

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...

As this is the final newsletter for the year, I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone for their contribution to life at Alexander Hosea this year. We really appreciate the engagement of parents/carers (and members of extended families) to make a difference to the experiences of our children. I am grateful to the committed team of Parent Helpers who have given their time generously to hear readers, help with sewing, help run Coding Club etc. If you would be interested in getting involved next year, please come along to the induction session on **13th September at 3pm**.

I wish everyone a happy and healthy summer and good luck to our fantastic Year 6 children, who will be moving on next week. They have been a brilliant year group, with bags of enthusiasm and a great attitude to learning. They have contributed so much to the life of the school and we will miss them dearly.

What else has happened over the past fortnight?

- **School reports** have been sent out today. I am really proud of what the children have achieved this year. It has been my pleasure to comment personally on every child's report. I hope that parents/carers like the new report format. Please do send back the feedback sheet with your reflections about the year.
- Reception (along with some older helpers) have created some super **recycled sea creatures**, which are now on the fence leading to the Reception playground. They look amazing! Look out for the article in the Parish News.
- **Shuffle up week**. The children have spent an hour a day this week with their new teacher(s). They have created self-portraits in the style of artists to display in their new classroom. The children have enjoyed spending quality time with their new teacher(s) and we have received positive feedback from parents about the new transition arrangements for shuffle up week.
- **Wickwar Games** was a great event. Thank you very much to Ms Days and Mrs Dummer for their hard work on behalf of the Friends of AHS – running the fun runs, bouncy castle and bar. It certainly was a hot one, but I think the children had a great time (most were significantly wetter than when they arrived, after taking part in 'It's a Knockout!').
- Y6 have performed their **dress rehearsal** to the school. They were fantastically entertaining and you might need your tissues! Their performance for their parents/carers is on Monday 16th July 6-8pm.
- The children who have been learning drums with Mr Saunders performed to the school and their parents this week. The rhythm was infectious and they got the whole school moving to the beat!
- Classes are completing their end of project outcomes. These take a great deal of planning and preparation by the children and adults in the classes and we know that the children, parents/carers and staff really value the experiences. I hope that you have enjoyed engaging for your child's special event.

INSET day reminder: The school is closed to children on the following dates: **TOMORROW -Friday 13th July 2018** and **Monday 3rd September**.

School meals prices

The price of school meals is due to increase by 10p from 1st September. The cost of a child's meal will be **£2.20** and adult meal **£2.90**

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to be able to have free meals as part of the national 'Universal Free School Meals' programme.

Key dates for next week

16th July Year 6 pantomime

17th July End of year disco

20th July End of school year

As Term 6 is a very busy term, please also look at the school calendar on the website:

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

INSET days for 2018-19 academic year

Monday 3rd September 2018

Friday 26th October 2018

Friday 21st December 2018

Tuesday 23rd April 2019

Monday 8th July 2019

We have provided these dates to assist parents when booking holidays.



Friends of AHS

17th July – Summer Discos

1st September – 100 Club Draw

8th September – Wickwar Village Fair

Summer Discos

Infants 4:45-5:45pm, Juniors 6:00-7:00pm. Entry £1 on the door. Goodies Pot £1 (sweets, glow stick and an ice-pop). Children must be collected promptly by an adult for safety reasons. Current AHS children only.

Wickwar Games

It was lovely to see lots of children take part in the 1k fun run. We followed this with the Wickwar 5k where 69 runners braved the heat to complete the course. Well done to Paul Davis who held on to the trophy in a staggering 18 mins.

Wickwar Village Fair

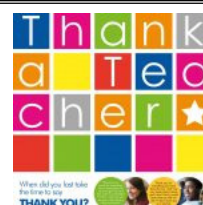
Date for the diary! Wickwar Village Fair - Craft and Produce Show will be on Saturday 8th September 11am-4pm.

A BIG THANK YOU...

...to all of you for supporting our events this year! Without it the children would miss out on so much. Just this year we have helped to provide: Fun immersive learning environments, refurbishment of the school library, repairs to Shaun's Garden, STEM equipment, Recording resources, Waterproof clothing for all-weather learning, Programmable devices, Book Bags for Reception children and Leaver's Hoodies for Year 6, plus lots more! Thank you!

