

Alexander Hosea Primary School

'Roots to grow, wings to fly'

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

From the Headteacher...

Celebrations and latest news

- We met our new Reception Parents for September last week for the transition meeting. We talked about the arrangements for the induction period, how to prepare the children and what to expect. We are really looking forward to meeting our new children at the transition session in June and July.
- Thank you for your empty crisp packet donations for the Terracycle crisp packet recycling scheme. The first batch is being packaged up to send off. We have received a lot of empty packets, thank you.
- KLB staff have visited to talk to Mrs Brooks as part of the transition process. Children and parents attended the new parents' meeting and the children will be visiting for a transition day in two weeks' time.
- We have been part of the Boolean Maths Hub this year and Mrs Brooks and Mrs Arrowsmith have taken part in regular sessions across the year, including observing visiting teachers from Shanghai. We had our last visit from our mentor this week and we have received very positive feedback from Boolean. Next year we will join an expert group to deepen our practice further. We are looking forward to continuing with this link. Thank you to Mrs Brooks, Mrs Arrowsmith and the teachers for engaging so well with the programme. We have gained much from the experience as a result.
- Following the recent advert for a new Parent Governor, the Governors are very pleased to announce that we have a new Parent Governor from our Reception community – Mrs Boulton.
- We also have a new Clerk to Governors following the resignation of Mrs Smith-Emerson, who supported the Governing Board for many years. We are grateful to Mrs Smith-Emerson for her commitment to the school in past years. Mrs Gregory has now been appointed as the new Clerk to Governors. She is already beavering away to learn the ropes and we know she will be a good asset to the Governing Board.
- A group of Year 5 pupils from our school have been training with a group from Fonthill Primary, Southmead to form a football team to compete in the Football Together Tournament. We are very proud of our pupils for reaching out the hand of friendship and working collaboratively with their new friends. As a result the team came third in their group – well done! Thank you to Mrs McAleese for supporting the team to do well.

INSET dates: INSET 5 – **Monday 8th July 2019**. Our INSET dates for next year will be **Monday 2nd September 2019, Friday 20th December 2019, Monday 6th January 2020, Friday 3rd April 2020 and Friday 3rd July 2020.**

What's coming up soon?

- New Reception children visiting on 28th June and 10th July.
- 'Shuffle Up' week 1st -4th July. During the week, the children will spend the first session of each day with their new teacher for September, in their new classroom. This is part of our transition arrangements.
- INSET Monday 8th July – transition meetings for handing up assessment, learning, SEN and pastoral information to the next teacher.
- Annual school reports go home to parents on Friday 12th July
- Wickwar Games, 13th July. Including FoAHS Fun Run. We hope to see you there.
- Disco Tuesday 16th July.
- Y6 end of year performance Monday 15th July
- Prince William Award graduation for Y4 pupils Friday 19th July.
- End of school year Tuesday 23rd July

Class Arrangements for Sept 2019

As per the email that came home last week, we are pleased to be able to confirm our staffing for September 2019. We will be retaining our 8 class structure for this year as the larger cohort move into Year 1. We are delighted to be able to keep Mrs Wigginton as a result of this, as she is an asset to the team.

Topaz (YR) – Mrs Windmill

Jet (Y1) - Mrs Cleverley and Mrs Rehman

Emerald (Y1) – Miss Tyler

Ruby (Y2) – Mrs Wigginton

Crystal (Y3) – Mrs Arrowsmith

Diamond (Y4) – Miss Edgar

Pearl (Y5) – Mrs Moncrieff

Amethyst (Y6) – Mrs Brooks

Sadly we will be saying a fond farewell to Mrs Lloyd (Teaching Assistant) at the end of this term. We wish her all the very best for the future.

Safe Parking Reminder

Our neighbours on Honeybourne Way have requested that parents/carers do not park across driveways, nor on the Keep Clear road markings.

Please can all drivers be considerate to our neighbours and make sure that all Keep Clear areas are clear at all times (including on rainy days) as it affects the safety of pedestrians and local residents. Thank you.

Email from LMc about Football Together

Five of us from Pearl class were lucky enough to be picked to join up with five children from a year 5 class from a school in Bristol, Fonhill Primary, to train and play in a football tournament set up by a charity called Bristol Together. Over four weeks, we practised at both of our schools with our coaches from Bristol Together called Rebecca and Eve. During these training sessions we became good friends with the five from Fonhill, we called our combined team Alexhill United.

