

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...

I hope that everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable half term. The children have made a very positive start to the new term.

What else has happened over the past week?

- The teachers and TAs have shared their provisional plans for the next project with each other and carried out peer critique. I hope the children are as excited about the new projects as the staff are!
- A group of KS2 children took part in the Court Players production of 'Goodnight Mister Tom'. They were wonderful!
- We have welcomed a new family to the school. Our children have shown them our customary Wickwar warm welcome. Year 1 is now full! We do have spaces in Reception and Year 5.
- Miss Edgar hosted a Year 5 parents' meeting about the forthcoming visit to Kilve Court.
- Mrs Brooks hosted our annual meeting about SATS exams (in May) for Year 6 parents.
- Mrs Leighton hosted a nutrition session for Amethyst Class about rationing (as part of their project about WWII).
- The children in Years 3 and 6 took part in road safety workshops.
- Jet Class visited the SS Great Britain.



INSET day reminder

The school is closed to children on the following dates:

Monday 9th April
Friday 13th July.

Clothes for a Cause raised £85.60!
"Thinking Day" has raised £141.60

Thanks for all your contributions.

We need you!

- Please double check your child's uniform to check it matches school expectations. We have noticed few minor slippages creeping in (eg jojo bows, bracelets). The policy is saved on the school website under school information, policies, 'health, safety, welfare and premises'.
- Parking – when parking for school drop off and collection, please park considerately and avoid parking across neighbour's driveways. Please avoid parking or dropping off on the 'keep clear' areas of the roundabout, for the safety of pedestrians and other drivers.

Speech and Language Therapy

Drop in session

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Alexander Hosea



Date	Time	Location
Monday 5 th March 2018	3.30pm	Alexander Hosea Music Room

Informal drop in sessions for anyone with a child attending the school.

Pop in to chat about your child's speech and language development.

We can talk about any concerns and answer your questions.

We can also give you tips and ideas to support speech and language development.

Free service to anyone with children at the school.

Holly Wheatley
Speech and Language Therapist

Run, Jump, Skip ...or whatever a mile for Sports' Relief 23rd March 2018

On 23rd March, the children are invited to take part in the sports' relief mile for a donation to the charity of £1.

During the morning the FoAHS will host refreshments in the main playground. We would love to see you there!

Reception and Y3 Parent/Carer Lunches

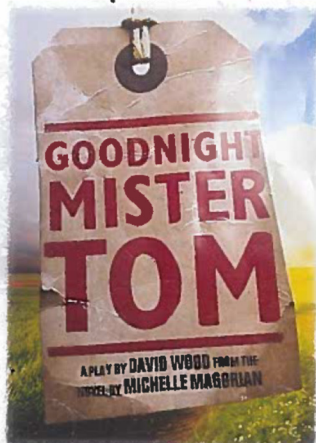
At the recent Catering Working Party meeting we agreed to host some sample sessions for parents/carers. As the Reception children are newest to the school and Year 3 is a changeover from universal free school meals, we decided that these year groups would be most appropriate. Dates to follow.

Each child can invite one adult to have a school meal with them. The cost is £2.80 per adult and £2.10 per child (free for Reception children). Both adult and child meals must be booked and paid for in advance. The purpose of this event is for the parent to sample a school meal with their child, so that they can see what might be on offer, so a school meal must be booked. If you have dietary needs please let the catering team know.

There will also be a tasting session in the playground after the new menu is launched (around May 2018) – more information to follow closer to the time.



THE COURT PLAYERS
present



Congratulations to Douglas, Florence, Hannah, Lily, Mia, Frankie, Charlotte and Alice for their brilliant performances at the Court Players production of 'Goodnight Mister Tom'. Mrs Williams and Mrs Shrewsbury were very impressed.

WOOSC current availability is as follows:

Day	Morning Session (07:45 - 09:00)	Afternoon Session (15:30 - 18:00)
Mon	Fully Booked	Fully Booked
Tues	Fully Booked	Fully Booked
Wed	Fully Booked	Places available
Thurs	Fully Booked	Places available
Fri	Places available	Places available

Enquiries to: woosc@hotmail.co.uk



'Year of Computing' update

Phase one of the development of the ICT suite is now complete. The unwanted chairs, laptop trolley and worktop have been removed/collected, leaving us with a blank canvas for Phase 2.

