

Alexander Hosea Primary School

'Roots to grow, wings to fly'

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Newsletter 2, 20th September 2019

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

From Mrs Williams..

What a fun-filled fortnight we have had! The children have really knuckled down with their learning and they are talking really positively about their projects.

We are enjoying getting to know our new children in Reception (and other year groups). We look forward to seeing them thrive in our wonderful school.

The Y6 children are bravely putting themselves forward for new roles and responsibilities. The pupils have elected their new house captains and Mrs Brooks was really proud of all the Y6 children who 'stood on the edge' and presented to their House. The captains are: Weavers – Ned and Ava H; Brewers – Theo and Jess; Archers – Olwyn and Callum and Potters – Zara and Oliver. Congratulations to you all. We look forward to seeing all the house teams' achievements this year.

We are refreshing the ELLI (Effective Lifelong Learning Inventory) this year, so the children may come home taking about Curious Cats, Creative Unicorns, Adaptable Chameleon, Link-making Spider, Resilient Turtle, Learning Relationships Bees and Wise Owl. You might want to ask your children about the animals at home. We plan to bring with us our thinking about learning from the gem project to enrich the children's understanding of themselves as learners, but we will be phasing the gems out as the main focus for meta-cognition.

We would like to say a huge thank you to the fantastic Y3 parents, who put themselves forward to help out with swimming this week. We are very grateful for your support; we had an amazing amount of volunteers. Thank you.

Some key dates for your diary:

Parent Council: Thursday 26th September 2:30-3:15pm. We are looking for representatives from Topaz, Pearl and Amethyst.

Open evening for prospective parents for Reception in September 2020: Tuesday 1st October 2-3pm.

Harvest Service at Holy Trinity church: Monday 7th October (am). We will need helpers to walk to and from the church with us. Please contact the office if you might be able to help.

Cup Assembly: Wednesday 23rd October. Who will be nominated this term?

Parents' Evenings: Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th October 4-6:30pm. Letters will be sent out soon.

Please do read this newsletter, the school calendar and the Teachers' weekly bulletins to keep up to date.



We had a bumper harvest in the school garden this year!
Thank you to Mrs Hathaway and Mrs Gregory.

INSET dates 2019-20

Our INSET dates for next year will be:

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).



Bristol and South Gloucestershire Children's University

Children's University

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

Mrs Zlobec-Short came into school to lead an assembly and parents' session about the Children's University. We had a great turn out for the parents' meeting and many families are keen to take part in the programme this year.

Information has been emailed to families, so that you can decide whether the programme is of interest to your child(ren). Initial indicators show that this is going to be a popular way to capture the many activities the children take part in both inside and outside school. Passports will come home next week for children who have purchased them.

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

Parking Polite Reminder

Please park in a respectful and safe manner. The drop off zone is for dropping off only; cars should not be left unattended in this area. Neighbours have asked that drivers do not park on pavements, across driveways nor with engines left running. The local PCSOs plan to visit from time to time during the year to support sensible parking.



Year of Citizenship

We are looking forward to immersing the children in a year of citizenship this year. Through the year we aim to develop a greater sense of local community and wider world citizenship.

In term 1 a new Personal, Health and Social program will be launched. Jigsaw aims to prepare children for life, helping them understand who they are and how they relate to other people in the world.

Plans are also in place to get more involved with eco projects, raise money for charities, go on a whole school trip, carry out acts of kindness and work with theatre groups. More details to follow.

Sally Windmill

School Meals Supervisors

We will be saying a fond farewell to Mrs Carter and Mrs Walker-Saunders this term. Mrs Carter has been in the role for 17 years and we are grateful to her for her long service.

We wish both ladies the very best for the future; they will be missed.

In light of these staffing changes, we have vacancies for school meal supervisors (either on contract or casual 'bank' staff). If you know anyone who might be interested in joining our caring and conscientious team, please contact Mrs Allison Hall for more information at

Allison.Hall@sgmail.org.uk



Friends of AHS

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

21st October - Puddings for Christmas Order Deadline

4th November – 9am Clothes for a Cause

Friends' AGM - Everyone Welcome!

Our Annual General Meeting, followed by our regular committee meeting, is on 24th September at school. Everyone is welcome to come along, have a glass of bubbly and see what we have planned for this year. We need more people to help us raise money for our school, so please consider coming to our first meeting of the year and see how you can help the children of AHS.

Puddings for Christmas!

New for this year, we are giving you the opportunity to buy scrumptious puddings for Christmas, baked by specialist artisan bakers. Each pudding and biscuit is made using the finest ingredients, including the Christmas pudding which is infused with Whisky Vanilla Stout. There are also Lemon puddings, Belgium Chocolate puddings and Sticky Toffee puddings, plus Gingerbread and Shortbread biscuits. Keep an eye on our Facebook page and the school website for more details. Order forms will be coming home soon!



friendsofahs@hotmail.com facebook.com/FriendsOfAHS School website: 'Parents' section

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

Prince William Award

Last year our Year 4 children took part in a programme to earn a Prince William Award, which they thoroughly enjoyed. We did have plans to roll this out every year (subsidised through sports funding), however the company that was running it went into administration, so the award is not being delivered at present. This means that unfortunately we cannot offer it to Year 4 this year.

Aspirations Week

This 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.

Permission to walk to/from school

If your child is in Y5 or Y6 and you feel that they are ready to be able to walk to or from school independently, please complete a request form (available from the school office). Permission to walk home alone is at the discretion of the headteacher.

