



Blended News @ Alexander Hosea



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We have made it to half term! Thank you so much to all our fantastic children, parents and staff for working together to make the blended learning the best it can be. The children have engaged very well and have continued their learning, wherever they are; they should be very proud of themselves. We think they are fantastic.

We have a staff training (INSET) day on Mon 22nd Feb, so there will be no learning set and the site will not be open to any children on this day. Blended learning will recommence on Tuesday 23rd Feb. We hope that there will be an announcement around this date to say what the government's plan is for beginning to reopen schools on 8th March (we do not yet know that this might look like). Once we hear more about this, we will let you know. Stay well everyone and have a lovely break.

Assessments and Parents' evenings

The teachers will be assessing the pupils' learning for our usual assessment point in March and this will feed into parents' evening meetings.

As the evidence base is gathered, teachers may ask for the children to complete more unaided tasks than usual (as the children would need to be able to demonstrate understanding independently) and possibly complete some unaided test-style tasks (especially in KS2).

Value this Term: Perseverance

The children (parents and staff) have certainly shown their perseverance this term and made every effort to keep going and overcome the obstacles along the way.

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Mrs Rehman has sent information about the national Spring Half Term Distance Challenge. Why not join in?

Reporting Covid incidents during lockdown 3

While the majority of our families are learning at home, it is still important that you let us know of any suspected or confirmed Covid 19 cases in your household. We are required to report this to DfE.

If someone in your household is showing one of the main symptoms:

*A high temperature.

*A new, continuous cough.

*A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste.

Stay at home and get a test to check if you have coronavirus. The whole household must stay at home until a negative result is received.

Please let us know via the school office (phone message/email out of hours – see above), so that we can record these properly and adjust remote learning as appropriate.

Lockdown Half term activities

Feed the Birds

Calling on all the children of Wickwar (and those who are young at heart). We would love you to draw, paint, create some of the birds that you see in your garden and around the village and let us display them in the village notice board for all to see and to encourage others to feed birds in their gardens over winter.

Please drop your pictures into the letter box at:
The Coach House Back Lane, Wickwar
or email your picture to:
WEAGWickwar1@gmail.com

Garden Bird Survey

- Choose an hour to do a survey of all the different birds you can see in your garden.
- Draw or write down each different type of bird as soon as you see it, then every time you see it put a line next to it.
- Why not challenge some friends or family members to do this at the same time so you can compare results.
- You can get creative with your results, e.g make a bar chart.
- Share your results on the WEAG FB page

Make a bird feeder for your garden
Make a Recycled Bird Feeder | Fun Activities for Kids - The RSPB



3 easy homemade bird feeders - Natures Home magazine uncovered - Our work - The RSPB Community



SMILERS Family Planner for half term

Whilst many children are looking forward to half term, there are also some who are feeling flat about it as there will be few places to go. To help plan enjoyable family activities, you may wish to use some ideas based on SMILERS from the Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families.

SMILERS stands for Socialise, Move, Interest, Look, Eat well, Rest, Support. Mrs Williams spoke about this in this morning's assembly (copy posted to Google Classrooms for each class), if you would like to have a look. A copy of an idea for a family planning sheet has also been emailed to parents this week - use as you wish. If you would find planning more stressful than going with the flow, feel free to ignore it!

SMILERS Family Planner for Spring Half Term 2021

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Smilers Socialise					
Move					
Interest					
Look					
Eat well					
Rest					
Support					

Space for family or team name

Map out when you think you might like to do these activities (you do not need to populate every cell). You might want to look at the weather forecast when planning.

If you think you might be eligible for free school meals, we would strongly encourage you to apply.

Free school meals

Free school meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods, and your monthly average income over three assessment periods should be no more than £616.67)
- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

<https://find-information-for-adults-children-families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=96T2gCAk10A>



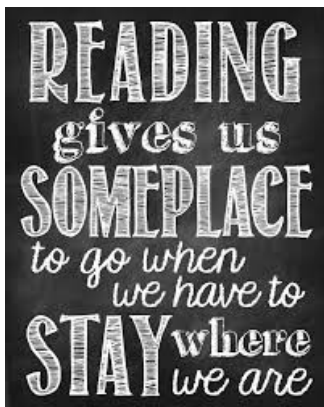
The Friends of AHS have invited families to show the love for the place they live to brighten up their environments.

Everyone can join in wherever you live.

Thank a Teacher/ member of staff

We know from the many, many emails and the overwhelmingly positive responses to the parent questionnaire, that you really value the outstanding work of all of our staff. Thank you for your feedback.

