

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 the Headteacher...

We wish everyone a happy and relaxing half term. We look forward to seeing everyone when we return to school on **Monday 25th February**.

Celebrations and latest news

- We have booked our **whole school trip** for the year. We will be going to **Berkeley Castle on 21st March**. Thanks to the Friends, the trip is **completely free** for every child. Friends have used the funds raised at the Christmas Fair, Christmas Shopping Eve and Christmas Disco to pay for the coach and entry costs (£10.75 per child). The school will be closed on this date between 9:30am-2:30pm.
- On Tuesday, Y5 pupils took part in the **Festival of Dance** at Abbeywood. We are really proud of Pearl Class for their determination and enthusiasm to learn the two dance routines and using their emerald powers to be brave to perform in front of an audience. Thank you for the lovely feedback from parents about the event – we are so pleased that it was valued by all.
- The teachers have enjoyed the trial of **Times Tables Rock Stars**, so we have signed up for the programme. We are waiting for it to be set up, so that we can roll this out to the pupils in the near future. If you would like to find out more in the meantime please follow the link <https://ttrockstars.com/home>
- **Road Safety:** The Year 3 and 6 children took part in road safety sessions last week. The instructors were really impressed with their sensible behaviour.
- **Y4 Bikeability** – the children in Year 4 have enjoyed the chance to have cycle training sessions this term. **Level 1** riders learn to control and master their bikes in a space away from traffic (we used the playground). The Bikeability programme runs mostly through schools, but there are sometimes holiday sessions too. If you would like to find out more about holiday sessions, please contact cycle.training@southglos.gov.uk
- **Year 3** are enjoying their **drumming sessions**, which have been generously funded by the Wickwar Education Foundation <https://wickwar.org/community/wickwar-educational-foundation>.
- Year 5 are getting excited about their forthcoming visit to Kilve at the start of April.
- Mrs Rehman (was Miss Pursey) returned to work after her maternity leave to teach Jet Class this week. We are really pleased to welcome her back to the fold. Mrs Ashdown left Jet Class at the end of her temporary contract (covering Mrs Rehman's maternity leave). We wish Mrs Ashdown all the best for her future career.
- Year 6 had a Chinese lesson from a specialist teacher from KLB.

INSET dates: INSET 4 – **Tuesday 23rd April 2019** and INSET 5 – **Monday 8th July 2019**. We have not yet confirmed all of our INSET dates for next year, but there will be an INSET on **Monday 2nd September 2019**.

Uniform reminder

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Please follow the link below to the school's uniform policy. Reminders: All children are expected to wear smart footwear to school. Watches and small, plain stud earrings are the only jewellery permitted. Children should not wear nail varnish.

<https://www.alexanderhoseaprimery.co.uk/page/?title=Uniform&pid=28>

Please make sure that all uniform (including coats, PE kits and bags) is clearly named.

Helpers in School

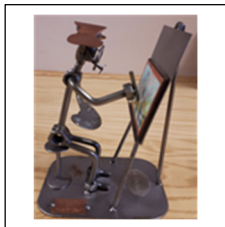
Thank you to all our Helpers in School this term. We really appreciate the time and energy you give to the school for the benefit of the children.

We welcome members of the community (parents/carers, grandparents etc) to come into school to hear readers. If you can spare some time each week, we would love to hear from you. All volunteers need to have a DBS check and a briefing with Mrs Williams before starting in school.

'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



Creativity Award

We also give termly awards for creativity. So far this year the following children have been awarded this trophy:

Alfie (Y1), Maisie (Y4) and Ellis (YR)



Music Award

The first award of the Hayden Music Award this year has been awarded to Hannah & Naomi (Y6)



Request for plastic bottles for the school allotments

Mrs Hathaway is looking for clear plastic bottles - as big as possible, but at least 2 litre size - that we can recycle as frost protection cloches in the school garden for early sowings of peas and beans.

Please put them in the front entrance.

Business funding channels

If the company you work for has a charity element of their work, which could contribute to an aspect of school life, we would love to hear from you. Please email the contact information to

Allison.Hall@sgmail.org.uk

Berkeley Castle 21 March 2019

Please remember to return signed permissions as soon as possible. As this is a whole school trip and the kitchen will be closed that day, we are asking that all children provide their own packed lunch including KS1 with the exception of children who are on Pupil Premium Free School Meals who may order one in advance if they wish. Thank you

Safety reminder

Please could we ask that parents do not allow children to play on the playground equipment after the end of the school day. They do have supervised access to these resources at break and lunchtime.

Thank you



Friends of AHS

Clothes for a Cause – Monday 4th March 9am

We earn 40p for every kilogramme we collect so please donate as much as possible to raise money for our school. We need clean unwanted clothes, paired shoes, hand bags and belts (in plastic bags) brought to school by 9am on 4th March.

