

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>

Dear Parents/Carers

We have enjoyed a successful and happy first term of the year at Alexander Hosea. The children have been applying themselves well to their learning and being excellent ambassadors for the school when we have had visitors (eg music tuition; prospective new parents for 2022; supply teachers). All visitors have commented on the positive behaviour and motivation of the children.

We have enjoyed a return to some of our 'normal' practices, but received a letter from the local authority yesterday to say that due to the increasing frequency of covid in the area a few additional measures need to be put in place for our return to school in November (please see letter emailed to you on 21st October). The main changes will be that assemblies will return to online rather than in person and primary aged children are now encouraged to have a daily lateral flow test if they have been in close contact with a positive case in their household.

We are starting to think about Christmas events but we do not yet know what (if any) restrictions might be in place then. Our KS1 children will be doing an Easter/spring performance, instead of Christmas this year.

Have a wonderful half term. We return to school on Monday 1st November.

Flu Immunisations

Nasal immunisation will take place in school on **17th November 2021**. Further information will be sent in due course.

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 Allison.Hall@sgmail.org.uk

FOOD for THOUGHT

Free School Meals can save you time and money on preparing lunches. Your child will be offered a wide choice of healthy and tasty food.

A hot, freshly prepared meal at lunchtime can help with learning, concentration and behaviour.

If you claim free school meals your child could be offered free food and activities in school holiday clubs.

Claiming free school meals is simpler than ever. Just speak to your child's school or visit our website www.southglou.gov.uk/free-school-meals to find out if you are eligible and how to apply.

The quickest way to complete your free school meal application is online.

The Contact Centre is here to help and support those who are unable to access this service or require support in their online application. Contact 01454 868008 for more information.

Our Value of the Term is:

Adaptability

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

Next term we will move onto our 2nd value 'Self-belief'

Staffing Update

After 33 years at Alexander Hosea, our Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Moncrieff, has decided to hang up her whiteboard pens and retire from teaching at Christmas. She has taught about 1000 children in her time at our school (some of whom now have their own children here!) and will be greatly missed.

We will be advertising for a Teacher for Diamond Class in the coming weeks.

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!

Friends of AHS

A BIG THANK YOU to the parents who have recently joined our committee! If you would like to get involved please get in touch via FriendsOfAHS@hotmail.com.

Good to Grow scheme: Morrisons are giving shoppers DOUBLE Grow Tokens for every £10 you spend online up to this **Sunday, 24 October**. You just need the MyMorrisons app and/or card to collect the tokens and donate them to the school. More information on how it works is available [here](#).

Pumpkin Carving Competition: Enter by **30 October** for the chance to win a Halloween Hamper! Simply email your pumpkin pics to us at FriendsOfAHS@hotmail.com and make a donation [here](#).

Non-uniform day: on **Friday 26 November** we will be holding a non-uniform day – please bring a donation of chocolate (but no nuts or alcohol) on the day for our Christmas Tombola!

SAVE THE DATE: the school Christmas Fair will be on **Friday 3 December from 4-7pm**.

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

Parent Helpers

We are open to expressions of interest for Parent Helpers and really look forward to welcoming our valuable volunteers back into school. All Helpers in School need to

- Have a current DBS safeguarding check.
- Read and sign the statement of expectations.
- Read the Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy; Acceptable Use of IT and Confidentiality policies.
- Confirm that they have read the Volunteers in School handbook.

If you are interested in helping in school on a regular basis, please contact the school office to register your interest.

Secondary School Admissions 2022

If your child is in year 6 and was born between 1 September 2010 and 31 August 2011 (inclusive), they must attend a secondary school in September 2022 unless you decide to educate your child at home. This is a very important decision and you are strongly advised to read the [South Gloucestershire Secondary school admissions guide](#) before making any decisions and completing your application. Applications for secondary school admission must be submitted by the **31 October 2021**.

Parent Council Reps

Our Parent Council provides a valuable communication link between home and school and your class representative will gather views of what is going well and any queries or suggestions on a termly basis.

Our next meeting for class reps is on Monday 15th November at 2pm (in person at the school). If you have a new rep, please let Mrs Williams know.

Topaz – Mrs Goodland

Jet – Mrs Narborough

Crystal - TBC

Emerald/Ruby – Mrs Bendon

Diamond – Ms Dalziel

Pearl – Mrs Leighton

Amethyst - TBC



Yate Heritage Centre
October Half Term
Activities

Halloween Peg People 25/10/21
10.30 - 11.30 or 1.30 - 2.30
Come along and make a spooky bat or witch character!

