

# 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 the Headteacher...

Thank you for your ongoing support and for engaging so well with the various opportunities to come into school this term. We know how tricky this can be for working families, but it means a lot to the children. We wish everyone a happy, restful Easter. We look forward to hearing all about it from the children, when we return to school on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April.

#### Celebrations and latest news

- **Parents' evening 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> March (4-6:30pm).** We had a great turn out for these evenings, with almost all families represented. The drop in crèche for in the Blue Room was very well received.
- Y5 have been at **Kilve Court** for their residential this week. We hope they have all had a lovely time (despite the rainy weather)
- Y6 presented their fantastic **party political broadcasts** (for the parties they have set up themselves as part of the project on parliament) to the rest of the school last week and the children across the school had the chance to vote on Friday. The winning party were the Eco Warriors who stood for 'A cleaner future'.
- **Topaz and Ruby journal shares** were well attended.
- **Y3 gardening event** with families. Adults and children were enjoying getting their hands dirty to uplift the Year 3 border. It looks beautiful! Thank you.
- **Panathlon Sporting event** at KLB. Our team performed very well and came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall. Congratulations! See separate article later in the newsletter.
- **FoAHS Reading challenge** – the deadline for this has now passed and the FoAHS have been really pleased with the amount of children, who have taken part.
- **End of Project Outcomes** – The children have completed their spring term projects and enjoyed their various end of project celebrations (dragon hunt, gardening, fashion show etc). We hope you have enjoyed coming along.
- **Bellway drawing competition** – Thank you for the entries. We have sent them to Bellway and will let you know when we hear back.

INSET dates: INSET 4 – **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019** and INSET 5 – **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019**. We have not yet confirmed all of our INSET dates for next year, but there will be an INSET on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019**.

#### What's coming up soon?

- End of Term 4 – 5<sup>th</sup> April and INSET day for staff on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. **Return to school on 24<sup>th</sup> April.**
- **Year 4 trip** on 24<sup>th</sup> April.
- **'Greatest Showman' Cinema Night** on 30<sup>th</sup> April (after school)
- **Reception trip to Redwood** on 25<sup>th</sup> April
- **Class Photos** 29<sup>th</sup> April
- **KS1 multiskills event at KLB** 30<sup>th</sup> April
- **Morfa Bay Y6 parents information session** 2<sup>nd</sup> May
- **Cake sale (Y5) in playground after school** 2<sup>nd</sup> May



Congratulations to our Panathlon Team (part of the team is pictured above), who took part in a range of sporting challenges at KLB last week.

We were really proud of their great attitude and conduct. The team came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall and were very pleased with their win and the fancy blue t-shirts and the medals they were given.

Thank you to KLB for organising the event and Mrs McAleese (Mrs Mac) for escorting the team.

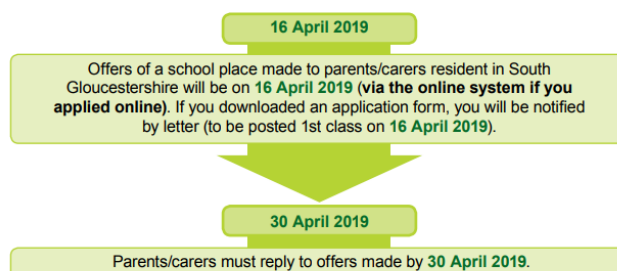
### 'Bank' lunchtime staff required

We are currently looking to expand the number of people we have on our books as 'bank' lunchtime staff (i.e. lunchtime supervisors who are available to come in and cover on an ad hoc basis when our permanent lunchtime supervisors are absent for any reason).

If you would be interested in applying to be a member of 'bank' lunchtime staff, please contact the School Business Manager Allie Hall on (01454) 294239 or [allison.hall@sgmail.org.uk](mailto:allison.hall@sgmail.org.uk)

### Admissions to Primary School in Sept 2019

<http://www.southglos.gov.uk//documents/Admission-to-Primary-Schools-2019-20-FINAL.pdf>



## EASTER 2019 HOLIDAY CLUB AT WOOSC

All children aged 4 to 12 years old welcome this Easter \*

includes final year of Pre-school

Monday 8th April - Open all Day

Tuesday 9th April - Open all Day

Wednesday 10th April - Open all Day

Monday 15th April - Open all Day

Tuesday 16th April - Open all Day

Wednesday 17th April - Open all Day

Contact us on 07815 561783 or [woosc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:woosc@hotmail.co.uk) for more information or alternatively sign up in club today!

