

# Alexander Hosea Primary School

## 'Roots to grow, wings to fly'

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### Newsletter 18 – 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022

For school calendar: <http://www.alexanderhoseaprimary.co.uk/calendar/?calid=1&pid=3&viewid=1>

Dear Parents/Carers

The teachers have completed their end of year assessments and are putting the finishing touches to reports, so that these can be sent home with your child on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July. If you require a second copy of the report (eg for separated parents), please contact your child's teacher by Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July. The report format has been slimmed down this year to support Teacher workload and make it more user-friendly for parents. In the English section, 'R' stands for Reading and 'W' stands for Writing. If there is a \* next to an outcome, this means they were very close to achieving the next standard.

We have been very proud of the children this year. They have emerged from the difficult covid time very successfully and shown adaptability, self-belief and perseverance. It is our privilege to see them grow and develop and play a small part in their lives. We have three more weeks left in school and our priority will be about supporting their transition to their next class. We are fortunate that all our teaching staff will still be with us in September, so they will continue to keep a caring eye on their current class as they move forward. We break up for the summer on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July.

#### Transition

Our annual 'Shuffle Up' days will be on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> July. During these mornings, the children will spend some time in their new classrooms with their new teachers as part of their transition.

The teachers are also in the process of passing information on to the next teacher. There will be 'Meet the Teacher' sessions in September for parents.

#### Attendance

Consistently very good attendance helps children to access the full curriculum and receive the support and challenge needed to move their learning on. We are fortunate that the vast majority of our children attend school very well. We know that some children have missed school this year for holidays in term-time due to changes from 2020-21, as a result of covid cancellations. For the coming years, please try to book holiday during the 13 weeks of school holidays.

% attendance will be reported in school reports:

- 96%+ is expected and very good
- 95-95.9% is close to expectation
- 90-94.9% is cause for concern
- 89.9% or less is classed as persistent absentee.

Where attendance is becoming a concern, parents may be invited to School Attendance Meeting (with targets set for improvement) and fines may be incurred in the case of persistent absentees or prolonged unauthorised holidays (more than 5 days). Our S. Glos Education Welfare Officer supports us with attendance matters.

#### Summer Term Dates for diaries

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July Annual school reports (Y6 may be 12<sup>th</sup> July, dependent on when SATS results come back to us)

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July (change of date) Friends of AHS summer disco

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July Day off in lieu of Platinum Jubilee bank holiday

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> September – INSET days

5<sup>th</sup> September – First day of Term 1 2022



## Friends of AHS

THANK YOU to everyone who kindly helped out on our tea stall at Sports Day and for the donations of cake. **You helped us raise £360!** Look out for our announcements about upcoming events and get in touch via our [Facebook page](#) or by emailing [FriendsOfAHS@hotmail.com](mailto:FriendsOfAHS@hotmail.com) if you would like to help.

**Rags2Riches Clothing Collection:** Your donations to our clothing collection raised an amazing **£151.84!** Look out for our dates for next year, which will be coming soon.

**Doughies Pizza and Cookie evening:** We've teamed up with Doughies for a fun family night in on **Friday 1 July!** Order your pizza and cookie making kits and you'll receive everything you need to make artisan margherita pizzas (regular or vegan), and warm gooey cookies in your home oven! See our poster for full details. Orders must be placed at <https://doughies.co.uk/products/alexander-gl12> by Saturday 25 June.

**5k Fun Run:** Early bird registrations for the 5K Fun Run at the Wickwar Games on **Saturday 16 July** are now open! Register by 9 July to get 10% off the entry fee – sign up at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofahs> The Friends also need helpers to marshall the fun run (which just means stand somewhere along the route in a hi-vis vest!) and help run our licensed bar and bouncy castle. You can sign up to help at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0b44a9ab2fabf58-wickwar>

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

### Dates for your diary for assessments 2022-23

#### Mandatory Assessments:

Reception – September/Oct – baseline

Year 1 – 1<sup>st</sup> two weeks in June – Phonics

Year 2 – May – KS1 SATs tests

Year 2 – 1<sup>st</sup> two weeks in June – Phonics retake if not passed in Year 1.

Year 4 – 1<sup>st</sup> 3 weeks in June – Times Tables

Year 6 – w/c 8<sup>th</sup> May – KS2 SATs tests

In addition to these assessments, children are assessed in the last two weeks at Christmas, Easter and end of June.

#### Attendance

Excellent attendance has a significant impact on pupil's progress in learning as well as supporting their pastoral and social needs.

We do not authorise holiday in term time and in particular strongly urge parents not to book holidays in the key assessment windows – see opposite. Thank you.