Autumn Suncatchers 26/10/21
10.30 - 11.30 or 1.30 - 2.30
Get creative and make some beautiful pumpkin and leaf sun catchers for your window!

Twitter: @yateheritageYH
Facebook: YateHeritageYH YHCKidsZone
Instagram: @yate.heritage

To book a place email info@yateheritage.co.uk
Or call 01454 862200

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**.



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per child, per day

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TUES-26TH OCT
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FRI-29TH OCT

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Entries Deadline: **30th OCTOBER**

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Halloween

- Buying a costume? Make sure it's flame-resistant and has the CE mark.
- Making a costume? Avoid long parts and don't use flammable materials like bin liners.
- Opt for LED tea light and candles.
- Naked flames are dangerous, keep your children away from them.

Sparklers

- Supervise children using sparklers and follow instructions on the packaging.
- Light sparklers one at a time.
- Wear gloves and keep sparklers at arm's length.
- You can put the end of a sparkler in a carrot, making it safer to hold.
- Put used sparklers in a bucket of water.

Fireworks

- Only buy fireworks marked with the British Safety Standard: 7114 or CE safety mark.
- Store safely in a closed box out of children's reach.
- Light fireworks at arm's length and stand well back.
- Never return to a lit firework: if it hasn't gone off, it could still explode.

Stop, Drop and Roll

If your clothing catches fire, remember:

STOP where you are. **DROP** to the floor. **ROLL** over and over until the flames are out.

Don't forget to practise before celebrations begin.

Stay safe, stay spooky.

Follow Avon Fire & Rescue Service's Children & Young People's Team for more safety advice for you and your family:

[@AFRSCYP](#) [AF&RS Children and Young People](#)



Join Gloucester Rugby at our
October Half Term Camps

Tewkesbury RFC £60
25 & 26 October | Boys & Girls
(U7s - U11s & U12s - U16s)

Cinderford RFC £30
27 October | Girls Only (U12s - U18s)

Faringdon RFC £60
28 & 29 October | Boys & Girls
(U7s - U11s & U12s - U16s)

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All enquires email cdp@gloucesterrugby.co.uk



HOLIDAY SOCCER CAMPS

A fun and relaxed environment to practice your football skills!

OCTOBER



Hot lunch Included

For more info and to book, visit www.fgrcommunity.eventbrite.com
If you are in receipt of free school meals contact community@fgr.co.uk to book



WE NEED YOU!

TO RAISE MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL

To find out more, visit the Friends' page (in the 'Parents' section at www.alexanderhoseaprimary.co.uk), find us on Facebook (FriendsOfAHS) or email friendsofahs@hotmail.com

We're always looking for new committee members and volunteers to help run fundraising events

WHO ARE 'THE FRIENDS'?

The Friends of Alexander Hosea School is a group of parents, carers and teachers who work together to raise much needed additional funds for our children's school.

WHAT DO WE DO?

- 1) Raise money through fundraising events...
- 2) ... which provide fun activities for the children, their families and the wider community...
- 3) ... to pay for a variety of resources and enrichment activities that benefit the children!

We usually arrange a variety of events throughout the year so that there is something for everyone. Please see our [Forthcoming Events](#) page for more details. We also have a [Facebook](#) page which is kept updated with details of events and meetings, please take a look and 'like' our page.

CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for new helpers and committee members, so if you would like to help in some way, please get in touch on friendsofahs@hotmail.com. Everyone is welcome!

Friends of Alexander Hosea Primary School Charity Number: 1025562

WHAT HAVE THE FRIENDS PAID FOR?

Reception class book bags
Whole-school theatre trips
Science and music equipment
IT upgrades
Library books
Leavers' hoodies and maths sets
Christmas decorations
...and more!



● Have fun and raise funds for our school! ●

A Free Event For The Entire Family To Enjoy!

Meet Father Christmas!
Enjoy our BBQ, bar and hot drinks!
Visit our craft and class gift shops!
Win prizes on our game stalls!

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Help us get **FREE** gardening equipment for the school from



Help us reach our
target by **24th**
October 2021

If you use the **MyMorrisons** app you can donate your **Grow Tokens** to us every time you shop!

The school will be able to swap the tokens it receives for **FREE** equipment