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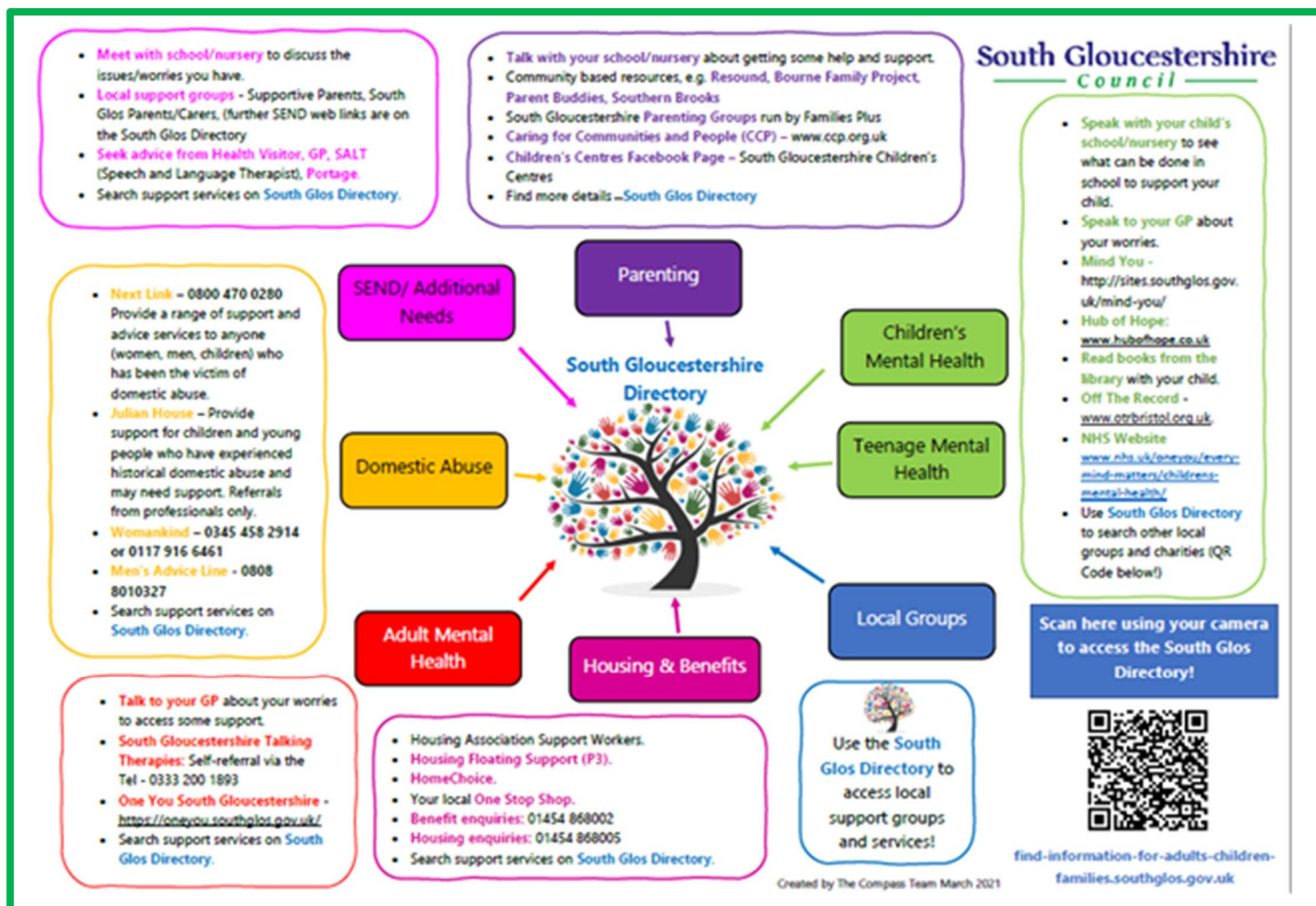
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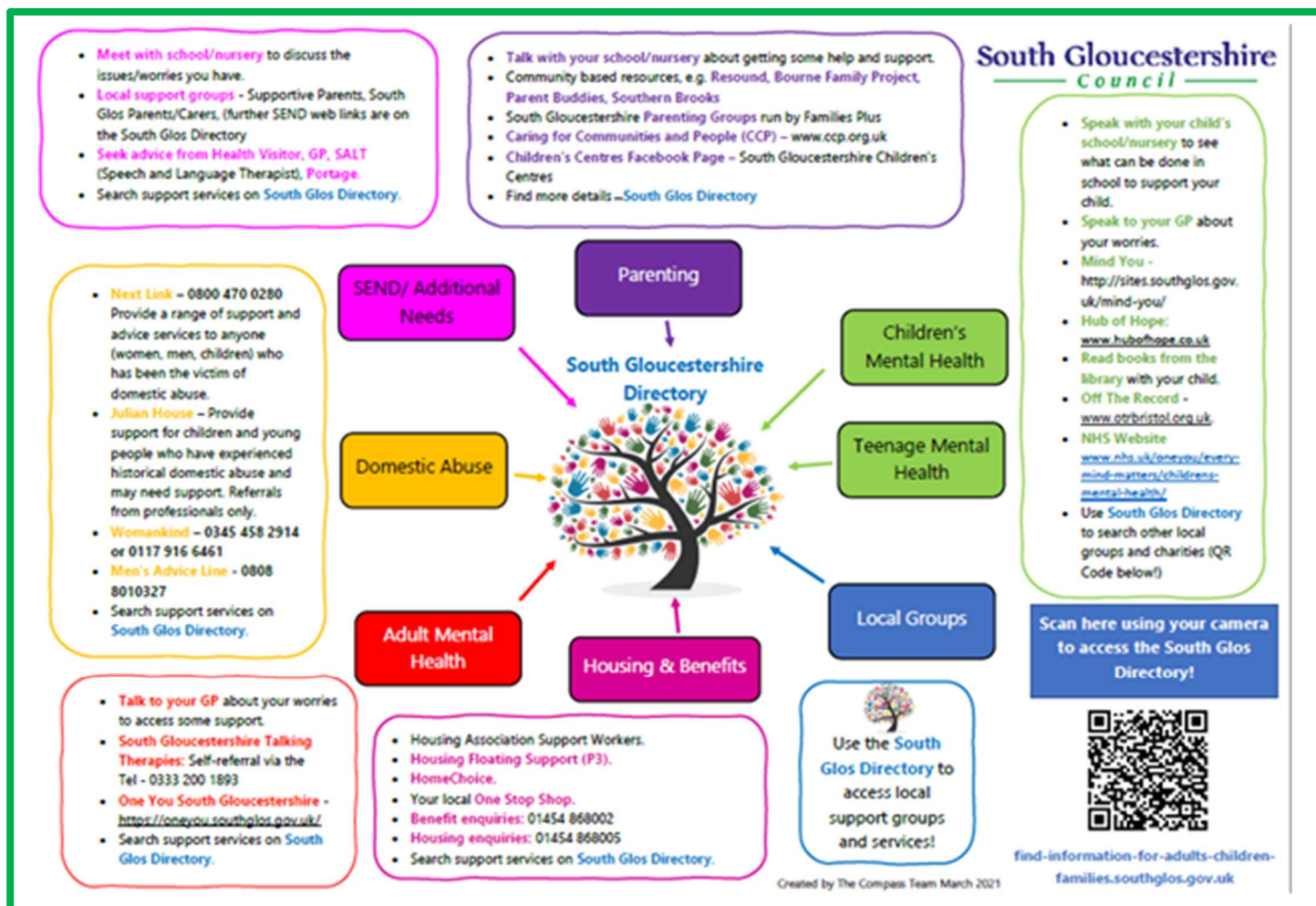
