

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>

Dear Parents/Carers

What a really special way to end our week, with a visit to Holy Trinity Church for our Harvest Service. The children sang beautifully and we were so pleased to be able to come together to celebrate and be thankful. Four brave Year 6 children performed their instruments (cello and flute) to start the service, in their first performance to an audience. We have taken some photos and short video clips to share on Google Classroom soon.

We are fast approaching the next Cup Assembly (in the last week of term) and the Teachers are considering their nominees for the Citizenship Cup, Haydon Music Award, Creativity Award and the new Sports Award. The winning children are able to take their trophy home with them for a term.

Flu Immunisations will take place in school on 17th November 2021

Further information will be sent in due course.

Additional school holiday date 22nd July 2022

There will be an additional school holiday date in July 2022, which means that term will end on Thursday 21st July. This day is in lieu of the bank holiday for the Platinum Jubilee.

Music at Alexander Hosea

- Singing assemblies have restarted.
- Y5/6 choir has started and the children will be getting ready for their performance in Birmingham after Christmas.
- Peripatetic music lessons have restarted in keyboards and guitars for children in KS2.
- Y6 have started to learn the ukulele.
- Y2 Beatbus weekly sessions
- Y3 Let's Sing weekly sessions
- Harvest Service – performance of singing.
- Cotswold Orchestra – due to start soon.

We are looking for someone to run a lunchtime recorder club for children in Y1/2. If any musical parents would be interested in running this, please contact Mrs Packer in the school office.

Coming in Term 2, Y1 Let's Sing sessions; Christmas events.

Lunchbreak Staff Vacancy

We currently have a permanent vacancy on our lunchtime team of one shift per week (Friday).

We are also always looking to recruit new "bank" lunchtime team members (who do not have permanent, regular shifts but who we can call upon to cover absences as and when needed).

If you or someone you know might be interested in either of these vacancies, please contact Allison.Hall@gmail.org.uk

Black History Month Oct 2021

We will be talking with the children about Black History Month. In assembly this week we looked at the work of Marcus Rashford in bringing about change in challenging racism and child poverty.

There is further information for parents about Black History Month on the link below.

<https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/>

Our Value of the Term is:

Adaptability

This term we talk about coping with change and transition to new year groups.

We link this to the chameleon from our ELLI learning to learn characters.

Library Volunteers

We are looking for regular volunteers to help in our library to run it smoothly and help children to take books home. If you are interested please contact Mrs. Ward or the school office for more details. Look forward to hear from you!



Friends of AHSneed you

THANK YOU again for your continued support this year. We are very busy behind the scenes on our Autumn fundraisers and are working closely with school on plans for Christmas. Thank you also to the parents who have already offered to help at our events – if you would like to get involved please get in touch via FriendsOfAHS@hotmail.com.

Good to Grow scheme: Morrisons are giving shoppers Grow Tokens for every £10 you spend online or in store between now and 24 October. You just need the MyMorrisons app and/or card to collect the tokens and donate them to the school, which will then be able to exchange the tokens for free gardening equipment! More information on how it works and how to sign up is available [here](#).

Rags2Riches clothing collection: Thank you for supporting our clothing collection – your donations helped us to raise £137.20 for the school!

Coming soon... look out for details of our pumpkin carving competition.

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

Parent Helpers

We plan to send out the updated Helper in School handbook and post the presentation on Google Classroom by the end of next week.

All Helpers in School need to

- have a DBS safeguarding check;
- read and sign the confidentiality agreement;
- read and sign the Acceptable Use of IT policy
- confirm that they have watched the Helpers in School presentation.

If you are interested in helping in school on a regular basis, please contact the school office to register your interest.

Secondary School Admissions 2022

If your child is in year 6 and was born between 1 September 2010 and 31 August 2011 (inclusive), they must attend a secondary school in September 2022 unless you decide to educate your child at home. This is a very important decision and you are strongly advised to read the [South Gloucestershire Secondary school admissions guide](#) before making any decisions and completing your application. Applications for secondary school admission must be submitted by the **31 October 2021**.

Wickwar Out of School Club

Vacancy

Wickwar Out of School Club (WOOSC) is registered with Ofsted and is a not-for-profit organisation, based in the Community Centre on the grounds of Alexander Hosea Primary School in Wickwar. The club is open weekdays for morning and afternoon sessions during term time.

We currently have a vacancy for a

Play Worker

We currently require a playworker to work a regular Friday afternoon session, with opportunity to cover extra sessions.

