

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...

We have started Term 4 with many memorable events including Bedtime Stories, World Book Day, yoga and dance sessions. With so much going on, it feels like we have been back from half term for longer! As usual the children have made us proud as they have thrown themselves into every opportunity with enthusiasm and a growth mindset.

Celebrations and latest news

- We took part in **World Book Day** yesterday. It was fantastic to see the children (and staff) dressed up as their favourite book characters.
- Year 6 have started their **cycle training**. The instructors have commented that they are impressed with their excellent behaviour and positive attitudes.
- Years 1/2 have started their taster **yoga** sessions.
- Years 3 & 6 are taking part in **street dance** sessions with New Generation Dance.
- The **Bedtime Stories** event was well attended and the children enjoyed getting together for stories and hot chocolate. Thank you to the staff and Friends of AHS for making the event a success.
- We have signed up for **Times Tables Rock Stars** and the teachers are setting up the login details for their classes. We hope that it will be possible for all Y1-6 children to receive their username and password today, so that they can start to explore the programme and set up their avatar at home. <https://ttrockstars.com/home>
- Year 6 parents have received the offers for **secondary school places** for September. We hope that everyone is happy with their offers. Parents/Carers need to confirm that they would like these places by 15th March. We will start the transition process after Easter.
- Friends of AHS have launched their **sponsored reading competition**, which will run until Wednesday 3rd April. To take part the children will need to set themselves a suitably challenging goal (with the help of parents/carers) to achieve (this might be a certain number of pages per week or books for the whole period, it's up to you).
- Y6 had a visit by **Luke Hall MP** as part of their project and we had a visitor to assembly to tell us what it is like in parliament.

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**.

What's coming up soon?

- **Red Nose Day (15th March)** children are invited to wear a red top (and a red nose) with the rest of their uniform in exchange for £1 for Comic Relief <https://www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday>.
- The **whole school trip to Berkeley Castle** is coming up very soon (21st March), so school will be closed on this date between 9:30am-2:30pm. We are really looking forward to it and the children's dragon models are coming along very well. It will be very difficult to choose which ones to take to the venue.
- **Parents' evening 27th & 28th March (4-6:30pm)**. Invites were emailed to parents this week. Please use the link to book an appointment. Contact the office or the teacher direct if you have any difficulties.
- Y5 will be going to **Kilve Court** for their residential 3rd- 5th April. There is much excitement building!
- Rev. Canon David Russell and Rev. Ray will be coming in to host assemblies on several occasions this term. We always look forward to their visits and the children enjoy this connection with the wider village community.

Thank you from Holy Trinity Church

The response to the Christmas school events in church was excellent and attendance seemed to 'rub off' on our further Christmas services with our Christmas Eve Crib service exceeding its record numbers at over 220, and our numbers at the carol service and Christmas morning service exceeding those of previous years! We were able to raise over £550 for the Southmead ITU again as a result of the collections at the School Nativities coupled with our own carol singing event.

Admissions to Primary School in 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 have been 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/>

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.

'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



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

Parents' evening

The arrangements for parents' evening will be the same as in the autumn term, so Topaz & Ruby in own classrooms; Emerald & Jet in Forest Room; Crystal & Diamond in Library and Amethyst & Pearl in Opal Room.

NEW! There will be a drop in crèche for pupils of Alexander Hosea in the Blue Room throughout the evenings (4-6:30pm) with Mrs Joyner.



Friends of AHS

7th to 28th March – Reading Challenge

16th March – Town Hall Seed Swap

30th April – Children's Movie Night

7th May – Friends Committee Meeting

13th July – Wickwar Games

Reading Challenge 7th to 28th March

As part of World Book Day we launched our Reading Challenge to raise money for new fiction books for our school. Children are invited to read or share as many books as they would like in the next three weeks, and they can ask for sponsorship for each page or book they read or share. Sponsor forms have been emailed to everyone but can also be downloaded from the school website. All the sponsor forms and money need to be returned to school by 3rd April. *It doesn't matter what they read as long as they enjoy it!*

Town Hall Seed Swap 10:00-12:00

As part of the Town Hall Sale, there will also be a Seed Swap event. Bring any spare seeds to swap with other gardeners, get tips on taking cuttings, plus there will be activities for the children. If you don't have any seeds to swap, don't worry, you can give a small donation instead. All money raised from the seed swap will go towards refurbishing the school garden.

Children's Movie Night

All AHS Children are invited to watch "The Greatest Showman" straight after school on Tuesday 30th April. If anyone can help us with this event, please let us know. More details to come so watch this space or our Facebook page!

100 Club Winners

1st Prize Mary Griffin, 2nd Prize Sarah Lee, 3rd Prize John Harris. Congratulations to you all! If you'd like a chance to win, application forms can be downloaded from the school website (Parents > Friends of AHS > 100 Club)

Clothes for a Cause

Thank you for all your donations on Monday. We are pleased to announce that 275Kg was donated, raising £110 for our school. Thank you!! The next collection will be on Monday 10th June.

Thank you for your support!

friendsofahs@hotmail.com www.facebook.com/FriendsOfAHS

Calling all creative parents and carers.

As part of our Artsmark journey we would love to involve the local community so we are looking for parent/carer volunteers to come and join us in school to share your creative talents and skills with the children. If you would like to be involved please contact Mrs Cleverley.

Woodwork	Painting	Textiles
	Drawing	Drama
Dance	Music	Collage
Pottery	Sculpture	Printing.

World Book Day tokens

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

All children have been given a £1 book token. These can be used at many bookshops – for more information, follow the link above.

Deadline to use them by is **31st March 2019**

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-](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=GEN-Safety-)

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