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

Dear Parents/Carers

We have enjoyed a productive fortnight, with the children immersing themselves into their new projects. We welcomed some visiting headteachers from local schools this week (as part of a peer to peer sharing of good practice, support and challenge programme with Cotswold Alliance schools). The visitors were very impressed with the excellent learning attitudes of the children and their obvious enthusiasm for science learning in particular.

Parent Council – The next meeting is on 30th January (postponed from this week). Please let your class rep know if there is anything you would like to share by 23rd January. Thank you.

Values – We have completed our consultation about the new school values and we are now working on the new values and how these will be launched and taught across the school. More information to follow soon.

Name labels – Please make sure that all items (including water bottles, hats, gloves etc) are named, so that they can be returned to your child if they are found.

Kind regards, Mrs Deb Williams - Headteacher

Dates for your diary:

Week 4

22nd Jan – Girls football team playing Bluecoat (here)
23rd Jan – Y6 jsax & Y2 recorder lessons.
26th Jan – Y4 ukulele lesson

Week 5

29th Jan – Y5 parents meeting about Kilve Court residential
30th Jan – Boccia and curling event – here
30th Jan – Y6 jsax & Y2 recorder lessons.
30th Jan – Parent Council meeting (deferred from this week)
31st Jan – Y3 trip to Edward Jenner Museum
31st Jan – Friends of AHS AGM at school
2nd Feb – Y4 ukulele lesson

Week 6

Children's mental health week
5th Feb – Awards and cups assembly
5th Feb – Y4 ukulele lesson
6th Feb – Safer Internet Day
6th Feb – Y6 jsax & Y2 recorder lessons.
6th Feb – Friends of AHS disco
7th Feb – SARI (Stand up Against Racism and Inequality) workshops Y4-6
8th Feb – Friends of AHS Rags to Riches collection on roundabout
8th Feb - Topaz parents meeting about reading
9th Feb – Y4 trip to Ashmolean, Oxford

Half Term 12-16th Feb

Please see teachers' weekly newsletters for more information about class-specific events and activities.

Diary dates will be emailed to parents for the coming week on alternate weeks.

Building works update

We are pleased to say that our roof works are progressing well. Diamond, Crystal, Library, KS1 corridor and the Blue Room have now got new Velux windows in place, only leaving Opal to have window replacements. The moss has been removed from the roof – there was a surprising amount!

The children have all been brilliant in dealing with the changes to classrooms and have been listening to the site safety advice given to them in the assembly.

In half term, the contractors are aiming to finish the works.

Mrs Price

Acoustic Panels

The acoustics in the hall are very echoey, which makes the space loud for the children at lunchtime.

We will be improving this in half term by adding acoustic panelling to mitigate noise and reduce the reverberation and echo in a space.



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.

New Year, new committee! The Friends AGM is on **Wednesday 31 January** at 6.30pm in the school library. Please do come along if you would like to join the committee as an officer (chair, treasurer or secretary) or class rep, or just find out more about what we do for the school! It will be followed by our regular committee meeting where we discuss our event plans for the coming term.

Rags 2 Riches clothing collection: Our next clothing collection is on **Thursday 8 February**, so if you are tidying up this weekend, please bag up any clean, good quality clothes, shoes and accessories (sorry, no uniform) and bring them down to school before 9am on the day.

Support us through EasyFundraising: If you shop online at ebay, Clarks, Argos and other major internet sites, sign up to www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/alexanderhosea/ to raise extra funds as you shop at NO COST TO YOU! The sellers make a donation to us based on the value of your shop.

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

Importance of good school attendance

All children have the right to attend school and receive a good education. Attending school every day and arriving on time has a significant impact on their achievement, social skills and preparation for later life.

Please follow the link below for advice about common illnesses such as colds, chicken pox, covid, nits etc. If in doubt, contact the school office, as they have a document from NHS that they can check.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Checking a high temperature

A normal temperature in babies and children can vary slightly from child to child.

A high temperature is 38C or more.

If your child has a high temperature, they might:

- feel hotter than usual when you touch their back or chest
- feel sweaty
- look or feel unwell
- have a seizure or fit, called a [febrile seizure](#)

The school's average attendance is 96% and the majority of children attend school exceptionally well. Please do not book holiday in term time, as this will not be authorised.

