



Alexander Hosea Primary School 'Roots to grow, wings to fly'

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

From Mrs Williams:

Happy New Year! We hope that everyone has enjoyed a peaceful Christmas break.

The children have come back to school refreshed and raring to go. We have enjoyed hearing about what they have been doing over Christmas.

New Projects

Our new projects have been launched this week and the children have probably told you all about their 'Wow' event and the classroom environments. The staff spend in excess of 6 weeks planning for the project before it begins, so a great deal of time and effort goes into making sure the project is inspiring and meets the needs and interests of the children in the class. Thank you to the Teachers and Teaching Assistants for their ongoing commitment to providing a rich learning experience for the children. We are very proud of our excellent curriculum and learning environments. The project overviews are accessible on the school website through 'Pupils' tab, then select your child's class, then Termly Project Overviews <https://www.alexanderhoseaprimery.co.uk/page/?title=Pupils&pid=9>

Better Behaviours Project

Your children may have been talking to you about some of the tweaks we are making to our practice. All classes are now doing 'Wonderful Walking' to show that they are respectful in the corridors around school. From this week, each class will have an 'I've been spotted' board, so that when children are spotted by other adults being exceptionally kind, respectful or responsible around school, they get recognition in class. This complements the 'good to be green', 'soaring' and 'soaring high' behaviour charts. Mrs Arrowsmith is taking a lead on this project and all staff joined with staff from Trinity, Horton, St Johns Mead and Old Sodbury on our INSET day for further training as part of the programme. Towards the end of the year, we will update our policy to reflect the tweaks we have made.

Some key dates for your diary:

INSET days – Friday 3rd April and Friday 3rd July. (We will be considering our dates for the next academic year during the spring term).
Please do read this newsletter, the school calendar and the Teachers' weekly bulletins to keep up to date.



Car Parking

Thank you for parking considerately around our school.

Please only use the drop off zone for a quick drop off. Cars should not be parked and left unattended in this area.

The staff car park can be used by parents/children with disabilities. If you need short term access (eg broken leg), please contact the office to arrange.

To be considerate to our neighbours, please keep driveways clear for access and switch off engines once stationary.

School Rules

We will be having higher profile school rules this term, so that all adults and children know and reinforce our high expectations for the Alexander Hosea Way.

Our rules are:

Be kind

Be respectful

Be responsible

Friends of AHS

Thank you for all your support this term. It has been an amazing few weeks and it would not have happened without your support and all the volunteers.

We are pleased to announce that...

The Christmas Cards project made £395.34

The Puddings for Christmas raised £160.30

The Christmas Secret Shop made £328.79

And our Christmas Fair raised a truly fantastic **£1,279.37 !!**

Also, during this term our charity was nominated for the Ecclesiastical Insurance's "12 Days of Giving", where every day for 12 days £1000 is donated to ten different charities. **We are extremely pleased to announce that we are one of the lucky charities to receive a £1000 grant donation!** Thank you to everyone who nominated us – it's a brilliant Christmas present for our school!

We still need to add the funds raised from the Winter Discos and the Christmas Coffee & Carols morning but, so far this term, we are over the moon to have raised...

£3,163.80

We cannot say thank you enough for all your support. Everything you have done to support us, big or small, has helped us to raise much needed funds for our school. This money will go towards the purchase of new IT equipment for the children and new fiction books for our school library.

Quiz Night will be on 7th February, so save the date!

CLOSING DATE RECEPTION SEPT 2020

Children born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 are due to start school in September 2020.

The closing date for applications is **15 January 2020**. Please note applications received late may not get their preferred school even if they have a sibling already in attendance.

Applications should be made to the local authority where the child lives; regardless of the location of the school they are requesting. For more information or for South Gloucestershire residents to apply online parents can go to www.southglos.gov.uk/admissions. If parents' need help with the application process please ask them to telephone the contact centre on 01454 868008.

Thank you very much for your assistance

Kind regards

The Admissions and Transport Team

PE lessons

Reminder - if the children have ear-rings, these need to be removed for PE sessions, or, if they are newly pierced and cannot be removed, they must be covered by tape. The tape needs to be provided by parents and should be kept in PE bags.

Extract from the school Uniform Policy: "JEWELLERY Watches and small, plain stud ear-rings are the only jewellery permitted. Watches must be removed for PE lessons and ear-rings should not be worn to school on PE days. If your child is wearing stud ear-rings these need to be removed or taped for PE. Tape must be provided from home. The school accepts no responsibility for any jewellery and personal belongings lost at school."

<https://www.alexanderhoseaprimary.co.uk/site/data/files/doc/policies/health,%20safety,%20welfare%20and%20premises/EAE7EE8BD48F937B7FA8BB6EB8F2B658.pdf>

CRY Stamp Appeal

CRY believes in a world where all children and young people are able to fulfil their God-given potential. They work through partnerships with local church partners, in 28 nations and with 33 partners, to meet the practical needs of the most vulnerable and marginalised children, to help them grow up in safety, and with the support and resources they need to survive and thrive.

Rev Ray Avent invites parents to come along to hear more about the charity on **Friday 13th March at 3:15pm**. He is very grateful for the stamps collected so far. Please keep bringing them (the box is in the front lobby next to the signing in book).