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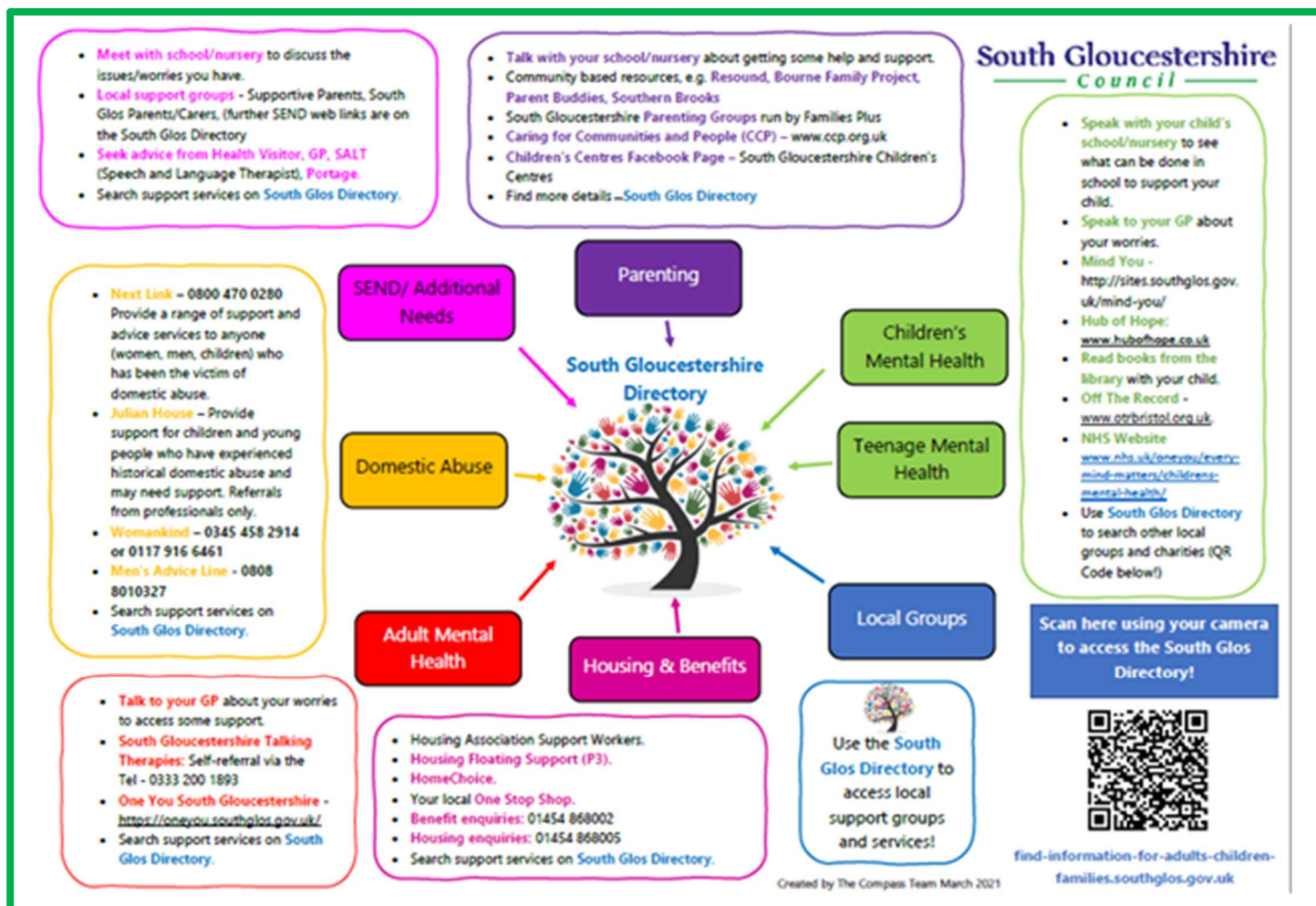
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Newsletter 1, 10th September 2021

