

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>

We have been very proud of all of our children this week. They are working hard and behaving well in school. The music lessons are proving very popular with the children and Year 3 have been on our first trip of the year. We now have our participants for the Cotswold Orchestra and they will start to train together very soon, in preparation for their concert in December. Our Harvest service has been booked for Y1-6 at Holy Trinity Church on Friday 8th October and teachers will ask for walkers to help them as needed. Please could the children bring a donation (can or packet with long date) with them to school on that date to give to the church to distribute to families in need.

Reminder – Wickwar Games is on 25th September at Wickwar Playing Fields. Come along and join in the fun!
Mrs Deb Williams - Headteacher



Children's University stamp for Wickwar Games

Wickwar Games Fun Run to the Children's University portal so all children that take part in the Fun Run can be credit one hour's CU learning credits if they add the stamp code **YELLOW 7173** to their online and paper passports. Thank you to Mrs Zlobec-Short for organising this.

Caretaker Vacancy

We are urgently looking to recruit a new school caretaker. The hours are 3pm to 6pm every school day (and it also involves some working in the school holidays). **We would consider applications for a job share.**

If you, or anyone you know, might be interested in applying for this role, please contact allison.hall@gmail.org.uk or ring the school on (01454) 294239 for more information.

We urgently need to fulfil this vacancy as Mr Gilbert will be leaving us at the end of September and we will have no caretaker from the start of October.

Pupil Privacy Notice (June 2021)

This can be found on the school website at:
<https://www.alexanderhoseaprimary.co.uk/page/?title=GDPR+Policies&pid=220>

Clubs

There is understandably a lot of interest in clubs at the moment and we are keen to be able to offer a wider range of clubs to suit different interests of children. Mrs Packer is our clubs co-ordinator, so please email her on Lesley.Packer@gmail.org.uk if you have any questions (she works at the start of the week). The clubs list has been sent out this week.

Parent Council asked whether clubs could be advertised in summer term ready for the new school year, so we will do this in summer 2022.

Lunchbreak Staff Vacancy

We currently have a permanent vacancy on our lunchtime team of one shift per week (Friday).

We are also always looking to recruit new "bank" lunchtime team members (who do not have permanent, regular shifts but who we can call upon to cover absences as and when needed).

If you or someone you know might be interested in either of these vacancies, please contact

Our Value of the Term is:

Adaptability

This term we talk about coping with change and transition to new year groups.

We link this to the chameleon from our ELLI learning to learn characters.

Library Volunteers

We are looking for regular volunteers to help in our library to run it smoothly and help children to take books home. If you are interested please contact Mrs. Ward or the school office for more details. Look forward to hear from you!

The Importance of Reading

<https://raising2children.com/the-importance-of-reading/>

"The more that you read, the more you will know,
the more that you know, the more places you will go"

Dr Suess

◆ Cognitive Development

Supports memory function and processing information.

◆ Boosts Sleep

As part of a bedtime routine, encourages relaxation and feel calm

◆ Attention Span

Increases concentration and listening skills

◆ Financial Costs

Low Levels of literacy costs the UK taxpayer £2.5 billion every year (KPMG, 2009) as it undermines our economic competitiveness.



◆ Language Skills

Exposure to words extends vocabulary and literacy

◆ Creativity

Supports the imagination through characters, places and aspirations

◆ Mental Health

In 2020, children who enjoy reading are 3 times more likely to have good mental health

◆ Books Galore

Those who own a book, are 6 times more likely to read above their expected reading level. (22% vs 3.6%)

Reading

All children are expected to read at home (at least) 5 times a week. Miss Clark (new English Leader) has emailed parents this week about our approach to reading and there is a helpful page on the school website for parents. Children do not need to only read the books provided by school. They may also enjoy a visit the library; reading current affairs magazines (e.g. The Week or First News) and/or listening to audio books (e.g. on Audible) etc. As you can see from the 'Importance of Reading' image above, there are many reasons why reading benefits you child. We were delighted by the fantastic uptake for the Library Summer Reading challenge again this year – well done everyone.



Friends of AHSneed you

We have a really dedicated (but small) group of parents who are running the Friends of AHS at the moment. They are **urgently seeking new members** to get involved in the group so that they can start to organise and run events for this school year.

Without new volunteers, it is possible that the group may fold, which would have a huge impact on your children and the school, both in terms of the highly valued events and also the financial donations that the Friends of AHS are able to provide (which pay for experiences and resources that the school would otherwise not be able to afford).

All Parents and Carers can get involved and we would love to have some volunteers from the Infants. If you would like to be involved, contact the Friends of Alexander Hosea Primary through Facebook, or let the school office know and we can pass your contact details on. Thank you!

In the immediate future, the Friends are looking for volunteers to help with the **Wickwar Fun Run at the Wickwar Games on Saturday 25th September**. In particular, they need people to help marshall the races and to help run the bar – please sign up below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0b44a9ab2fabf58-wickwar>

Parent Helpers

We are in the process of updating our 'Helpers in School' Handbook to prepare for having helpers in school again during the autumn term.

When we are ready to share this and the Helpers in School briefing from Mrs Williams, we will let parents know. This will be in a video format rather than in person.

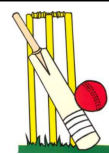
We are hoping to be able to have 2 volunteers per class to support with hearing readers in the first instance.

