

# Alexander Hosea Primary School

## 'Roots to grow, wings to fly'

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### Newsletter 17 - 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018

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

From the Headteacher...

What a busy and enjoyable term we have had. I have been really proud of the children for having a positive attitude around school and in class. Their motivation and commitment is excellent and it is always a pleasure to see the 'want' for learning and responsible attitudes across the school.

#### What else has happened over the past fortnight?

- We are delighted to have appointed a new teacher - Mrs Sarah Wigginton - to complete our team for September. We look forward to welcoming her to the school in the coming term as we work on transition. We will arrange an opportunity for the parents and children in her class (class to be confirmed in next newsletter) to meet her in the coming term.
- Reception had a lovely day out to Weston-Super-Mare. They visited the aquarium and beach as part of their project.
- Y5 pedestrian training helped these children to be more aware of how to keep themselves safe.
- Diamond Class visited Westonbirt. The children really enjoyed the experience and their excellent attitudes and participation in the activities was noted by the Westonbirt staff.
- Year 6 and Y2 have completed their SATs tests. We are really proud of all the children for making their best effort in these assessments. Their hard work and determination helped them to do their best.
- The final Catering Working Party has taken place for this year. We reflected on the activities from this year and mapped out next steps for the future. The team will meet twice a year going forward.

**INSET day reminder:** The school is closed to children on the following dates: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2018.



**Aardman  
workshops**



Did you see the article in the Gazette on 17<sup>th</sup> May (see on page 3)? There is also an article on their website:

[http://www.gazetteseries.co.uk/news/yateandsodburynews/16219593.Wickwar\\_s\\_junior\\_animators\\_create\\_new\\_Gromit\\_adventures/](http://www.gazetteseries.co.uk/news/yateandsodburynews/16219593.Wickwar_s_junior_animators_create_new_Gromit_adventures/)

#### **Did you know?**

Wickwar Education Foundation can help with educational funding for pupils of Alexander Hosea Primary School.

Applications (e.g. for Kilver - Y5 and Morfa Bay -Y6) need to be submitted by Dec each year for consideration at the annual meeting in January.

[WEF1686@gmail.com](mailto:WEF1686@gmail.com)

#### **Thank you and requests for help!**

Thank you to all our parent helpers for giving their time so generously throughout the year. We really appreciate your support in hearing readers, coming on trips, cooking with children, helping with Coding Club etc. If you would like (start or continue) to help out in the coming year, please look out for the parent helper induction dates in September.

## Jet Class Parent Lunches

Please see letter about Parent Lunches for Y2 parents 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> June.

As the children are nearing the end of their universal free school meals, this provides the opportunity for parents to sample the school meals for themselves. Y2 children have free meals and the cost is £2.80 per adult.



**Thornbury Carnival tickets are now available!**

This year's headline act is The Take That Experience (on stage afternoon and evening) and confirmed arena acts include the Band of the Royal Signals, the Tigers Motorcycle Display Team and the Welsh Horse Yeomanry.

Thornbury Carnival is a local community event, providing a great value, fun day out for the whole family. The event is organised by volunteers and all profits raised are donated to local good causes.

Tickets are available on **Eventbrite** (search Thornbury Carnival - small booking fee applies) or from local outlets (see [mythornbury.co.uk/thornbury/thornbury-carnival](http://mythornbury.co.uk/thornbury/thornbury-carnival)).

Ticket prices as follows:

- Adult: £5 'Earlybird' ticket (available until 16<sup>th</sup> June) or £7 thereafter
- Children (age 11 and under): £3 'Earlybird' ticket or £4 thereafter
- Family ticket (2 adults and up to 3 children): £15 (only available until June 16<sup>th</sup>)

Don't forget to like and follow our Facebook page for updates!

## INSET days for 2018-19 academic year

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019

We have provided these dates early to assist parents when booking holidays.

## Wickwar Out of School Club VACANCY

Wickwar Out of School Club (WOOSC) is based in The Olive Pollard Community Rooms adjacent to the Alexander Hosea School in Wickwar and is open from 7.45 -9.00 am and 3.30 - 6.00 pm weekdays. We also offer some holiday care from 8.00 am till 6 pm according to demand.

We currently have a vacancy for a Play Assistant (Bank Staff). The starting salary is dependent on age/experience, details on application.