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

From Mrs Williams.

Welcome back! It is brilliant to see the children back in school and starting to mix with wider groups in the playground. Our classrooms are set up as immersive environments again, which both children and staff are loving. Many classes have had their Wow days to launch the new projects and some trips have started to be booked. In the coming week, teachers will post their 'Meet the Teacher' video on Google Classroom and the Y6 children will prepare their presentations for House Captain elections. The very popular Wickwar Fun Run is on Saturday 25th and we hope to see our children running.

As you may have noticed, Mrs Rehman is expecting her third child next spring. Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Rehman!



Friends of AHSneed you

We have a really dedicated (but small) group of parents who are running the Friends of AHS at the moment. They are **urgently seeking new members** to get involved in the group so that they can start to organise and run events for this school year.

Without new volunteers, it is possible that the group may fold, which would have a huge impact on your children and the school, both in terms of the highly valued events and also the financial donations that the Friends of AHS are able to provide (which pay for experiences and resources that the school would otherwise not be able to afford).

All Parents and Carers can get involved and we would love to have some volunteers from the Infants. If you would like to be involved, contact the Friends of Alexander Hosea Primary through Facebook, or let the school office know and we can pass your contact details on. Thank you!

In the immediate future, the Friends are looking for volunteers to help with the **Wickwar Fun Run at the Wickwar Games on Saturday 25th September**. In particular, they need people to help marshall the races and to help run the bar – please sign up below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0b44a9ab2fabf58-wickwar>

Caretaker Vacancy

We are urgently looking to recruit a new school caretaker from 1st October 2021.