### Lunchbreak Supervisors Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Lunchbreak Supervisor for 1-3 lunchtimes per week. Each shift is 1.25 hours. The hourly rate is £9.79. Job description available on request. Training will be provided by existing experienced staff, so no previous experience needed. Suitable candidates will have a caring personality; strong interpersonal skills; ability to work collaboratively as part of a team and ability to use initiative.

If you know someone who might be interested in the role, please email [Ian.Swann@sgmail.org.uk](mailto:Ian.Swann@sgmail.org.uk) or call 01454 294239 for more information.

In addition to this, we are also looking to appoint 'bank' Lunch break Supervisors to work on a casual basis, as most of our existing bank staff now do regular hours for us.

Any job offers will be subject to safeguarding and medical checks.

### South Gloucestershire Library Service –

The Library service will be leading an assembly on Monday to share information about this year's library challenge. We always have an excellent uptake with this reading challenge and parents will be able to register children soon.

#### Reporting absences

If you need to report your child's absence, please contact the school office (by email [AlexanderHoseaPrimary@sgmail.org.uk](mailto:AlexanderHoseaPrimary@sgmail.org.uk) or by phone 01454 294239), as the admin team manage the registers and check emails throughout the day.

Please note that we do not authorise holidays in term time, but there is a Request for Absence form to use should you need to let us know about any absence.

Please try to make medical and dentist appointments for outside of school hours wherever possible.

### Term dates 2022-23

Please find opposite the term dates for South Glos schools for the next academic year. We also have 5 INSET days per year. These are:

Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023

2022/23

Term	Starts	Ends
Term 1	Thursday 1 September 2022	Friday 21 October 2022
Term 2	Monday 31 October 2022	Friday 16 December 2022
Term 3	Tuesday 3 January 2023	Friday 10 February 2023
Term 4	Monday 20 February 2023	Friday 31 March 2023
Term 5	Monday 17 April 2023	Friday 26 May 2023
Term 6	Monday 5 June 2023	Friday 21 July 2023

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THE FRIENDS OF ALEXANDER HOSEA

# 5K FUN RUN

REGISTER NOW! 16th JULY 2022

**WE NEED YOU!**  
To volunteer as marshalls and help run the bar & bouncy castle

Scan our QR code or click HERE to help!

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AT KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELDS  
The Downs, Wickwar, GL12 8JZ

REGISTER NOW at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofahs>

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**Change of school meal – one week only:** On Weds 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> July there will be a change of menu for the end of term. Weds 20<sup>th</sup> – burgers; Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> – Fish fingers and chips



### Sun Safety

As the warmer weather has arrived, please remember to bring a sun hat, apply sun cream in the morning before school and bring a water bottle to school every day.

### Children's University Graduation -Tues 5<sup>th</sup> July 1:30pm

We are really looking forward to the Children's University Graduation Ceremony next week. The children will wear smart gowns and hats for the event and really look the part.

We have more than 50 children graduating at Participation, Award, Certificate, Diploma, Degree and Post-Graduate levels. Special mentions go to Zac, Thomas W and Güney in Year 6 and Molly in Y4, who have logged between 330-565 hours of Children's University time each.

We are really proud of everyone who has taken part in Children's University through UWE this year and we are impressed by the hours accumulated by all children. Well done!

Thank you also to Mrs Zlobec-Short from UWE (and parent at the school) for setting us up and keeping us informed of events; we have been able to take part in multi-sports, drama and STEM activities with UWE due to this link. Also thank you to Mrs Barnes (General Assistant in the school office) for all the organising and hard work behind the scenes.

We will be continuing with Children's University in the year to come. Please contact [Lisa.Barnes@sgmail.org.uk](mailto:Lisa.Barnes@sgmail.org.uk) in the new academic year if you would like to know more.

### Swift Sport Summer camp

Swift Sports Coaching are running a holiday club at St John's Mead Primary School, Chipping Sodbury.  
Week 1 – 1 August to 5 August  
Week 2 – 8 August to 12 August  
Week 3 – 15 August to 19 August  
Week 4 – 22 August to 26 August  
For children and young people 5 to 13 years old.

email: [bookings@swiftsportscoaching.co.uk](mailto:bookings@swiftsportscoaching.co.uk) or phone 07537991991



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**The Big PTA Raffle:** Draws start in just two weeks, so snap up your tickets today at <https://www.bigptaraffle.co.uk/support/alexander-hosea-primary-school-gl12> to be in with a chance to win up to £5,000! The school will receive 50% of the value of every ticket sold.

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