This role requires someone to:

- Provide full care for children aged 4-11 years
- Deliver appropriate and creative play opportunities
- Work as part of a team, reporting to the Day Manager
- Abide by and follow club policies operating procedures
- Perform other general duties as required

Skills and experience required:

- An interest in working with young children
- Ability to use own initiative
- Good communication skills

Applicants must be aged 17 years+ and, in line with our policies, the successful applicant would be subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check (DBS)

Please email woosc@hotmail.co.uk for more information or to apply

Yate Heritage Centre October Half Term Activities

Halloween Peg People 25/10/21
10.30 - 11.30 or 1.30 - 2.30

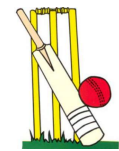
Come along and make a spooky bat or witch character!

Autumn Suncatchers 26/10/21
10.30 - 11.30 or 1.30 - 2.30

Get creative and make some beautiful pumpkin and leaf sun catchers for your window!



To book a place email
info@yateheritage.co.uk
Or call 01454 862200



Cricket Experience from Gloucestershire Cricket Club

We have arranged for each class from Year 1- Year 6, to have a cricket and multi skills experience provided by Gloucestershire Cricket Club.

Please see below the date your child's class will be having their session. If it is not their class' normal PE day they will need to come into school on that date in their PE uniform.

Monday 11th October 2021 Jet, Crystal, Emerald, Diamond

Tuesday 12th October 2021 Ruby, Pearl, Amethyst

We look forward to two great days! Mrs Rehman (PE Lead)

SWIFT SPORTS COACHING

OCTOBER HOLIDAY CLUBS

£18 per child, per day

PLUS 10% SIBLING DISCOUNT

**PUMKIN CARVING
FANCY DRESS
NERF BATTLEGROUND
DODGEBALL
NINJA ACADEMY
FENCING
ARCHERY
FOOTBALL
ARTS AND CRAFTS
AND MUCH MORE!**

CHIPPING SODBURY - WINTERBOURNE - LONGWELL GREEN

8:45 TO 3:30 - 5 TO 13 YEAR OLDS

**MON-25TH OCT
TUES-26TH OCT
WEDS-27TH OCT
THURS-28TH OCT
FRI-29TH OCT**

BOOK NOW: BOOKINGS@SWIFTSPOORTSCOACHING.CO.UK

Visits for prospective Reception children 2022

We are starting to show around prospective parents for Reception in September 2022. If you or someone you know would like to book a visit, we are arranging these once a week in groups of 3 families.

Please contact the school office 01454 294239 to book in a visit. Mrs Williams is happy to show around existing and new parents with children due to start in 2022. This may be helpful in particular for families who joined the school after Reception. We are very proud of our school and our fantastic children and look forward to showing prospective parents what is on offer at Alexander Hosea.

Primary schools admissions

If your child was born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018, you must apply for them to start primary school in September 2022. This is a very important decision and it is important that you read the [South Gloucestershire Primary school admission guide](#) before you apply. Applications for primary school admission must be submitted no later than **15 January 2022**.

Help us get **FREE** gardening equipment for the school from **MyMorrisons**

If you use the MyMorrisons app you can donate your Grow Tokens to us every time you shop!

The school will be able to swap the tokens it receives for FREE equipment

It's Good to Grow

Your chosen school:
Alexander Hosea Primary School

My School



Grow Tokens available to donate
Keep shopping & scanning your My Morrisons card **30**

Grow Tokens donated so far **23**

Uniform

(temporary addition for winter 2021-22)

As part of our preventative measures for covid, we are required to keep all spaces (including classrooms) well ventilated (windows open). We also open all doors when the class are at break to get a flow of new air through. The weather will start to get colder in the coming months, so should your child wish to, they may wear a plain navy (no logo) gilet over their school sweatshirt/cardigan or a long sleeved plain white vest under their white polo shirt in the winter.



WE NEED YOU!

TO RAISE MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL

To find out more, visit the Friends' page (in the 'Parents' section at www.alexanderhoseaprimary.co.uk), find us on Facebook (FriendsOfAHS) or email friendsofahs@hotmail.com

We're always looking for new committee members and volunteers to help run fundraising events

WHO ARE 'THE FRIENDS'?

The Friends of Alexander Hosea School is a group of parents, carers and teachers who work together to raise much needed additional funds for our children's school.

WHAT DO WE DO?

- 1) Raise money through fundraising events...
- 2) ... which provide fun activities for the children, their families and the wider community...
- 3) ... to pay for a variety of resources and enrichment activities that benefit the children!

We usually arrange a variety of events throughout the year so that there is something for everyone. Please see our [Forthcoming Events](#) page for more details. We also have a [Facebook](#) page which is kept updated with details of events and meetings, please take a look and 'like' our page.

CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for new helpers and committee members, so if you would like to help in some way, please get in touch on friendsofahs@hotmail.com. Everyone is welcome!

Friends of Alexander Hosea Primary School Charity Number: 1025562

WHAT HAVE THE FRIENDS PAID FOR?

Reception class book bags

Whole-school theatre trips

Science and music equipment

IT upgrades
Library books

Leavers' hoodies and maths sets

Christmas decorations

...and more!