If you would like to go further and nominate a member of staff for an award, please follow this link <https://thankateacher.co.uk/thank-a-teacher-day/>



Please encourage your child(ren) to keep reading every day during the half term break.

It is essential for their learning and development; gives them a place to escape and calms the mind.

Covid-19: Who do I contact...
if my child tests positive in the February half-term and is currently regularly attending school or preschool?

South Gloucestershire Council
Delivering for you

Date	Who to inform	What information to provide
Saturday 13 February to Tuesday 16 February	If your child tests positive during this time it will impact on your child's bubble / class and we will need to alert those affected. Please email us on ey-schoolscovididents@southglos.gov.uk REMEMBER: Your whole household needs to self-isolate for 10 days from the start of symptoms/booking a test.	The name of the school / setting The year group and class your child is in When your child's symptoms started When they were tested When they were last in school / setting We will reply to your email with any additional advice. We will contact the school / setting if necessary to let them know, and advise on any actions they will need to take.
Wednesday 17 February to Sunday 21 February	Your household should continue to isolate as instructed and inform your child's school or setting in the normal way. If your child tests positive during this time their bubble / class will not be affected as they would not have been in school during the infectious period. To help us monitor cases in school / the setting, it would be helpful if you can email us the details using the email address ey-schoolscovididents@southglos.gov.uk although you may not receive a response during this time.	

*******If you are at all worried about your child's symptoms during the February half-term, please call 111 and seek advice*******

Why are we asking you to provide details to the mailbox?

- When Covid-19 symptoms start, the person is infectious two days before this and up to 10 days afterwards. If your child gets symptoms between Saturday 13 February and Tuesday 16 February and goes on to test positive, it can impact on others in their bubble, class or year group who will also need to isolate because they are contacts of a positive case.
- If your child gets symptoms between Wednesday 17 February and Sunday 21 February and goes on to test positive, it's unlikely to affect your child's bubble, class or year group in the same way but we still need you to report it so we can log these positive cases locally.

You will need to inform everyone your child has been in close contact with that they have tested positive and these other contacts will need to self-isolate for 10 days. Also remember to let any out of school care / holiday clubs / activity clubs know about your child's symptoms and test results.

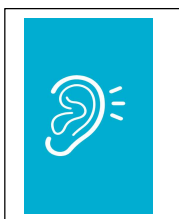
If your child is isolating at the start of term 4 please contact your school / setting in the usual way to let them know when your child will be back at school / setting.

There's lots of useful Covid-19 information for parents and carers on our website www.southglos.gov.uk/coronavirus

Stop the spread. Do the right thing.
www.southglos.gov.uk/coronavirus

We hope everyone stays safe and well over the half term break.

In the unfortunate event that your child does test positive over the holiday, there is a process to follow – we have emailed this document to you.



We are listening

Keep talking to us to let us know what is going well and what further support you need. We are committed to helping every child to continue their education wherever they are during Lockdown. If you are struggling with the technology or supporting your child at home, please contact your teacher, who will do their best to support you.

Who should I contact about....?

Information	Who to contact	Contact details
Covid symptoms and/or positive test (for child who is attending school as critical worker /vulnerable child)	School Office	Alexanderhoseprimary@sgmail.org.uk and Debbie.Williams@sgmail.org.uk
Covid positive test (for children at home)	School office	Alexanderhoseprimary@sgmail.org.uk
Remote learning, including access to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence Me (Reception), Google Classroom (Y1-6), Times Tables Rock Stars (Y2-6), Mathletics (Y1-6) and Bug Club (all years). 	Class teacher(s)	Topaz Sally.Windmill@sgmail.org.uk Emerald Nicola.Grainger1@sgmail.org.uk Jet Laura.Cleverley@sgmail.org.uk and Rebecca.Rehman@sgmail.org.uk Ruby Sarah.Wigginton@sgmail.org.uk Crystal Amy.Clark@sgmail.org.uk Diamond Angela.Moncrieff@sgmail.org.uk and Rebecca.Chalmers@sgmail.org.uk Pearl Kimberley.Edgar@sgmail.org.uk Amethyst Heidi.Brooks@sgmail.org.uk
Attendance (for children with provisional places booked to attend school)	School Office	Alexanderhoseprimary@sgmail.org.uk
Safeguarding	Designated Safeguarding Lead	Debbie.Williams@sgmail.org.uk Or in her absence, Deputy DSLs Angela.Moncrieff@sgmail.org.uk Sally.Windmill@sgmail.org.uk
Finance and Pupil Premium matters (including receiving food packages for FSM children)	School Business Manager	Allison.Hall@sgmail.org.uk
Special Educational Needs matters (including access to Nessy programme)	SENCO	Kimberley.Edgar@sgmail.org.uk