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Thank a Teacher

We've all had a great teacher. They show a real interest in who we are, listen to our thoughts, inspire us to learn and encourage us to achieve our best, no matter what our goals are. The influence of a good teacher lasts a lifetime. We want to raise the profile of the teaching profession, highlight the positive impact teachers and school leaders have in our society – with pupils, parents and the wider community, and show teachers how much they are valued.

If you wish to send your child's teacher a thank you card, please follow the link below and they will receive it from you over the summer.

<http://teachingawards.com/thankateachercard/>

Back to School

Uniform and sports kit from your local store

Order Early - Avoid the Rush

Best Before Order Date: 5th August

Summer Opening Hours (1st July to 30th Sept)

Check online which branch stocks your uniform

Mon	0900-1700	Hambrook: Waverley Units, Old Gloucester Road, BS16 1RP Tel: 0117 9560909 Email: hambrook@initiallyyours.co.uk
Tues	0900-1700	
Weds	0900-1300	Kingswood: 211 Soundwell Road Bristol BS15 1PT Tel: 0117 9674472 Email: soundwell@initiallyyours.co.uk
Thurs	0900-1700	
Fri	0900-1700	
Sat	0900-1600	Yate: Unit A4 Badminton Centre, Station Road, Bristol BS37 5HT Tel: 01454 323779 Email: yate@initiallyyours.co.uk
Sun	Closed	

Open throughout the year - see website for winter opening times

OR order online at www.initiallyyours.co.uk

Collect at any branch or post to home address

Remember to order by 5th August

Help us to help you

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Year 6 leavers Menu 19 July

Our Year 6's have chosen a special lunch menu for the last Thursday of term which is as follows:

- Chicken Pie
- Pizza Pasta
- Creamed Potatoes
- Carrots/Peas
- Chocolate Fudge Cake and cream

The meals are £2.10 per child in the juniors and free for children in Topaz, Emerald and Jet.

The Y6 children may wear their leavers' hoodie during the last week of term, if they would like to.

Last day of term 20th July

The Friends of AHS have offered to put on an outside dance session at afternoon break time on 20th July. I think the children will love it!

Also at the end of the school day, the FoAHS are providing free ice pops to all children, via the class teacher. If you would prefer for your child not to have one, please let your class teacher know.

Can you help?

- We have **3 tall office shelving units** in the Forest Room, which are surplus to requirements. These are free to any taker, who can collect by the end of Wednesday. They might suit a workshop or garage.
- If no-one collects the above furniture, we would be grateful if some strong people could help Mr Gilbert (Caretaker) to take them out to the skip and smash them up!
- We have masses of **old books** in the blue room that we would like to get rid of. If anyone could fill a bag or two to take to the charity shop, it would be much appreciated. We would like them to be gone by next week, so that we can finish sorting the space.
- We are looking for some willing volunteers who might be able to help **attach a trellis** to the top of a fence at the end of the field.

If you might be able to give some time or help with any of the above, please contact the school office. Thank you.

Year of the Arts

Do you have expertise or a special skill in an area of the arts (art, music, dance, drama) that you would like to share?

Also if you have any ideas about a whole school trip that links to our focus for the year, we would love to know.

Please email Angela.Moncrieff@gmail.org.uk (Lead for 'The Arts' Curriculum Team).

Finally, if you would like us to look into any further arts extra-curricular club provision for the coming year, please contact Lesley.Packer@gmail.org.uk. The Parent Council have made some suggestions.

Deadline for suggestions: **Wednesday, 8th July**



Craft and Produce Fair

Friends of AHS are organising a Craft and Produce Fair for 8th September 11am-4pm at Alexander Hosea. Further information will follow by email (with this newsletter).

The children can enter the following categories

If you would be able to help on the day, please contact the email below. Help would be gratefully received.

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Sports' day scores

	Weavers	Potters	Brewers	Archers
Infants	178	96	102	108
Juniors	154	190	126	166

Winners: Infants – Weavers; Juniors – Potters.
Congratulations everyone!