

Alexander Hosea Primary School

'Roots to grow, wings to fly'

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

From the Headteacher...

We have had a rich variety of experiences for the children over the past fortnight. As this is a busy term, please keep a special eye on the school calendar (on our website) and we will flag up forthcoming events in fortnightly newsletters.

Celebrations and latest news

- The **Life Bus** visited last week. The children really enjoyed their sessions and the instructor said that she was really impressed with the behaviour and engagement of pupils.
- **Speech and language** drop in session for parents. Holly Wheatley, our speech and language therapist, is able to provide helpful advice for parents. We host sessions at regular intervals throughout the year and they are open to any parents who would like advice about their primary aged child's speech and language.
- **Netball tournament** – team with Mrs Brooks. See article below.
- 'Holding Hands' **road safety session** for Reception.
- **Children in Need** – last Friday, the children came into school in their own clothes (including something spotty) to raise money for Children in Need. We raised £162.20 for the charity. Thank you.
- We were delighted to welcome prospective parents to our second **open afternoon** for pupils for Reception in September 2019.
- **Anti-bullying week** last week focused on the theme of 'Choose Respect', which is the national focus. The children have talked in class about showing respect of each other and being inclusive. In assembly we talked about the 4 Bs and how we can use our ruby powers to look after each other.
- A **team of volunteers from Alderley** very kindly came to repaint Tom's Garden. It is looking much smarter now and will remain a special area for our children for years to come. Thank you to the volunteers for giving their time and energy; it is much appreciated.
- We have started our focus on the value **self-belief** in Wednesday assemblies this term. The children have been encouraged to find out about people who have achieved amazing things because they believe that they can make a difference. We have talked about being creating ripples of kindness.

INSET dates: INSET 3 - **Friday 21st December 2018**; INSET 4 – **Tuesday 23rd April 2019** and INSET 5 – **Monday 8th July 2019**.



On Wednesday 14th November, 16 children from the school netball club attended the District Hi-Five netball tournament at KLB. We put in two teams, a year 5 team and a year 6 team. The children played 6 different matches and really got into the team spirit, working together and supporting each other at all times. We didn't win the tournament but the progress made by all members of the club was huge during the afternoon. They approached every game with enthusiasm and really tried their best. I was proud of their positive attitude and felt they represented the school well. Thank you very much to the parents who came along and helped me to organise the children and cheered them on! Mrs Brooks

Forthcoming Events

(Specific dates and times are on the school calendar on website)

Next week W/C 26th November:

- Mon: Jet coffee morning.
- Fri: Non-uniform day (donation of chocolate or £1 for Christmas Fair).

w/c 3rd December:

- Fri: FoAHS Christmas fair.

W/c 10th December

- Mon: Topaz journal share.
- Weds: Y1/2 Christmas performance.
- Weds: Christmas dinner.
- Weds: Drama club performance to school.
- Weds: Y3/4 Christmas performance.
- Thurs: Y3/4 Christmas performance.
- Thurs: Y1/2 Christmas performance.

W/c 17th December

- Mon: Y5/6 Christmas service at Holy Trinity.
- Tues: Reception Christmas show to parents.
- Tues: Discos.
- Weds: Celebration assembly – cups.
- Weds: Y5/6 Christmas service at Holy Trinity.
- Thurs: Last day of term.
- Fri: INSET.

School funding & SEND budget consultation

You may have been watching the BBC2 programme 'Schools' or seen articles in the media which are highlighting the impact of funding on our schools. In case you have not yet seen the information being shared the following article summarises some of the issues we are all facing in education:

<https://tinyurl.com/BristolPostFunding>

Within South Gloucestershire the local authority are engaging in a public consultation about options for setting school budgets and SEND budgets for 2019/20, which will affect the amount of money available for all schools (including Alexander Hosea Primary). The local authority would like to hear your views about this and you can respond at the following link.