You will need:

- To be a minimum of 17 years old.
- to be available to cover morning and/or afternoon sessions at short notice because of sickness/holiday during term-time and Holiday Club .
- To have an interest in working with children aged 4-12 years.
- To be able to provide and facilitate safe, creative play.

We provide flexible working conditions, the opportunity to work as part of a team, training and support.

Application packs may be requested via our email address [woosc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:woosc@hotmail.co.uk) or by calling Emma James

## Free school meals ('Pupil Premium')

The funding (£1320) per child p/a follows the child for the whole of their primary education and can be used for a range of helpful reasons (e.g. free school meals in KS2, additional adults in school, school uniform, subsidising school trips/residential, paying for music lessons, after school clubs etc).

You can claim for children in Reception to Year 6.

## Who qualifies for free school meals?

Under current rules, your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit.

If you think you may be eligible please use the following link to apply

[www.southglos.gov.uk/advice-and-benefits/benefits/free-school-meals](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/advice-and-benefits/benefits/free-school-meals)



## Friends of AHS

1<sup>st</sup> June – 100 Club Draw

14<sup>th</sup> June – Clothes for a Cause

7<sup>th</sup> July – Wickwar Games Fun Runs

### Clothes for a Cause

Please bring your good quality clothes, paired shoes and bags to the "Duck Gates" by 9am.

### Wickwar Games 1K & 5K Fun Runs

Under 8s 1K (Free). Family 5K (Adults £5, Kids £2.50)  
Register early and save 10%! Registration forms can be downloaded from the school website (Parents tab > FOAHS)

[friendsofahs@hotmail.com](mailto:friendsofahs@hotmail.com)

[www.facebook.com/FriendsOfAHS](http://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfAHS)

0145 03 969 36  
South Gloucestershire Council

## What's On at Yate Children's Centres

Please telephone to confirm sessions.

**Monday**  
YCC Childminders Group: 9.30am-12.00pm—Drop in session  
WGCC Childminders Group: 9.30-11.30am—Drop in session  
YCC Rainbow Group (term time): 1.30-3.00pm  
Support for children with additional needs and their carers. Please phone for details.

**Tuesday**  
WGCC Drop-in: 9.00am - 12pm (Fortnightly)  
A drop in session for advice and information on healthy relationships, run with Next Link.  
YCC Family Time: 9.30 - 11.00am  
A group for mums and dads with children 0-5 years. Please phone for details and to book a place.  
YCC Breast Friends: 11.30am - 1.00pm  
Drop in group. Trained peer supporters are on hand for breastfeeding support.

**Wednesday**  
YCC Incredible Years: 9.30 - 11.45am  
Parenting Programme. Referral Only. Please phone for details.

**Thursday**  
YCC Baby and Me: 10.00 - 11.30am  
A 10 week course to support parent and baby relationships. Please phone for details.  
WGCC Young Mums Group: 1.00 - 2.30pm  
A group for mums aged 22 years old and under and their children.  
YCC Community Learning: 1.00 - 2.30pm  
Please phone for details and to book a place.

**Friday**  
YCC Baby Massage: 9.30 to 10.30am and 11.00 to 12.00pm  
A 5 week programme for babies 5 months and under. Please phone to book onto the next course.

West Gate Children's Centre  
21 West Walk, Yate BS37 4AX

Yate Children's Centre  
Cranleigh Court Road, Yate BS37 5DW  
01454 864154 / 01454 864155

YCC = Yate Children's Centre, WGCC = West Gate Children's Centre  
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Heleen Javes, set dresser at Aardman Animation, with Year 3 and 4 pupils at Alexander Hosea Primary School in Wickwar

## Animation fun at school

GROMIT and Shaun the Sheep are setting out on a raft of new adventures, thanks to school children in Wickwar.

Earlier this month, pupils at Alexander Hosea Primary took part in a special Aardman animation workshop. A working model maker spent two days at the school, and spoke to the children about how characters are created and animations are produced.

Headteacher Deb Williams said: "Each child was given some modelling clay and taught step by step how to make Gromit and various characters from the film Early Man and Shaun the Sheep. They were then shown how to animate these into a short film."

"All the children have been buzzing about it. A couple of students have said that they'd like to do more modelling and perhaps work for Aardman in the future."

The workshops were funded by the Wickwar Education Foundation.

