



## Alexander Hosea Primary School 'Roots to grow, wings to fly'

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### Newsletter 7, 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019

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

From Mrs Williams:

Our Christmas activities have started. All classes are working hard to learn their lines and practice songs. We are looking forward to seeing everyone in action in the run up to Christmas. We love hearing them sing as we are beavering away in the offices. As usual, there are a lot of events in the coming weeks, so please do take time to read the teachers' weekly newsletters and check the diary on the website.

Thank you to our wonderful Friends of Alexander Hosea for the very popular Christmas Gift Sale for children last week and Christmas Fair last weekend. It was great to see so many families and members of the wider Wickwar community there. We know that it takes a lot of hard work to put on this event and would like to thank everyone involved.

Our next event is the **Class Product Sale**, which will be on after school on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December. The children have been working hard to create their items to sell at this event. The cookery room has been very sought after and smells delicious! Please do come along and support this sale. All profits go directly into the class fund to spend on resources or experiences for your child's class later in the year. We plan to use the hall, so that stalls can be set up in the afternoon.

**12ft (approx.) Christmas trees.** We have 2 good quality, very large Christmas trees (in the main corridor near the library and in the school hall). These are available to go to a good home from lunchtime on 19<sup>th</sup> December (collection can be Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 1-5pm or Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec (7:30am - 4pm). A small voluntary donation to the school would be gratefully received. Please contact the school office and leave a message for Mr Gilbert (caretaker).

Some key dates for your diary:

**Class Product Sale** – Classes will set up a sale of the items they have made in class after school (rather than at the Christmas Fair) on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Weather permitting, this will be held in the playground (in the case of inclement weather, it will be in hall).

**Christmas Dinner** – On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December, the children are invited to have a Christmas Dinner at school for the same price as usual (FREE for Reception, Years 1 and 2; £2.30 for Years 3-6). Please book using the online system.

**Christmas shows** – see dates later in newsletter.

**Christmas Jumper Day** – Children are invited to wear Christmas jumpers to school for £1 (to school fund) on 19<sup>th</sup> Dec.

**Friends' Coffee Morning** – All parents and grandparents are invited to attend the coffee morning on 19<sup>th</sup> December (am). This is a popular event and all classes come along to sing songs to the visitors.

**INSET days** – **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December, Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January**, Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

### Staying safe on dark nights

We know that many of our Y5/6 children have permission to walk home alone after clubs, including in winter months. One of our parents had some good strategies that they have shared with their child that we thought other families might find helpful.

- Wear a high visibility jacket.
- Carry a torch.
- Show/talk about safe places to cross roads in the dark.
- What to do if there is no one home when they get there.
- Neighbours (or other trusted adults who live nearby), who could help them.
- If in doubt, come back to school (there is usually at least one staff member here until the caretaker locks up at 5:30pm)



## Friends of AHS

17<sup>th</sup> Dec Winter Disco (Infants 4:45-5:45, Juniors 6:00-7:00pm)  
19<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Coffee & Carols Morning (9:00-10:15am)  
7<sup>th</sup> Feb Quiz Night – SAVE THE DATE!

**100 Club Winners:** Congratulations to our winners of the December draw: Sarah Lee, Rachel Hathaway and Charlie Kingswood. If you'd like a chance to win in our next draw please select the 100 Club page in the Friends section of the school website.

**Winter Disco:** Entry is £2 (on the door), which includes drinks and a goodie-bag (sweets & glow stick). We need more parents to help both in hall and with drinks. Please contact us if you can help – thank you! This disco is for AHS children only.

**Christmas Coffee & Carols Morning:** Please join us for a festive morning of singing, cakes, refreshments, and our always popular Christmas Hamper Raffle! The children will all perform their songs throughout the morning. Cake donations (homemade or bought, but no nuts) gratefully received on the morning or the day before – thank you!

**Christmas Gift Shop:** We issued 323 vouchers! We were very grateful for the support and the feedback we received from parents. The children were incredibly well behaved and polite when attending the shop, and we hope they enjoyed the experience.

**Christmas Fair:** Thank you to everyone who came and also to those who supported through donations (cake/mince pies, jars, bottles, chocolate, raffle prizes), plus all our volunteers! Santa was particularly busy and was visited by 100 children. Thank you also to the school choir for singing so beautifully and to Mrs Arrowsmith and Ms Edgar for your support. Don't forget to check our Facebook page to see if your jolly jar won a prize!

**Happy Christmas from all the Friends of AHS**

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### Christmas Shows

We hope that you will be able to join us to welcome in the Christmas season with the children's performances.

#### Reception

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 9:30am

#### Years 1 & 2

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2-3pm

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 10-11am

#### Years 3 & 4

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 9:30-10:30

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2-3pm

#### Years 5 & 6

At Holy Trinity Church.

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2-3pm

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 6-7pm

As usual, we do allow families to photograph their children, but ask that these images are only for your own memento and not shared on social media.



Christmas Lunch  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>  
December (no  
jackets or baguettes  
available) Lunches  
do not need to be  
pre booked however  
please ensure you  
either have a credit  
on your lunch  
account or pay  
direct to office.  
Thanks

### Baguettes

The catering team have been doing a soft launch of baguettes as a lunch option for children who would like them. We think that this will be a more popular option in the summer months, but they are available now for those who would like to try them. These will be first come first served on the day.

If you would still prefer that your child has a hot meal at school during the winter months, please suggest to them that they do not take this option.

When the online meal ordering system is up and running, these can be booked in advance (along with all other options)