All Helpers in School need to have a DBS safeguarding check and need to read and sign the confidentiality agreement and Acceptable Use of IT.

CATCH IT
Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.

BIN IT
Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.

KILL IT
Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as you can.



Cricket Experience from Gloucestershire Cricket Club

We have arranged for each class from Year 1- Year 6, to have a cricket and multi skills experience provided by Gloucestershire Cricket Club. Please see below the date your child's class will be having their session. If it is not their class' normal PE day they will need to come into school on that date in their PE uniform.

Monday 11th October 2021 Jet, Crystal, Emerald, Diamond

Tuesday 12th October 2021 Ruby, Pearl, Amethyst

We look forward to two great days! Mrs Rehman (PE Lead)

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 to work a regular Friday afternoon session, with opportunity to cover extra sessions.

This role requires someone to:

- Provide full care for children aged 4-11 years
- Deliver appropriate and creative play opportunities
- Work as part of a team, reporting to the Day Manager
- Abide by and follow club policies operating procedures
- Perform other general duties as required

Skills and experience required:

- An interest in working with young children
- Ability to use own initiative
- Good communication skills

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)

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

Visits for prospective Reception children 2022

We are starting to show around prospective parents for Reception in September 2022. If you or someone you know would like to book a visit, we are arranging these once a week in groups of 3 families.

Please contact the school office 01454 294239 to book in a visit. Mrs Williams is happy to show around existing and new parents with children due to start in 2022. This may be helpful in particular for families who joined the school after Reception. We are very proud of our school and our fantastic children and look forward to showing prospective parents what is on offer at Alexander Hosea.

Primary schools admissions

If your child was born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018, you must apply for them to start primary school in September 2022. This is a very important decision and it is important that you read the [South Gloucestershire Primary school admission guide](#) before you apply. Applications for primary school admission must be submitted no later than **15 January 2022**.

Sporting event

We have given thought to the Parent Council question about whether we might be able to host a small scale sporting event for parents to come in for in autumn term (as we weren't able to have parents on site when the children were doing their sports day in summer due to covid).

We have discussed this as a staff and feel that the priority is to settle the children back, so this is not something we can offer at the moment. However, there are sports day type races at Wickwar Games on Saturday 25th September and 1k and 5k fun runs, so this will give parents the opportunity to see their child in action. Also Mrs Rehman (PE Leader) is looking into widening opportunities for parents to come in for a sports week in summer 2022. Further information about this will follow closer to the time.



Friends of AHS

WELCOME to a new year of exciting fundraising events! We are really hoping to be able to run more of our normal events this year. We are looking for new committee members and people to help, so if you would like to get involved please get in touch via FriendsOfAHS@hotmail.com.

Wickwar Games: The Friends will be helping to run the Wickwar Games on **Saturday 25th September**. If you haven't been before this is a great event for all the family. We need your help to make it a success though – so please keep a look out for our volunteer rota and sign up for slots!

Rags2Riches clothing collection: Our next date is **Monday 4th October**, so please bag up your unwanted clean clothes, shoes, bags and accessories and bring them to the school roundabout by 9am. This is a great way to declutter while raising funds for our school!

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



The Friends of Alexander Hosea Primary School 100 Club

Congratulations to our winners!

1 st Prize:	Richard Winter-Alsop	£35.25
2 nd Prize:	Jenny Greenaway	£14.10
3 rd Prize:	Nicola Tansill	£7.05

Thank you for your continued support

ALEXANDER HOSEA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Raise funds by collecting reusable clothes

RAGS 2 RICHES
Schools Clubs Groups

WE ACCEPT CLEAN, GOOD QUALITY, DRY, REUSABLE CLOTHING

- ☒ Adults, Childrens & Babies Clothing
- ☒ Jewellery and Accessories
- ☒ Paired Shoes and Footwear
- ☒ Belts and Handbags

A full list of reusable items is listed on our website www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk

WE DO NOT ACCEPT

POOR QUALITY ITEMS SUCH AS DIRTY, WET, RIPPED OR SOILED CLOTHES, PILLOWS, DUVETS, CURTAINS, BOOKS CDs OR ANY UNIFORM

STOP AND THINK
WOULD YOU WEAR IT?

Please use ANY bag for your donations

Collection Date:
Monday 4th October by 9am

Please remember - NO UNIFORM

5K FUN RUN

FREE 1K Kids Run (under 8s)

Sat 25th Sept

In association with the Wickwar Games

AT KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELDS
The Downs Wickwar GL12 8JZ

5K Registration Fee: Adults(16+) £5 / Child £2.50

Register online at www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofahs

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Friends of AHS

THANK YOU again for your continued support this year. We are very busy behind the scenes on our Autumn fundraisers and are working closely with school on plans for later in the term. We are looking for new committee members and people to help, so if you would like to get involved please get in touch via FriendsOfAHS@hotmail.com.

Wickwar Games: The Friends will be helping to run the Wickwar Games on **Saturday 25th September**. A MASSIVE THANK YOU to everyone who has signed up to help on the day. We still have a few more slots to fill on our rota, which you can find [here](#)

Don't forget there's still time to register for the **5k Family Fun Run!** – sign up on our [webpage](#).

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