

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>

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you so much for your support throughout the year. We really value our successful partnerships with Parents/Carers as these have a strong impact on your child's experience of school and their outcomes.

We will be really sad to say farewell to our Year 6 pupils next Tuesday. They have been a fantastic year group; they have been very good role models, shown a great commitment to their learning and they have enjoyed taking responsibility (including for the younger children). We know that they have successful futures ahead of them in their new secondary schools and wish them all the very best for their new adventure. We would also like to say thank you and a fond farewell to the families who will be leaving our school (as their youngest child is currently in Year 6), after many years of being part of the community. Your contribution to our school over the past decade (or more in some cases) is really valued. Thank you.

We are delighted with our strong assessment results again this year. In all measures we are in line with or above (in many areas well above) national standards - results are on the next page. These outcomes are due to the hard work and determination of your children, combined with the skilled teaching and provision and strong partnerships with Parents/Carers. We are very proud of all our children for their conscientiousness and the way they use their metacognition (gem powers, peer critique and learning zones) to continually strive to give their very best.

We know that our children have really good attitudes to learning and towards each other and use their Ruby powers well. In the year to come we are planning to build on this by joining the Better Behaviours Project (along with about a third of the schools in South Glos) to further develop our behaviour management strategies in line with current theory around best practice.

Thank you again for all your support and commitment to making our wonderful school the very best it can be. We look forward to the next chapter of our school with our current and new families. We have new children joining several year groups, which means we will be up to capacity in all year groups, except our new Y1 in September (where we have a few places). We know our new children, in Reception and other year groups, will be made to feel very welcome to our community and we look forward to getting to know them.

We wish all members of our school community a very happy and relaxing summer. School recommences on Tuesday 3rd September.

Kind regards, Mrs Deb Williams - Headteacher

INSET dates 2019-20

Our INSET dates for next year will be:

Monday 2nd September 2019

Friday 20th December 2019

Monday 6th January 2020

Friday 3rd April 2020

Friday 3rd July 2020

Please note the National May Day holiday will be on **FRIDAY 8th May** not Monday 4th May 2020 (changed recently by Government).



Celebrations and latest news

- The new reception children visited for an explore session on 10th July. It has been great to start to get to know our new children.
- Annual school reports came home to parents on Friday 12th July. We are proud of all our children and what they have achieved this year.
- Y6 chose the menu for their Leavers' Lunch on Monday. Chocolate brownie made an appearance again!
- Disco - Tuesday 16th July. Fun as always.
- Y6 end of year performance Monday 15th July. What an amazing show! Everyone had a great time (including the performers). It was a play full of laughs and brilliant acting. Congratulations!
- Thank you to Mrs Rehman for organising the archery instruction for all children. Archery was an important pastime in our village in years gone by (hence the Archers house), so it is extra-special to be doing this sport.
- Prince William Award graduation for Y4 pupils Friday 19th July.
- Thank you to Bellway Homes for the cheque for £500 towards resources for the children. The donation comes as part of the prizes for the recent art competition.



Thank you!

Thank you so much for the cards, gifts and kind words to the staff at the end of the year. The gesture is much appreciated.

Results – Headlines

Infants	Alexander Hosea	National
EYFS – good level development	85%	72%
Y1 phonics	97%	82%
Y2 Reading EXS (expected standard)	84%	75%
Y2 Reading GDS (greater depth standard)	32%	25%
Y2 Writing EXS	77%	69%
Y2 Writing GDS	29%	15%
Y2 Maths EXS	81%	76%
Y2 Maths GDS	26%	22%

KS2	Alexander Hosea	National
Y6 Reading EXS	75%	73%
Y6 Reading GDS	46%	2018 – 28%
Y6 Writing EXS	92%	79%
Y6 Writing GDS	46%	2018 – 20%
Y6 Maths EXS	92%	79%
Y6 Maths GDS	38%	2018 – 24%
Y6 Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling EXS	88%	78%
Y6 Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling GDS	54%	2018 – 34%

We are delighted with our strong outcomes across the school again this year.

As you can see, we are in line with or above (in many cases well above) national standards in all measures.

We are particularly pleased with our Maths outcomes this year as this has been a main focus for school improvement.

Next year, we will be looking at ways to develop our readers further and encourage all children to read at home 5 times a week.



Friends of AHS

24th September – 6:30pm Friends' AGM and Committee Meeting

Wickwar Games

The Games got off to a fantastic start with lots of children taking part in the 1K Fun Run. For the 5K Run, 105 runners took part; the highest number in many years. The winner, Ben Rawlins, completed the course in a staggering 16.55 – a course record! Congratulations to everyone who took part and we hope you all enjoyed the day.

AHS Summer Disco

All the children had a fantastic time and we are pleased to announce it raised £235 for our school.

A BIG THANK YOU...

...to YOU for supporting our events this year - without it the children would miss out on so much!