### School Clubs

The club timetable can be viewed on the school website on the 'News and Events' page (see link below)

<https://www.alexanderhoseaprimary.co.uk/page/?title=News+%26amp%3B+Events&pid=3>

For further information, please contact Mrs Packer in the school office.

## Speech and Language Therapy

### Drop in session

Speech and Language Therapy  
Alexander Hosea

Date	Time	Location
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	2:30	Alexander Hosea Music Room

Informal drop in sessions for anyone with a child attending the school.

Pop in to chat about your child's speech and language development. We can talk about any concerns and answer your questions. We can also give you tips and ideas to support speech and language development.

Free service to anyone with children at the school.

Holly Wheatley  
Speech and Language Therapist

Does your child want to learn a musical instrument?

**Open morning**  
Saturday 9th June  
9.30am – 12noon  
Marlwood School  
Alveston

Thornbury Area Youth Music is a local charity run by parents aiming to maintain and enhance collective youth music making and promote excellence in music. We run a busy term-time Saturday morning music centre at Marlwood School, Alveston with groups, classes, choir, theory and orchestras for musicians aged 4-18 of all abilities.

For primary school children we have a number of groups designed especially for them. We currently have children attending from 18 different schools around the area. Because we are not-for-profit, our classes are great value for money and you don't even have to buy an instrument – you can hire one from us for a small fee.

If your child already plays an instrument, please bring it along and arrive at 9:30am so they can join in with one of our groups. If your child has never played an instrument before feel free to come along and let them try all sorts of different ones!

If you cannot make our open morning, please contact us to arrange a free taster session. For more information call Alison Howard on 07773 273586 or email [info@thornbury-music.org](mailto:info@thornbury-music.org). You can also find us on Twitter and Facebook (search Thornbury Music)

[www.thornbury-music.org](http://www.thornbury-music.org)

### Staffing for September 2018

We are in the process of allocating our Teachers and TAs for September 2018.

Once we have confirmed our arrangements, we will let parents know.

## Governor Vacancies for September 2018

The terms of some of the current governors are shortly coming to an end, so the Governors of Alexander Hosea School will have three vacancies from September 2018. Like any successful organisation, a strong Governing Body requires a mixture of skills, knowledge and experience. No experience of working within education is needed, though a commitment to learn and to contribute is. The core functions of the Governing Body are:

- 1) Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- 2) Holding the School to account for its educational performance and that of its pupils.
- 3) Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

This is an exciting time in a rapidly changing education system.

The Governors are interested in hearing from anyone who might be interested in becoming a Governor, whatever their background or experience. There is no need for the new Governors to be parents of children at the school. We are particularly interested in hearing from anyone who has experience in HR, Property Maintenance or Finance, but this is not a requirement.

If you could make a contribution to building on the recently secured "Good" Ofsted rating by becoming a Governor at our school, please contact Aaron Smith via [aaron.smith3@sgmail.org.uk](mailto:aaron.smith3@sgmail.org.uk).

### Key dates for Term 6

- 4<sup>th</sup> June – start of Term 6
- 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> June Year 6 at Morfa Bay.
- 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> June Y1 Phonics screening.
- 12<sup>th</sup> June New Reception Parents' meeting 6-7pm.
- 15<sup>th</sup> June Teacher allocations in newsletter
- 26<sup>th</sup> June Sports' Day with family picnic
- 28<sup>th</sup> June Parent Council
- 9-12<sup>th</sup> July Shuffle up week (children in new classes)
- 12<sup>th</sup> July School Reports come home
- 16<sup>th</sup> July Year 6 pantomime
- 17<sup>th</sup> July End of year disco
- 20<sup>th</sup> July End of school year

As Term 6 is a very busy term, please also look at the school calendar on the website:

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

### **General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)**

As you will be aware, new data protection legislation comes into force on 25 May 2018. Much of what we already do to protect data meets the requirements of the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), but there will need to be some changes to comply with the new regulation. These include:

- We have a new Data Protection policy (published on the school website this week);
- We have appointed Integra (South Gloucestershire Council's trading company) as our Data Protection Officer and to provide support as we change our policies and procedures to comply with the GDPR;
- We have updated our Privacy Notice for pupils (emailed to all parents/carers earlier this week and also available on the school website)
- We have provided staff with additional information to ensure that they are aware of our responsibilities relating to data collection, handling, use and security;

<https://www.alexanderhoseaprimary.co.uk/page/?title=GDPR+Policies&pid=220>