<https://tinyurl.com/SENDconsultation>

PE hoodies and jogging bottoms

As the colder weather is around the corner, we have been thinking about our PE kits. Children are very welcome to bring in plain navy blue or black tracksuits/jogging bottoms to wear instead of or on top of PE shorts.

Currently the children tend to pop their school jumper/cardigan over the top of their PE t-shirt or wear a plain black jumper (we are happy for them to continue to wear these this year, if the child already has one). In addition, Parents/Carers now have the option to purchase a smart school PE hoodie through Initially Yours, for PE in the cooler months. The hoodies cost £14 each and are available to order from Initially Yours now.

There are currently samples in the school office for any parent/carers who would like to look at sizing.



If you are in receipt of pupil premium, we will purchase a hoodie for your child.

Impressive haul!

Thank you very much to everyone who donated clothes for a cause. There was quite a mountain and the FoAHS raised £120.80.



Safety reminder

Please can we remind parents/carers to not park on the keep clear areas (particularly to the right of the staff car park gates) and to only use the drop off section directly at the front of the school to drop off. Cars should not be left unattended in this area.

Thank you.



'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

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Parent Council

The Parent Council meet 3 times a year to talk about various aspects of the day-to-day running of the school. A representative from each class bring ideas about what is going well and talking points for consideration. This is complimented by the contribution of a member of the senior leadership team (usually Mrs Williams), who bring reflections/actions from previous meeting and possible ideas for future school development. The next meeting is **8th January 2:45-3:30pm**. We are looking for representatives for Crystal and Pearl Classes this year (please contact the school office, if you would like to get involved). Our current representatives are:

Infants: Mrs Hall (Ruby), Mrs Mason (Topaz), Mrs Heffernan (Emerald), Mrs Leighton (Jet).

Juniors: Vacancy (Crystal), Mrs Hathaway (Diamond), Vacancy (Pearl) and Ms Days (Amethyst).



Friends of AHS

23rd November – Christmas Shopping Evening

30th November – Non-Uniform Day (Chocolate or £1)

7th December – Wickwar's Enchanted Christmas Fair

18th December – Christmas Discos

20th December – Coffee and Carols Morning

Christmas Shopping Evening - 7:30-10:00pm

TONIGHT! Tickets available on the door! We have so many lovely stallholders lined up for you....from jams, Christmas cakes, bath bombs, jewellery, gifts for all the family, candles and many, many more, and a raffle on the night. Tickets are only £5 each and include a glass of wine or soft drink and a sweet treat, plus the first 25 people through the door will be given a gift bag.

Wickwar's Enchanted Christmas Fair – 4:00-7:00pm

Join us for a fun evening for all the family. Meet Santa for only £2.50 with our all new Santa Experience! There will be live performances, Christmas Tree Auction, Hot Food & Drinks, and fun games and crafts for the children. Look out for the posters for more details. **Special Thanks* to Kevin Bateman of Purpose Made Joinery, for supplying the fair with the meat, Christmas Trees and our Santa Selfie Sleigh!*

Christmas Discos - Infants 4:45-5:45pm, Juniors 6:00-7:00pm

Entry is £1, plus £1 for a sweet cup and glow stick. Please contact us if you can help at this event – thank you!

Clothes for a Cause

Thank you to everyone who donated their unwanted clothing. We are very pleased to announce we raised £120.80 for our school - thank you!

Tom's Garden

A huge **THANK YOU** to all the volunteers from Alderley Plc for their hard work on Tom's Memorial Garden as part of their community engagement project. They braved the cold to paint the structure, remove old decking and clear up the garden. We hope you'll all agree that it looks great! Thank you again!

New Oven and Atlases

Some of the money raised from our Summer Discos has been used to purchase a brand new oven for the pupil kitchen. This will enable the children to learn more cookery skills.

We are also pleased to tell you that some of the money raised from our events has been used to purchase 15 new Atlases. We're sure the children will enjoying using them and learn a great deal about our world. Thank you!