The deadline for applications is **Friday 17th September 2021**.

The hours are 3pm to 6pm every school day (and it also involves some working in the school holidays).

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

We are very grateful to Mr Gilbert who has very kindly agreed to stay on for a month to give us time to advertise again (3rd time!).

Libraries Summer Reading Challenge

We know that many of our children have taken part in the summer reading challenge again this year. Children can bring their certificates into school on Friday 17th September, so that their achievement can be celebrated in Celebration Assembly on this day.

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.

Small World items

Two of our experienced SEN Teaching Assistants (Mrs Joyner and Mrs Sutherland) are ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistants). Mrs Sutherland is looking for donations of good quality small world (animals, figures, Disney characters) to use for sand tray therapy. Please drop in to school office.

New Covid Risk Assessment – Autumn 2021

Following the updated government guidance for schools in the summer, there are some changes for the new school year and we are all welcoming the shift to a more moderate approach to protective measures. The bubbles have gone and the children are thrilled to be mixing together in the playground and seeing younger and older friends, neighbours and family. It has also been great to start to come back together for assemblies in person too. Our new Covid risk Assessment is on the Covid page of the school website.

We continue to have a focus on good hand hygiene and children will be advised to wash their hands regularly throughout the day. Also 'Catch it, bin it, kill it' will be promoted in every class for respiratory hygiene – see poster below. Please do not send your child in if they have symptoms of Covid 19 (high temperature 37.5 or above, new, persistent cough or loss of taste/smell) and book a PCR test. Children will be sent home if they develop potential symptoms during the school day.

Test and Trace now have sole responsibility for contact tracing and in the event of a positive case in school, Test and Trace will engage with the positive person/their parent and identify potential close contacts who may need to isolate. They will then contact the close contacts via their systems. In the event that there is an outbreak of positive cases. We would follow the South Glos Outbreak Management Plan (attached to the risk assessment) and some of our previous protective measures may come back in place for a limited number of classes for a short period. We will be guided in this by South Glos Public Health.

Drop off and pick up

Thank you so much for working with us to transition to a new normal in school. The drop offs have been working well, so we feel ready to revert back to our standard morning start times of 8:50am from Monday 13th September. The one way system will remain, but children should now enter via the playground gate (so that scooters and bikes can be dropped off). The gate will be locked at 8:59am and registers taken at 9am. Collections at 3:30pm in main playground will continue as per this week. Thank you.

Parking reminder from South Glos Streetcare & Transport

The council have received concerns from local residents living in Inglestone Road regarding their accesses being obstructed by vehicles driven by parents picking up their children from the school.

The information that has been given to them is that they should contact the local police if they are being prevented from exiting their properties as the police have enforcement powers to remove the offending vehicle.

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.

Transport to Secondary Schools for Wickwar Pupils

We have been alerted to a transport issue for children living in the new housing beyond the Citron garage roundabout. Children in these houses, whilst in the KLB catchment, are eligible for free transport to Chipping Sodbury and Brimsham (as they are their closest schools), but **not** to KLB.

Children who are in receipt of Free School Meals will be able to arrange free transport to KLB and should contact South Glos Admissions to arrange.

For further information, contact..