This permission does not cover walking home from non-staff run clubs. Arrangements should be made directly between parents and the company providing the club.

Parents may wish to change permissions during weeks when darker afternoons are drawing in. Parents should let the club provider know of any such changes in advance.

Parent Helper Clubs

Parent Council are keen for there to be more free clubs for children. If you have a DBS and a skill you would like to share, please contact Mrs Packer (in the office) about offering a lunchtime club.

If possible, we would love to have clubs that would tie in with the Year of Citizenship (eg a debating club; 'Green' environmental awareness club; Current Affairs club; foreign languages club or art club linked to cultural awareness).

We currently have offers for Y5 gardening club and KS2 netball club that are run by parents. Thank you, Mrs Hathaway, Mrs Gregory, Mrs Carter and Mrs Hall.

Uniform reminder

For more information, follow the link on the website:

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

THE CURRENT UNIFORM

There is an expectation that children come to school dressed smartly. Fashion items are not considered appropriate.

GIRLS

- grey or black skirts, trousers or pinafore dresses
- white polo shirts
- royal blue sweatshirts or cardigans depicting the school logo.
- black, grey or white socks or tights
- dark coloured shoes/ankle boots which are sensible and durable.

Knee high boots and trainers are not acceptable.

In summer, as an alternative to the above, girls may wear:

- blue and white checked gingham dresses or plain school knee length black or grey shorts
- caps or hats

Socks should be worn with all shoes.

Swimming costumes must be all-in-one suits to adhere to pool regulations.

BOYS

- grey or black trousers or shorts
- white polo shirts

- royal blue sweatshirts depicting the school logo
- black, grey or white socks
- dark coloured shoes which are durable and sensible.

Trainers are not acceptable.

In summer, boys may wear:

- caps or hats (caps are available with the school logo)

Swimming trunks/shorts, but not Bermudas, to adhere to pool regulations.

PE

- Plimsolls are required by children in our Reception class
- Trainers are also required for children in Years 1 to 6
- Black or navy blue shorts
- Navy blue or black tracksuits/joggers may be worn in cold weather.
- A white T-shirt or a coloured printed T-shirt to represent their house:-

Archers – Blue

Brewers - Green

Potters – Red

Weavers - Yellow

(NB - No football shirts).

All PE items need to be kept in a named drawstring bag, which must be in school every day during term time.

Parent Council 2019-20

The dates for this year are: Thursday 26th September; Tuesday 14th January; Wednesday 25th March and Monday 8th June from 2:30 -3:20pm. This year, we are looking for reps for Reception, Y5 & Y6. If you think you could help, please contact the school office.

Class Representatives

Topaz (R) - TBC

Jet (Y1) – Mrs Mason

Emerald (Y1) – Mrs Hall

Ruby (Y2) – Mrs Heffernan

Crystal (Y3) – Mrs Leighton

Diamond (Y4) – Mrs Zlobec-Short

Pearl (Y5) - TBC

Amethyst (Y6) - TBC

PROJECT 5 CONFERENCE
SUPPORTING & UNDERSTANDING ANXIETY, MENTAL HEALTH IN CHILDREN
FOR PROFESSIONALS & PARENTS SUPPORTING CHILDREN WITH ANXIETY & EMOTIONAL MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS

FRIDAY, 18TH OCTOBER 2019
AZTEC HOTEL, BRISTOL BS32 4TS

RATES INCLUDE A FREE PROJECT 5 JOURNAL
PROFESSIONAL RATES:
MEMBERS £75 (*£70 EARLY BIRD UNTIL 01/07/19)
PARENTS / CARERS
MEMBERS £30 / NON-MEMBERS £50

1 in 8, 5-19-year-olds suffer from a mental disorder (NHS, 2018). Increased referrals to mental health services and CAMHS have reached the equivalent of 183 every day!

Nationally we need to raise Mental health Awareness. This conference will be a comprehensive and valuable day for practitioners and parents and will provide information and skills to help young people beat anxiety. The day will cover early experience and health impacts, causes of anxiety, anxiety in those with additional needs and making connections to find the right support for children. There will be an opportunity to network, explore resources, share ideas and hear from experts and organisations in the field and at the forefront of services.

The Conference has been planned as a follow-up to our Project 5 programme pilot, designed by JIGSAW. The programme of 6 sessions was influenced by Mind's 5 areas to Wellbeing and runs alongside a journal and promotes awareness and resilience in managing anxiety and stress amongst young people.

PROGRAMME (PLEASE REFER TO THE WEBSITE FOR UPDATES)

- The Brain as a Social Organ: Brains need friends too
- An Introduction to Adverse Childhood Experiences
- Tech addiction and the Mental Health impacts in children
- Anxiety risks in Neuro-Developmental Disorders
- CAMHS - Support & Interventions
- Strategies of support in Managing Mental Wellbeing (Presentations from various services & organisations, mindfulness, physical therapies & education)
- Children and Young Person's Services (CYPS) and current impacts on support

DELEGATES WILL RECEIVE A FREE PROJECT 5 RESOURCE, FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS AS WELL AS, HAVE ACCESS TO OUR CONFERENCE MARKET PLACE.

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School Meals

The new menu for autumn and winter is in development and the catering team will send it out soon.

3rd October – Fish finger Thursday (not Friday this week)

5th November – Fireworks menu.

10th December – Christmas dinner for the children.