This year we have helped to provide: a trip to **Berkeley Castle for the whole school**, fun immersive **learning environments** each term, new **non-fiction books** and **Atlases** for the school library, 3 year **Mathletics** subscription, **rub-out pens & refills** for the Juniors, a new **oven** for the pupils kitchen, repairs to **Tom's Garden**, **Book Bags** for the Reception children, **Leaver's presents** for Year 6, and **Christmas Crackers** for everyone, plus lots more!

THANK YOU from the Friends and all the children who have benefitted from your support!

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Sports Leaders Training.

On Tuesday 9th July, we were very lucky to have Mrs Bates come from KLB, to lead our annual sports leaders training for our current Year 5 class.

In the morning, the Year 5 children learnt all the leadership skills they would need to run these sessions with the Key Stage 1 children and designed age appropriate games. +

In the afternoon they put their leadership skills to the test and ran their sessions and games for Jet class.

The children all showed excellent leadership skills, being patient with the Year 2 children and explaining clearly and carefully how the children needed to do the games.

In September, together with Mrs Rehman, the new Year 6 children will set up a time table of who will be running sports leaders on which day and which activity and then it will be rolled out to Key Stage 1 children to join and have fun on a lunchtime.

Mrs Rehman

PE Lead.



Spare unwanted uniform

If you have any good quality spare unwanted uniform that no longer fits your child, please donate it to the school. This really helps out younger children in our community, who might need the next size up.

Please remove your child's name from the label (leaving the size visible if you can) and hand into the school office. Thank you.

Entry to and Exit from school

In September, Year 1 children will come in to school via the main playground in the morning. Reception children will come in through the Infant gate in the morning.

All children will continue to be collected from the main playground after school. For Infants, please make sure you stand close to the doors, so that the teachers can easily see you. This will speed up the Infants as they exit from the building and help all parties out.

Attendance

Good attendance and punctuality are very important. With this in mind, please avoid booking any holidays in term time and make sure that children arrive at school (and are collected) on time every day.

Also, all children are expected to remain in school until the end of school at 3:30pm. If your child attends a club at another venue after school, please arrange this for a time that does not involve early collection. Important messages, notes and reminders are given at the end of the day and lessons do not end until close to 3:30pm

Aspirations Week

Next year, we will be organising an Aspirations Week and the children will find out about different jobs that they might do in the future.

If you have a job in a STEM industry or in a role that challenges a gender stereotype, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Mrs Sally Windmill.

Governor Update for end of year 2018-19

Last week we held our final FGB meeting of the year when, amongst other things, we were delighted to be able to celebrate the wonderful results of the EYFSP, Y1 phonics, Y2 and Y6 SATs. As usual AHS continues to achieve above the national average. These results are achieved by the children and staff working hard consistently throughout their school life. We would like to congratulate all of the children and staff in all of the year groups for their continued hard work, and for the support given by parents and carers with home learning.

We welcomed our new parent governor, Sam Boulton, along with our new clerk, Sarah Gregory, and spent some time organising the committees for the next academic year.

However, we said goodbye to Steve Jones, Jo Hitchings and Louise McAleese, all of whom are stepping down as associate members. We would like to thank them all for their contribution over the years, they will be greatly missed. Steve has served AHS for almost 20 years as a parent governor, co-opted governor and latterly as an associate member. He has been a part of all the committees at one time or another and served as chair of governors for a number of years. Steve has been active in the school community for a long time but now feels that it is time to move on, continuing his voluntary work with another community group. Thank you, Steve.

Good luck to all the Y6 students who will be looking forward to the next stage of their education, and we look forward to seeing everyone else in September along with our new Reception intake.

We hope that you all have a wonderful summer holiday, enjoying the good weather while it lasts!

Celia Rogers – Chair of Governors

Term dates 2019-20

TERM 1

Monday 2nd September 2019 - Inset Day

Begin: Tuesday 3rd September 2019

End: Friday 25th October 2019

TERM 2

Begin: Monday 4th November 2019

End: Thursday 19th December 2019

Friday 20th December 2019-Inset Day

TERM 3

Monday 6th January 2020 – Inset Day

Begin: Tuesday 7th January 2020

End: Friday 14th February 2020

TERM 4

Begin: Monday 24th February 2020

End: Thursday 2nd April 2020

Friday 3rd April 2020-Inset Day

TERM 5

Begin: Monday 20th April 2020

Friday 8th May – May Bank Holiday

End: Friday 22nd May 2020

TERM 6

Begin: Monday 1st June 2020

Friday 3rd July-Inset Day

End: Monday 20th July 2020



Children's University

We will be launching the Children's University across the school in the new academic year. We will link to UWE in Bristol and there are many ways that the children can engage in extra-curricular activities to earn their credits towards a special award in July 2020.

There will be a short introductory meeting for parents at 3pm on 11th September 2019 – in the hall.

Come along and find out more.

<https://www1.uwe.ac.uk/study/schoolsandcolleges/childrensuniversity.aspx>