AdmissionsAndTransport@southglos.gov.uk

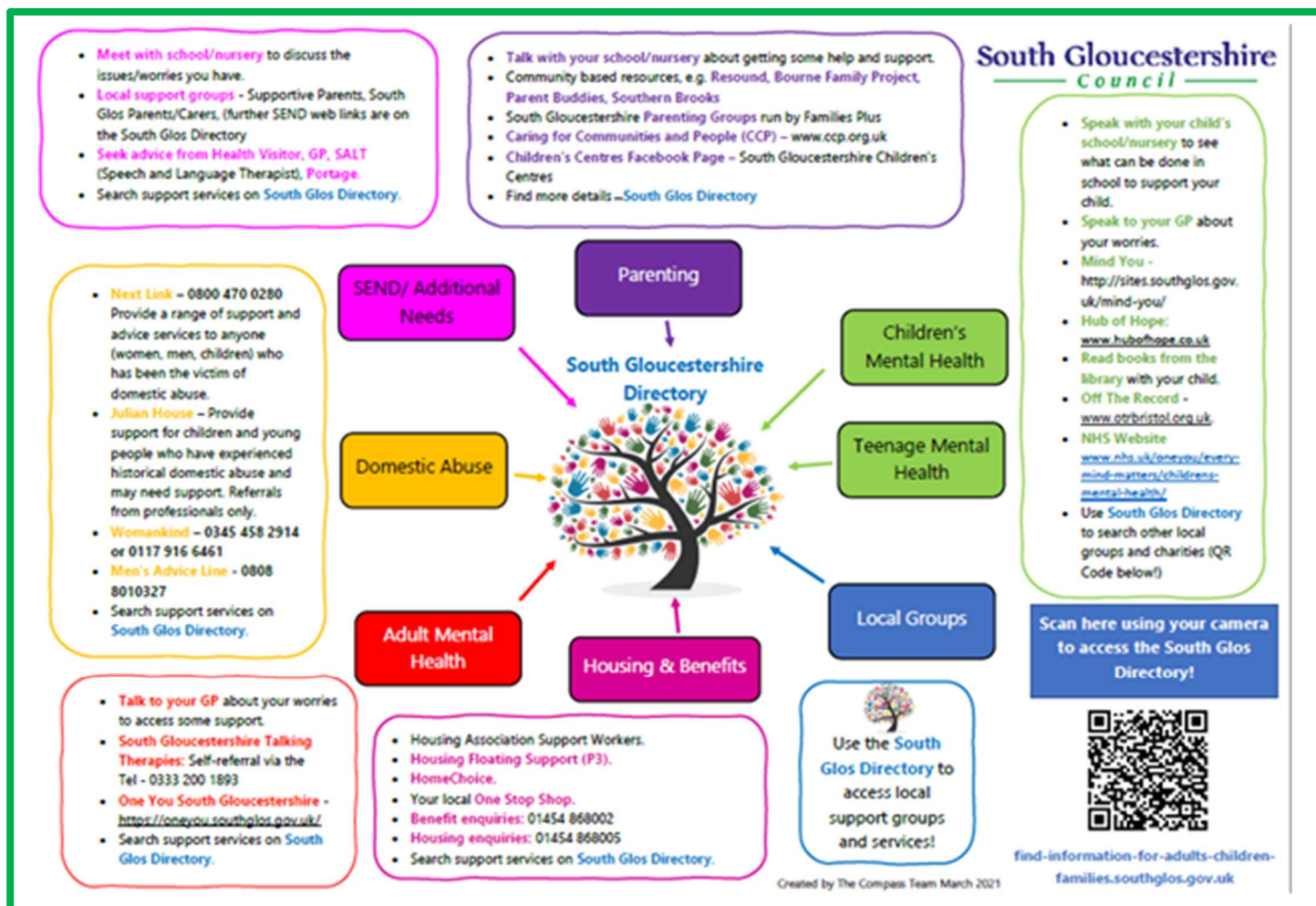
Lunchbreak Staff Vacancy

We currently have a permanent vacancy on our lunchtime team of one shift per week (Friday).

We are also always looking to recruit new "bank" lunchtime team members (who do not have permanent, regular shifts but who we can call upon to cover absences as and when needed).

If you or someone you know might be interested in either of these vacancies, please contact allison.hall@gmail.org.uk for more details.





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.

2021-2022 PE Days.

On your child's class PE Day, all children need to come into school wearing their full PE uniform.

Topaz - Monday and Thursday.

Jet - Monday and Thursday

Crystal - Tuesday and Friday

Ruby - Tuesday and Wednesday

Emerald - Wednesday and Friday

Diamond - Thursday and Friday

Pearl - Wednesday and Friday

Amethyst - Tuesday and Thursday

Parent Helpers

We are in the process of updating our 'Helpers in School' Handbook to prepare for having helpers in school again during the autumn term.

When we are ready to share this and the Helpers in School briefing from Mrs Williams, we will let parents know. This will be in a video format rather than in person.

We are hoping to be able to have 2 volunteers per class to support with hearing readers in the first instance.

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.

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 Monday 20th September at 2.30pm (on MS Teams). We are very grateful to the reps from last year – thank you all.



Friends of AHS

WELCOME to a new year of exciting fundraising events! We are really hoping to be able to run more of our normal events this year. We are looking for new committee members and people to help, so if you would like to get involved please get in touch via FriendsOfAHS@hotmail.com.

Wickwar Games: The Friends will be helping to run the Wickwar Games on **Saturday 25th September**. If you haven't been before this is a great event for all the family. We need your help to make it a success though – so please keep a look out for our volunteer rota and sign up for slots!

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