Swimming gala at Kingswood Leisure Centre

This weekend we have teams of children taking part in South Glos swimming gala.

5:30-7pm Y3/4

7:30-9pm Y5/6

Miss Chloe Williams will meet Y3/4 team and Mrs Tara Price and Mrs Mason will meet the Y5/6 team. Parents will be able watch on the stands.

We have some superb swimmers in ks2 and we look forward to hearing about their achievements.

THE FRIENDS OF ALEXANDER HOSEA

INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR OUR

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

FOLLOWED BY OUR TERM 3 COMMITTEE MEETING

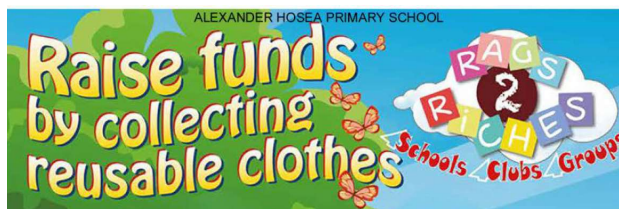
on WEDNESDAY 31 JANUARY

From
6.30pm in
the school
library

Registered charity
no. 1025562



Several Year 6 parents are stepping down from the committee as their children will be leaving in the summer. We need new committee members to take the Friends forward and continue our fundraising activities for the school!



2023/24 DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

MONDAY 2nd October
THURSDAY 8th February
THURSDAY 13th June

Raise money for our school for free!

If you shop online at eBay, Clarks, Argos and other major internet shopping sites, don't forget to sign up to www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/alexanderhosea/ to raise extra funds as you shop at no cost to you!



The Friends of Alexander Hosea and DJ Dave Bridgee'o present...



The Bunny Hop SPRING DISCO Tuesday 6 Feb



INFANTS
 4.45-5.30pm
 JUNIORS
 5.45-6.45pm

£2 per child including sweets and a drink

Registered Charity no: 1025562



Wickwar Out of School Club Vacancy

Wickwar Out of School Club (WOOSC) is registered with Ofsted and is a not-for-profit organisation, based in the Community Centre on the grounds of Alexander Hosea Primary School in Wickwar. The club is open weekdays for morning and afternoon sessions during term time.

We currently have a vacancy for a

Play Worker

We currently require a playworker with passion and enthusiasm for creating play opportunities for children.

This role requires someone to: Skills and experience required:

- Provide full care for children aged 4-11 years -An interest in working with young children
- Deliver appropriate and creative play opportunities -Ability to use own initiative
- Work as part of a team, reporting to the Day Manager -Good communication skills
- Abide by and follow club policies operating procedures
- Perform other general duties as required

This position is for up to five sessions per week, term time only, depending on availability.

4x AM sessions, 7.40-9am (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday)

1 x PM 3.30-6pm (With potential to increase sessions from September)

Applicants must be aged 17 years+ and, in line with our policies, the successful applicant would be subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check (DBS)

Salary will meet the National Living Wage

Please email woosc@hotmail.co.uk for more information or to apply

Wickwar Environmental Action Group (WEAG)

WEAG would like to invite the children at AHS to design the poster for the Good Garden Awards (GGA) again this year. WEAG focuses on projects aimed at improving and cherishing our local environment and they are especially keen on getting young people involved in their projects to take an active interest in nature.

The GGA project was a great success in 2022 and 2023, with an increase in participation last year now the scheme is becoming more well known. The GGAs are open to all households in the village, encouraging people to brighten up their front garden space with flowers. Even a single plant in a flower pot is enough! All households who take part receive a GGAs certificate of recognition.

This year WEAG are looking for a design for the poster. The last 2 years we had some beautiful entries from the children at AHS. This year they are looking for a **colourful nature inspired design**. The school will shortlist a few entries in each key stage to send across to a panel composed of WEAG volunteers and parish council members which will choose the final design.

To allow sufficient time to complete the poster design in time for the launch of the GGAs, the deadline for designs is 22nd February.

We hope that many children will enjoy taking part in the competition and show their amazing creativity.