safe manner so that residents living in the roads near the school can exit and access the properties at any time of the day.

The drop off bay (on the school side of the roundabout) is for quick drop offs and cars should not be parked and left here to keep traffic moving.

The school car park is for staff and holders of blue disabled badges only. Please keep entrance clear.



Friends of AHS

The Friends is a group of parents and carers who organise activities and events throughout the year to raise funds to support the school. New committee members and helpers are always welcome, so if you would like to get involved please get in touch via FriendsOfAHS@hotmail.com.

Rags2Riches clothing collection: Our next date is coming soon on **Monday 3rd October**, so please bag up your unwanted clean clothes, shoes, bags and accessories and bring them to the school roundabout by 9am. This is a great way to declutter while raising funds for our school!

100 Club – next draw 1 December: You can still join our **100 Club** – we hold draws every three months, with three winners selected at each draw. The more players we have, the bigger the cash prizes! It's easy to sign up – to find out more visit our [webpage](#).

Christmas Fair: We are planning to hold this year's Fair on **Friday 2nd December** from **4-6pm**. If you can help us run a game or stall at the event, please get in touch! We rely on extra helpers to run all our events as we currently have a very small number of active committee members.

Don't forget to check our [Facebook page](#) and [webpage](#) for the latest news!

Parent Council

Our Parent Council are a team of parents who meet with Mrs Williams on a termly basis and provide an important communication link between home and school.

Please could class representatives email the school office to confirm who they are in preparation for the first meeting on **3rd October at 2.30pm** (in Opal Class). We are very grateful to the reps from last year – thank you all.

Supporting your child with Reading

Our children are expected to read at least 5 times a week to help to build their word reading, fluency and comprehension.

Frequent reading is an essential part of children's learning and will help them to learn across the curriculum.

If you need any help in supporting your child with their reading, please contact your child's teacher.

Attendance

Consistently very good attendance helps children to access the full curriculum and receive the support and challenge needed to move their learning on. We are fortunate that the vast majority of our children attend school very well. We do not authorise holidays in term time, so please try to book holiday during the 13 weeks of school holidays.

% attendance will be monitored on a termly basis:

- 96%+ is expected and very good
- 95-95.9% is close to expectation
- 90-94.9% is cause for concern
- 89.9% or less is classed as persistent absentee.

Where attendance is becoming a concern, parents may be invited to School Attendance Meeting (with targets set for improvement) and fines may be incurred in the case of persistent absentees or prolonged unauthorised holidays (more than 5 days). Our S. Glos Education Welfare Officer supports us with attendance matters. Mrs Brooks (Heidi.Brooks@gmail.org.uk) will be leading on attendance this year.

Parents and Carers Key Online Safety Resources



Childnet have a dedicated area to support parents and carers with information on key topics, advice and activities to share with your child.

childnet.com/parents-and-carers

Childnet Resource Hub

Choose resources for 'parents and carers' to see leaflets, resources and activities to do with your child.

childnet.com/resources



Advice on key online issues, tips, guides and blogs from partners: Childnet, SWGfL and the IWF.

saferinternet.org.uk

Safer Internet Day

Join the celebrations for Safer Internet Day every February! We provide free tips, advice, videos, quizzes and more.

saferinternetday.org.uk

Reviews and tools

The Family Gaming Database shares research and advice on thousands of video games, including content warnings and PEGI ratings.

taminggaming.com

Common Sense Media provides expert reviews, advice and age-appropriate recommendations on games, apps, films and more. Users can access up to three free reviews per month.

commonsensemedia.org

Parental controls and privacy settings described step-by-step alongside support on a range of online safety topics.

internetmatters.org

The online world provides everyone with many opportunities; however it can also present risks and challenges. www.Childnet.com contains helpful information and links for parents.

The 'Key Online Safety Resources' for Parents has been emailed to you separately. We hope this is helpful.

The Friends of Alexander Hosea present

100 CLUB

JOIN TODAY FOR THE CHANCE TO WIN A CASH PRIZE EVERY 3 MONTHS!

Three winners are selected at each draw
The more people play, the bigger the prizes!
Find out how at our page on the school website

You could be a **WINNER!**

Registered charity no 1025562

ALEXANDER HOSEA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Raise funds by collecting reusable clothes

RAGS 2 RICHES Schools Clubs Groups

WE ACCEPT CLEAN, GOOD QUALITY, DRY, REUSABLE CLOTHING

- ✓ Adults, Childrens & Babies Clothing
- ✓ Jewellery and Accessories
- ✓ Paired Shoes and Footwear
- ✓ Belts and Handbags

A full list of reusable items is listed on our website www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk

WE DO NOT ACCEPT

POOR QUALITY ITEMS SUCH AS DIRTY, WET, RIPPED OR SOILED CLOTHES.
PILLOWS, DUVETS, CURTAINS, BOOKS CDs OR ANY UNIFORM

If you are unsure what to put in the bags **STOP AND THINK WOULD YOU WEAR IT?**

Please use ANY bag for your donations

Collection Date:
Monday 3rd October by 9am

Please remember - NO UNIFORM



Neuro-Divergent Peer Support Group

Last Wednesday of every month
Drop in 7pm to 9pm

A group run by and for ND adults and parents / carers of ND children, including Autism, ADHD, PDA, Dyslexia, etc. All adults welcome, whether you are ND, live with a ND family member, or are just interested in learning more about ND life.

For more information contact wottonnd@gmail.com, or come along to the group at The Keepers, Symn Lane, Wotton, GL12 7BD

District Sports Competition at KLB

Each summer we take part in the very popular District Sports competition at KLB. We take along some of the children who showed their speediness at sports day.

This summer, we were delighted to have come 2nd overall for large schools (even though we have a smaller school than most in this category). This was a great result. Congratulations to everyone who represented the school so brilliantly.

We look forward to taking part again next year.



TO RAISE MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL

We're always looking for new committee members and volunteers to help run fundraising events

To find out more, visit the Friends' page (in the 'Parents' section at www.alexanderhoseprimary.co.uk), find us on Facebook (Friends of AHS) or email friendsofahs@hotmail.com