

# Alexander Hosea Primary School

## 'Roots to grow, wings to fly'

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### Newsletter 14, 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021

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

From Mrs Williams.

We hope that everyone enjoyed a sunny, relaxing half term. What a lovely week it was! The children have been telling us about their adventures.

Year 5 are on their residential trip this weekend and happily more glorious weather is expected. We hope they have a wonderful time together. I know that Miss Edgar, Mrs Gee and Mrs McAleese are really looking forward to it too. I am very grateful to them for giving their weekend to take the Y5 children away, so that the children didn't miss out (after the original date was not possible). Have a great time everyone.

As you will be aware, we have some children and staff who are self-isolating after a positive case. I would like to thank the children, staff and parents for the smooth handling of collection of children on Wednesday and the move to remote learning. It was good to see some of the children at home join in with the Jigsaw assembly that afternoon. Events remind us that even though there are lots of reasons to be positive about the opening up of restrictions (and these are very welcome to us all), there remains the underlying risk of covid nationally and locally. Please remain vigilant around symptoms and sensible about social contacts.

I sent an email to parents on 9<sup>th</sup> June with helpful information about testing from South Glos Public Health team. It is important that primary age and younger children do not have lateral flow tests at home, but if you feel they have a **high temperature (37.5 or above); new and persistent cough and/or loss of taste and smell**, they must not come into school and parents **must book a PCR test**. NEW! It is possible for family members who have been in direct contact with a positive case to book asymptomatic testing through NHS website <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or calling 119. PCR testing helps the NHS to gather information about the spread of variants (in particular the Delta variant at the moment), as well as picking up any cases where there are no or mild (eg cold/hayfever type) symptoms in those that have been exposed to a positive case.

#### Teacher allocations for 2021-22

We have now finalised the deployment of teachers for September:

Topaz – Mrs Windmill  
Jet (Y1) – Mrs Cleverley/Mrs Rehman  
Crystal (Y2) – Miss Clark  
Ruby (Y3 – current Ruby) – Mrs Wigginton  
Emerald (Y3 – current Jet) – Mrs Grainger  
Diamond (Y4) – Mrs Moncrieff  
Pearl (Y5) – Miss Edgar  
Amethyst (Y6) – Mrs Brooks

Miss Tyler has been appointed as a part-time teacher in another South Glos school from September, so will not be returning at the end of her maternity leave. Miss Chalmers will also be leaving at the end of her temporary contract and will be moving to another local school in September. We wish both teachers all the very best for the future.



#### Our Value of the Term is: **Enquiry**

This term we talk about being curious about the world around us and asking questions to understand more. Our projects contain enquiry questions and these are shared with the children as the projects progress.

Alongside this we do talk about changes and moving on.



## Friends of AHS

THANK YOU for your support with our recent fundraising events. We are looking for new committee members and people to help us run our events, so if you would like to get involved please get in touch via [FriendsOfAHS@hotmail.com](mailto:FriendsOfAHS@hotmail.com).

**Big PTA Summer Raffle:** Help us raise funds for the school playground refurbishment project. Each £3 ticket enters you into 12 prize draws to win up to £5,000! Tickets are available to buy NOW from [bigPTAraffle.co.uk](http://bigPTAraffle.co.uk) – just click 'Buy your tickets' and search for 'Friends of Alexander Hosea Primary School' to get started!

**Rags2Riches:** Our next clothes collection is **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June**, so please bag up your unwanted clean clothes, shoes, bags and accessories and bring them to the school roundabout by 9am. This is a great way to declutter while raising funds for our school.

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



## Parentkind



*That summer feeling is on its way*

# WIN UP TO £5,000

£3 ticket enters you in all 12 draws

- Help raise funds for our playground area refurbishment
- 12 chances to win up to £5,000
- Tickets cost just £3
- Tickets are limited so don't delay!



To buy tickets, visit: [bigptaraffle.co.uk](http://bigptaraffle.co.uk) and search for: Friends of Alexander Hosea Primary School

It is illegal for anyone under 16 years of age to purchase or sell raffle tickets. Anyone under 16 years of age who buys a ticket for The Big PTA Raffle 2021 will immediately forfeit the right to any prize. Closing date 11<sup>th</sup> July 2021. A raffle is a form of gambling. If you, or someone you know, needs information and/or help with a problem gambling, please call GamCare on 0845 6000 133 or visit [www.gamcare.org.uk](http://www.gamcare.org.uk)

### Parking: polite reminder

Thank you for parking considerately around our school. A side benefit of staggered school starts and ends is that traffic around the school is less congested, which has been appreciated by our families and the neighbours. When parking, please remember to:

- Keep your eyes open for pedestrians, scooting children and cyclists;
- Drive slowly – no more than 20 mph;
- **Keep the 'drop off' bay clear of parked cars (this is for a quick drop off only and cars should not be left unattended);**
- Avoid parking on pavements, school zigzag markings and across neighbour's driveways;
- Only use the staff car park if you have prior agreement from the school due to parent or child mobility issues.