At the tournament, which was held on the new astro pitches at UWE, we were all very excited and even though it poured with rain all day we were really happy and played very well coming third in our league, such a big achievement!

Olwyn, Mara, Callum, Will and Tyler

School Meal Price increase for KS2 from 2 September

Integra Catering who supply our school meals have informed us that school lunches for KS2 pupils will be increasing from September. The cost of a pupil meal will now be £2.30 per day, £11.50 per week. Toast will remain the same at 10p however fruit tuck is increasing to 25p per day.



We would love to have additional flowering plants for the two pots (near the school entrance). If you have any flowering plant offcuts that you think might be appropriate, please add them to the planters.



Community Engagement Forums
Charfejd, Cromhall, Tortworth, Faflejd, Rangeworthy, Wickwar & Cotswojd Edge

Everyone is welcome
All local residents and organisations

- Raise any concerns you have about your community
- Hear about what is happening in your area
- Meet with representatives from South Gloucestershire Council, Councillors, Avon & Somerset Police, Avon Fire & Rescue, Voluntary & Community Groups and your Town & Parish Councils

7pm on Monday 24th June 2019
Wickwar Community Rooms GL12 8PF
Guest Speakers
South Gloucestershire Trading Standards & Neighbourhood Watch

Your voice counts in shaping your community

 www.southglos.gov.uk/cef
01454 868113



Friends of AHS

?? July – Friends' Social Planning Night – The Buthay 8pm

13th July – Wickwar Games: 1K and 5K Fun Runs

16th July – AHS Summer Discos (Infants 4:45-5:45, Juniors 6-7pm)

Friends' Social Planning Night

Everyone is welcome to join us in The Buthay from 8pm for a few drinks (and a bit of a chat about future events). Hope to see you there!

Wickwar Games: 1K and 5K Fun Runs

Entry forms for our Fun Run can be found on the school website (Parents section) and you can save 10% by registering online by 6th July! **HELPERS NEEDED...** If you can help on the day, please let us know or use our SignUpGenius page (see link on our Facebook posts). Thank you!

AHS Summer Disco

Just £1 on the door, plus £1 for a "Goody Bag" (inc. sweets and a glow-stick. An ice-pop will also be given at the end). Drinks are free. AHS Children only.

Summer Arts Project: Tea Towels

Thank you to everyone who has ordered tea towels. We will let you know when we have received them from the printing company and they will then be sent home with your child before the end of term.

Clothes for a Cause

We are pleased to announce that 376Kg was donated, raising £150.40 for our school – thank you!

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The Reading Agency and Libraries Present
SPACE CHASE
Summer Reading Challenge 2019
spacechase.org.uk

Our local library have been telling children how they can take part in **Space Chase**, the Summer Reading Challenge 2019.

The children will tell you all about it! All they have to do is read SIX Library books and visit the library regularly over the summer, collecting special stickers and incentives along the way.

Please encourage your children to visit the library and sign up so you can see the difference the Summer Reading Challenge makes to their reading.

FREE awesome activities: Fizz Pop Science, space & alien crafts and Lego Mindstorm Mars Rover Challenge with Aerospace Bristol.

Find out more www.southglos.gov.uk/childrenslibrary

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It's FUN!
It's FREE!
It's LOCAL!

We always have a very good engagement with the Library Summer Reading Challenge at Alexander Hosea Primary, so we know that children will be keen to find out about the challenge for 2019 – see above.

The children should keep their reading certificates as they will be able to use this challenge to add to their Childrens' University Passport from September – more information to follow soon. If you would like to start having a look at this, please follow the link:

<https://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk/>

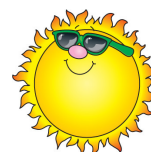


Any brand of crisp packets

Thank you for your used crisp packets, we will soon be able to post the first batch to Terracycle. Keep them coming!

Current Topaz, Ruby and Jet Classes

E Safety and Home School Agreement forms for the children moving into new key stages are coming home. Please sign with your child and return to the office as soon as possible. Thank you



The weather is due to improve next week, so please make sure that all children have a bottle of water, sun cream (applied at home before school) and a hat.