Our final aim is to have a STEM Lab (this may be called something different, depending on the children's suggestions), which contains the 'icing on the cake' technology for the children to use.

In May all children will have the opportunity to participate in an Aardman animation workshop and this will be the big launch for the space. The children are very excited about this and we are grateful to Wickwar Education Fund for paying for this experience.

Opportunities for Parents/Carers to get involved with the Year of Computing

Would you be interested in helping to run a Coding Club (using a range of resources including Scratch and coding websites) in school? If so, contact me on the email below.

Also I am putting together a Computing Working Party to discuss what computing opportunities you would like to see in school; to make links with the wider community and to tap into expertise in our school community. I am looking for a group of parents who would like to get involved in this project.

Do you have a job that involves computer science or information technology and would be willing to talk to small or large groups of children? If so, we are running an 'Aspirations Week' linked to Computing during the week beginning 12th March 2018 and would like you get involved by sharing some information about your job and how computing is used.

If you are interested in any of the above, please contact me either via the school office or by email at Kimberley.edgar@sgmail.org.uk.

Guidance for parents about clubs run by external providers

The Governors have reviewed our processes for working with external club providers (eg Girls' and Boys' Football; Cheerleading; Tennis; Mudpie Explorers) so that roles and responsibilities are clear for everyone.

There are also big changes ahead linked to data protection. We will therefore no longer be able to share information about children (e.g. medical needs, walk home from school permissions) with external club providers. As a result, medication should be provided separately by parents for the use of externally run clubs. There is a box in the school office for this purpose. Inhalers etc can be handed in and returned on the day of the club or kept in the box for the duration of the club.

After much thought and discussion, the guidance for external providers has been updated and guidance for parents about clubs run by external providers has been produced – see summary below (the full document will be emailed to parents for information). We hope that this will provide clarity.

Summary

- The clubs are paid for by parents, not the school, and are **completely separate** to the school.
- The club providers hold their own Public Liability Insurance.
- Information about the child is not shared between the school and the clubs.
- Guidance is provided for the club providers which they are expected to comply with, but ultimately the school has limited control over the clubs' staff.
- Parents are responsible for providing access for club providers to the child's medication.

Year 6 Dates for the Diary:

Code Cracking Event for Amethyst parents/carers.

19th March 9.20am-10.30am

Morfa Bay meeting.

24th April 3.30-4.30pm

(Please inform us if you cannot attend the Morfa Bay meeting)

Here is the Weavers' Shield, which is very nearly ready. Thank you so much to the very talented Mrs Hathaway.



Parents Evenings 21st & 22nd March (4-6:30pm)

A link to enable parents to book an appointment online has now been sent. As appointment slots are limited, we encourage families to book one appointment per child where possible.

INSET days for 2018-19 academic year

Monday 3rd September 2018

Friday 26th October 2018

Friday 21st December 2018

Tuesday 23rd April 2019

Monday 8th July 2019

We have provided these dates early to assist parents when booking holidays.

Mind You is South Gloucestershire's mental health and emotional wellbeing hub for young people. **Mind You** is here to help you to look after your mental health, to find out about mental health problems and where you can go in South Gloucestershire if you are struggling



<http://sites.southglos.gov.uk/mind-you/>



World Book Day Thursday 1st March.

The children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character next Thursday. They will be given a book voucher to spend in the Scholastic Book Club magazine (or book shop) and Mrs Moncrieff will be launching a new reading challenge. <http://www.worldbookday.com/>

Key dates for Term 4

Thursday 1st March
World Book Day

Weds 21st March and Thurs 22nd March
Parents' Evenings 4-6:30pm for both dates

Friday 23rd March
Sports' Relief

Friday 23rd March
Last day of Term 4 – Easter holidays start

Keep in touch!



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