

# Alexander Hosea Primary School

## 'Roots to grow, wings to fly'

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### Newsletter 12, 11th March 2022

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

Dear Parents/Carers

The children had a great time on World Book Day and it was wonderful to see them all dressed up and having fun celebrating to joy of reading together.

We had a visit this week from some special visitors who are headteachers at nearby schools in our Cotswold Alliance (accompanied by our Challenge & Support Partner from South Glos). They were particularly impressed with the positivity and enthusiasm of the children about their projects and the wider curriculum and enrichment offer. Our children were great ambassadors for the school and the 30 children who were involved in the pupil voice activity were articulate and passionate about the school. We are always proud of our children and it was so great to have an external visit again. I will be reciprocating the experience and visiting two other local schools in the coming weeks.

Mrs Williams will not be in for the next week due to illness, so Mrs Sally Windmill (Deputy Headteacher) will be in charge. Her email is [Sally.Windmill@sgmail.org.uk](mailto:Sally.Windmill@sgmail.org.uk). Parent Council will be postponed until a later date, apologies.

#### Upcoming events:

18th March - Red Nose Day - £1 for the children to wear red (buckets at the morning gate)

**GET GROWING FOR THE QUEEN**

It's the Queen's Platinum Jubilee this year and we need you to help us celebrate by growing flowers for us to plant at the school in May!

- It would be great if the flowers could be red, white or blue
- Easy-to-grow flowers to sow in March and April include:
  - Petunias
  - Lobelia
  - Cornflowers
  - Poppies
  - Cosmos

No green fingers? No problem!  
If you would like to donate plants you have bought, please send them in to school on Monday 23 May – thank you!

Please bring any flowers you have grown or bought to school on **Monday 23 May** so that we can get them planted before the school holiday

Thank you for your support!

#### Wickwar Environmental Action Group

Thank you very much to David Graham and the team of volunteers from WEAG for coming in to school this week to weed and clear the large planters in front of Crystal and Diamond Classes. These are ready to plant our red, white and blue flowers for the Queen's Jubilee celebrations in the summer.

You may wish to get started with sowing your flowers at home in March and April (see opposite).

#### Spare uniform

We have a huge amount of spare uniform in the school lobby. Mrs Kingdon and Mrs Wood are in the process of re-sorting it all as our storage is overflowing somewhat. Thank you very much ladies.

Please do come and help - yourself to anything and everything you need. There is no cost for this. It would really help us out to have some of the clothes rehomed. There are lots of summer dresses and shorts in the mix for those organised parents who start thinking about the next season early!



## Friends of AHS

The Friends are busy working on our plans for the spring and summer terms and we are keen to meet new helpers. Look out for our announcements about upcoming events and get in touch via our [Facebook page](#) or by emailing [FriendsOfAHS@hotmail.com](mailto:FriendsOfAHS@hotmail.com) if you would like to get involved!

**Rags2Riches Clothing Collection:** Our next collection is coming up on **Monday 14 March**. Please drop off securely bagged clothes, shoes and accessories (but no school uniform please) to the school roundabout **by 9am**. The Friends receive a donation from R2R based on the total weight of donations.

**Seed Swap:** Thank you for supporting this event – we raised **£66.70**, which will go towards maintaining the school garden. In other news, we have purchased a new shed from Countrystyle Supplies and we hope that it will be installed very soon! We will also be sowing flowers to decorate the school for the Jubilee – if you would like to help, we will be asking for plant donations in May.

**Meet the Friends!** The Friends will be in the main playground on **Friday 25 March from 3pm** – please come along if you would like to meet us and have a chat about what we do for the school!

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

### Free School Meals

If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals – Pupil Premium (see information opposite) and your child is in any school year at our school, please follow the link to apply. In addition for free meals, the associated pupil premium funding follows the child throughout their primary school experience. This can be used to fund a range of support for your child (including clubs, uniform, trips etc).

### The Queen's Canopy

This week the children in Topaz and Amethyst took part in planting some hedgerow plants and trees as part of the Queen's Canopy.

The plants were donated through 'The Tree Council – Orchards for Schools'. Mrs Windmill and Mrs Brooks were very proud of the positive way in which our oldest and youngest children collaborated to fulfil this challenge.

Also thank you to WEAG for their assistance in this too.

## Free school meals

### All children and young people

Your child may be able to get free school meals in Year 3 and above if you receive any of the following:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods, and your monthly average income over three assessment periods should be no more than £616.67)
- 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 are 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.

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

For information on free meals for young people in further education visit: [Free meals in further education funded institutions: guide for the 2021 to 2022 academic year](#)