Friends' Committee Meeting – Tuesday 26th February 6:30pm at school

It's our regular termly meeting after the half term. Everyone is welcome to join us!

Forthcoming Events

We have a number of different events being planned for this year! Please check our Facebook page and our page on the school website for details. Also, if you have any ideas for fundraising events or would like to help run an event please get in touch!

Hope you all have a fun half term!

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World Book Day

It is World Book Day on **Thursday 7th March** and we would like to invite the children to dress up as their favourite book character, in exchange for a voluntary contribution of £1. The monies will go towards the purchase of new books for the Infant reading boxes, which the Parent Council have said they would like to top-up. Children will receive book tokens for £1.00 after half term.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/>

Sporting Activities

Next term:

Year 6 will be starting their cycle training;

Years 1/2 will be starting yoga sessions;

Years 3 & 6 will be taking part in dance sessions with New Generation Dance.

Online Safety

As children are at the heart of everything we do, it is important to help them develop into responsible and independent individuals, who can make good choices both academically and socially. With our continuous advancements of technology, it is important for the children of Alexander Hosea to stay current with how to stay safe online. In a time where the internet and technology access is a natural everyday occurrence for our children it is important to guide them to stay safe and protect themselves whilst navigating the virtual world.

At Alexander Hosea, we provide opportunities for children to discuss and reflect upon e-safety. We learn how to stay safe through the computing curriculum as well as specialised days. As a school, we discuss and investigate internet access relevant to our children and how we can remain safe within them, whether this is via passwords, pictures or communicating with strangers online. There are so many ways to teach our children how to stay safe on the internet. As parents and carers, we understand you may wish to support your child in staying safe online. Here are a couple of useful websites which may help:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

[https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=GEN - Safety - \[BMM\]&utm_term=safety_online&gclid=CjwKCAiAwJTjBRBhEiwA56V7q3pjnedNXfW7y-683kTJHxB_2tfvnmTZ3USM4GQhxW90AWqxGTI5BoCtgAQAvD_BwE&gclid=aw.ds](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=GEN - Safety - [BMM]&utm_term=safety_online&gclid=CjwKCAiAwJTjBRBhEiwA56V7q3pjnedNXfW7y-683kTJHxB_2tfvnmTZ3USM4GQhxW90AWqxGTI5BoCtgAQAvD_BwE&gclid=aw.ds)



Bedtime Stories

We would like to invite all children to come back to school from 5:30-6:30pm on Thursday 28th February for a bedtime story.

The children can wear their pyjamas or onesie and bring a soft toy (if they would like to). The staff will read a story and provide a drink.

Fond farewell to Mrs Sue Skralskis

After 34 years as a catering assistant at Alexander Hosea, Mrs Skralskis has decided to retire on Friday 1st March.

Sue has been a highly regarded member of the community and has touched many lives during her years of service.

She joined the school in 1985 (in the old building) at the time of Mr Aplin and moved with the school to our current site in the 1990s.

We will be really sad to see her go and we know that Mrs Deb Thornbury and Mrs Antonia Jater will really miss her kindness and companionship in their day-to-day job. There is a collection in the office for anyone who would like to contribute to a leaving gift.

Admissions to Primary School for Reception Sept 2019

16 April 2019

Offers of a school place made to parents/carers resident in South Gloucestershire will be on **16 April 2019 (via the online system if you applied online)**. If you downloaded an application form, you will be notified by letter (to be posted 1st class on **16 April 2019**).

30 April 2019

Parents/carers must reply to offers made by **30 April 2019**.

<http://www.southglos.gov.uk//documents/Admission-to-Primary-Schools-2019-20-FINAL.pdf>

Admissions to Secondary School 2019 for current Y6 children

Offers of a secondary school place will be made to parents/carers resident in South Gloucestershire on **1 March 2019**.

Parents/carers must reply to offers made by **15 March 2019**.

<http://www.southglos.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-education/school-admissions/secondary-school-admissions/>



Supersonic Citizen Award

From September, we updated our 'Supersonic' awards so that it is more consistent across the school. With this in mind each teacher has nominated a child from their class for the award this term. To be nominated the child must have exemplary behaviour at all times (4 Bs: be responsible, be respectful, be safe and be kind) and apply themselves consistently well in their learning.

All nominees have received a 'Supersonic' certificate and an enamel 'Citizen Award' badge. In each phase (infants and juniors) the staff have chosen a worthy winner of the Citizenship Cup to take home for the term.

The winners so far are:

Infants: Meredith (Y2), Freya (Y1) and Sophie (R)

Juniors: William (Y5), Henry (Y6) and Naomi (Y4)