### Business funding channels

If the company you work for has a charity element of their work, which could contribute to an aspect of school life, we would love to hear from you. Please email the contact information to [Allison.Hall@sgmail.org.uk](mailto:Allison.Hall@sgmail.org.uk)

### Toast at morning break

It has come to light that some of the younger children are sharing toast or tuck money provided by their parent. With this in mind, the younger children have been reminded that they should only spend the money they have been given on their own piece of toast and that they should not share toast with anyone else, as their parents will expect them to have eaten it themselves.

Toast costs 10p per day.



## Friends of AHS

**30<sup>th</sup> April – Children's Popcorn Night**

**7<sup>th</sup> May – Friends Committee Meeting**

**10<sup>th</sup> May – Quiz Night (Doors open 7pm, Quiz starts 7:30pm)**

**13<sup>th</sup> July – Wickwar Games**

### **Reading Challenge**

We hope all the children enjoyed taking part in our Reading Challenge. We will announce how much money has been raised very soon! All the money raised will be used to purchase new fiction and reading scheme books. There will be a small thank you gift for everyone who has taken part which will be given after Easter. Thank you again.

### **Children's Popcorn Night**

All AHS Children are invited to watch "The Greatest Showman" straight after school. Cost will be £2.50 per child which includes popcorn, snacks and drinks. Payment can be made via [pta-events.co.uk/FriendsOfAHS](http://pta-events.co.uk/FriendsOfAHS) or via Sarah Gregory, Jane Daniel or Hannah Murray in the playground after school. If anyone can help us with this event, please let us know.

### **Quiz Night**

Tickets will be on sale soon so start getting your team together now (2 to 6 people). [More details coming soon!](http://pta-events.co.uk/FriendsOfAHS) Tickets will be available from [pta-events.co.uk/FriendsOfAHS](http://pta-events.co.uk/FriendsOfAHS)

### **Dragon Spotting at Berkeley Castle**

If you would like to try to spot all 21 dragons yourself, you can now download the Spotting Sheet from the Friends' section on the school website. Good luck!

**HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE!**

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## **Much-loved school catering assistant retires after 34 years**

Gazette article 26th March 2019

A primary school headteacher has paid tribute to a retiring member of staff, after she was employed for nearly 35 years.

Alexander Hosea Primary School is situated in Wickwar and many generations of people have passed through it. A large number of those generations though would all know the same friendly face, that of catering assistant Sue Skralskis. Sue had been at the school ever since she started in 1985. She was even part of the team that remember the school's old site on the High Street in Wickwar. The school made the move to the current site on Honeybourne Way in the 1990's.

Mrs Debbie Williams is headteacher of the school and she informed the Gazette that Sue would be stepping down.

"Sue is a valued member of the school community and will be much missed by all," she said.

"We wish her all the very best as she starts the new chapter of her life."

Sue is well known in the community, having seen so many families pass through the school and she has always been loved by the pupils at the school.

The rest of the catering team at Alexander Hosea have all been a big part of the community, with Deb Thornbury and Sue working together for 17 years.

The third member of the team, Antonia Jater, attended the school as a student and then found herself working alongside Sue for many years

## Family Theatre @ Yate Library

'I Wish I Was a Mountain', Wednesday 17 April, 2:30pm Yate Library

Recommended for adults and children aged 7+

We'll be bringing some of the very best theatre shows for children, young people and families right to your doorstep. To encourage everyone to come and try our new theatre venture out, we are asking you to pay what you want for our first performances. Simply watch the show and, at the end, put a donation in the bucket. Just pay whatever you think the experience deserves. **Pop into the library or visit [www.southglos.gov.uk/childrenslibrary](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/childrenslibrary) to book tickets**

### 'I Wish I Was a Mountain' is our first performance

On the day of the famous annual fair, the town of Faldum receives an unexpected visit. A wanderer offers to grant a wish to anyone who wants one. Before long, the city is transformed. Mansions stand where mud huts once squatted, and beggars ride around in horse drawn carriages. And one man wishes to be turned into a mountain.

Do we really need the things that we need? What do mountains feel? How did time begin? Adults are kindly requested to leave all answers to these questions at the door. Children, come as you are.

Running Time: 45 minutes

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### Breaktime snacks

For many years, we have had the expectation that children only have toast or fruit at break time. Recently we have noticed some breakfast style bars and malt loaf coming in. Whilst these might be suitable for lunchboxes, please could we ask that only fruit is brought from home as a breaktime snack. Thank you.



<http://www.woosc.org.uk/>

Woosc will be running holiday club over the Easter break on Monday and Tuesday of week 1 (w/c 8<sup>th</sup> April) and Mon-Weds in week 2 (w/c 15<sup>th</sup> April).

There are still places available. Please contact WOOSC via their website or on **07815 561783**