### Second hand uniform

Thank you of your donations of second hand uniform. We still have a rail of ages 3-4 and 5-6 clothing in the front lobby. Please help yourself to these items and make a voluntary contribution (if you would like to).

Soon we will add some larger sizes to this rail. Clothes will be organised from left to right, smallest to largest sizes, to make it easier to find what you need.

If you have any space child's sizes clothes hangers that you could donate, please pop them on the rail for us to use.

We plan to bring the rail out as often as possible at pick up and collection. Please use the hand sanitiser provided.



### Relationships, Sex and Health Education

Thank you for attending the Parents' session with Mrs Windmill recently. She was really pleased with the turn out and help in her consultation with parents.

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# Raise funds by collecting reusable clothes

**RAGS 2 RICHES**  
Schools Clubs Groups

**WE ACCEPT CLEAN, GOOD QUALITY, DRY, REUSABLE CLOTHING**

- Adults, Childrens & Babies Clothing
- Jewellery and Accessories
- Paired Shoes and Footwear
- Belts and Handbags

A full list of reusable items is listed on our website [www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk](http://www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk)

**WE DO NOT ACCEPT**

POOR QUALITY ITEMS SUCH AS DIRTY, WET, RIPPED OR SOILED CLOTHES. PILLOWS, DUVETS, CURTAINS, BOOKS CDs OR ANY UNIFORM

If you are unsure what to put in the bags  
**STOP AND THINK**  
WOULD YOU WEAR IT?

Please use ANY bag for your donations

Collection Date:  
**Thursday 24th June by 9am**

Please remember - NO UNIFORM

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# SUMMER

Full & Half Days Available!

## 2021 at WOOSC

Ages 4+ welcome

Open Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday of the first 4 weeks\*

\* commencing 22nd July 2021 - 8am to 6pm

All Tues. & Thurs. sessions guaranteed

All Weds. subject to minimum of 8 children booked each session

**SIGN UP CLOSES FRIDAY 2nd JULY 2021**

Contact us on 07815 561783 or [wosoc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:wosoc@hotmail.co.uk) for more information or alternatively sign up at club!

### Cotswold Alliance Orchestra

In our alliance of 7 local schools, we will be setting up an orchestra. The children will practice together and perform to an audience together. We are looking for children (current Y2-5) with a keen interest in getting involved. Please contact [Debbie.Williams@gmail.org.uk](mailto:Debbie.Williams@gmail.org.uk) to sign up. It would be helpful to include any previous musical instrument experience (if any).

### Alexander Hosea PE Kit- September 2020

**Kit**

- Blue School PE Hoodie (see picture above) or school sweatshirt
- Navy Blue or Black shorts ( summer)
- Navy Blue or Black joggers or leggings (winter)
- A white T-shirt or coloured printed T-shirt to represent their house

**Archers-Blue**  
**Potters- Red**  
**Weavers- Yellow**  
**Brewers- Green**

- Trainers (any colour)
- Navy Blue or Black lightweight waterproof jacket

**Jewellery**

- Watches must be removed for PE lessons.
- If your child is wearing stud earrings these must be removed or taped for PE.  
**TAPE MUST BE PROVIDED BY HOME.**

Please see above a reminder of the school uniform expectations for PE. All children are expected to wear full school PE uniform on their PE days. If you are in receipt of Free School Meals and you would like help in purchasing PE kit items (including trainers), please contact [Allison.Hall@gmail.org.uk](mailto:Allison.Hall@gmail.org.uk) (School Business Manager)

### What clubs would your children be interested in for 2021-22?

We are interested to know what clubs your children would be interested in next year. Please let your class' Parent Council Rep know and they can collate and pass onto Mrs Williams. Thank you.

### Peripatetic music lessons

What music lessons would you like us to look into for 2021-22? Please email the school office with title 'Music Lessons' by 25<sup>th</sup> June.

### Shuffle Up

The children will be moving up to their new class for a session with their teacher on 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> July. This is also when our new Reception class will be visiting for stay and play too.