

# Alexander Hosea Primary School

## 'Roots to grow, wings to fly'

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### Newsletter 15 – 13th May 2022

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

Dear Parents/Carers

It looks like the spring weather is warming up now and it is great to be able to get outside even more. Please could all children bring water bottles every day, as we are still not using our water fountains yet. On warmer days, please remember to apply sun cream before school. Children are also able to wear sun hats (clearly labelled with their name) if they would like to.

Our in-school Platinum Jubilee celebrations will be on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May (as Y6 are at residential camp the following week). The children are invited to wear red, white and blue clothes on this day. There will be activities planned throughout the day for the children to enjoy. The Friends of AHS will also be selling ice creams in the playground at the end of school (weather permitting) from 3pm.

We have put Weds 8<sup>th</sup> June in the diary for sports day, weather permitting. We are very pleased that this will be a family event again this year. Parents are invited to join us for Infant (Topaz, Jet and Crystal Classes) sports day 10-11:30am; picnic lunch and KS2 (Emerald, Ruby, Diamond, Pearl and Amethyst) 1:15-2:45pm. The kitchen will be making up picnic boxes for the children for lunch on this day. These are free for Infants and children in receipt of free school meals and £2.30 for KS2 children, payable in advance.



It's the Queen's Platinum Jubilee this year and we need you to help us celebrate by donating bedding plants for us to plant at the school!

- Red, white or blue flowers please
- Bedding plants like petunias, lobelia or cosmos are ideal

Please bring any flowers you have grown or bought to school on **Monday 23 May** so that we can get them planted before the school holiday

If you are able to help us plant please come along to school at 9am on 23 May – we have hand tools but you may wish to bring your own gardening gloves





## Friends of AHS

Thank you to everyone who helps out with our events – we really couldn't do it without you! Look out for our announcements about upcoming events and get in touch via our [Facebook page](#) or by emailing [FriendsOfAHS@hotmail.com](mailto:FriendsOfAHS@hotmail.com) if you would like to help.

**Flowers for the Queen's Jubilee:** We will be planting red white and blue flowers for the Jubilee in the beds outside Crystal/Diamond classroom. If you are able to donate any bedding plants, please bring them to school on **Monday 23 May**. If anyone can help with planting on that day from 9am, please come along! We have trowels/hand forks, but you may wish to bring your own gloves.

**Rags2Riches Clothing Collection:** Our next collection will be on **Wednesday 15 June**. Please bring bagged donations (no school uniform) to the school roundabout by 9am on the day.

**Summer Disco \*DATE CHANGE\*:** The summer disco date has been moved to **Friday 15 July**. Please look out for our posters with further details closer to the time.

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

### Staffing update

We have now appointed a teacher to work in job share with Mrs Cleverley. Mrs Dimery has been working in Jet as a supply teacher since the autumn, so is very well known to the children.

Mr Ben Hitchings will be leaving us next week. He will be going to work at Camp America before he starts his teaching degree in September. Mrs Ayşe Ozer will be increasing her hours in Year 3 to support both Emerald and Ruby.

### Pre-loved Uniform

If you have any uniform or PE kit that your child no longer requires, please donate to school office. This will be collected by the "Friends" who are posting the items in size order on their Facebook page. Parents can then leave a comment of items they wish to purchase for free or you may give a donation to the "Friends". These bundles are then labelled for families to collect from the rail outside the school office.

Please click on the link below and check out items that are available.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/134666233792581/?ref=share>

### Lunchbreak Supervisors Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Lunchbreak Supervisor for 1-3 lunchtimes per week. Each shift is 1.25 hours. The hourly rate is £9.79. Job description available on request. Training will be provided by existing experienced staff, so no previous experience needed. Suitable candidates will have a caring personality; strong interpersonal skills; ability to work collaboratively as part of a team and ability to use initiative.

If you know someone who might be interested in the role, please email [Ian.Swann@sgmail.org.uk](mailto:Ian.Swann@sgmail.org.uk) or call 01454 294239 for more information.

In addition to this, we are also looking to appoint 'bank' Lunch break Supervisors to cover staff absence, as most of our existing bank staff now do regular hours for us.

Any job offers will be subject to safeguarding and medical checks.

Integra Catering will be continuing to cook on site going forward. They are still cooking for another school too. We know that there have been a few teething problems with the new menu this term, but the team are making the necessary improvements.

### Reporting absences

If you need to report your child's absence, please contact the school office (by email [AlexanderHoseaPrimary@sgmail.org.uk](mailto:AlexanderHoseaPrimary@sgmail.org.uk) or by phone 01454 294239), as the admin team manage the registers and check emails throughout the day.

Please note that we do not authorise holidays in term time, but there is a Request for Absence form to use should you need to let us know about any absence.

Please try to make medical and dentist appointments for outside of school hours wherever possible.

2022/23

Term	Starts	Ends
Term 1	Thursday 1 September 2022	Friday 21 October 2022
Term 2	Monday 31 October 2022	Friday 16 December 2022
Term 3	Tuesday 3 January 2023	Friday 10 February 2023
Term 4	Monday 20 February 2023	Friday 31 March 2023
Term 5	Monday 17 April 2023	Friday 26 May 2023
Term 6	Monday 5 June 2023	Friday 21 July 2023

### Term dates 2022-23

Please find above the term dates for South Glos schools for the next academic year. We also have 5 INSET days per year. The first 2 of these will be Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> and Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> September. We will confirm the other INSET dates once confirmed.



### Children's Royal Afternoon Tea – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June

The Wickwar Entertainment Committee are organising events in the village to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee over the bank holiday weekend at the start of June. As part of this, there will be a 'Children's Royal Afternoon Tea' on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July.

They have sold around 150 tickets and plans are well underway for this family event. As part of the event there will be a best fancy dress and best homemade crown competition.

### Summer Term Dates for diaries

20<sup>th</sup> May Platinum Jubilee celebrations in school  
w/c 23<sup>rd</sup> May Y6 in Morfa Bay  
w/c 6<sup>th</sup> June Phonics Screener Y1  
Weds 8<sup>th</sup> June Sports day  
June Y4 Multiplication screener (up to 12x12)  
Weds 15<sup>th</sup> June New Reception Parents' meeting 5:45-6:45pm  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June INSET – school closed to children  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July Annual school reports  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July (change of date) Friends of AHS summer disco  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July Day off in lieu of Platinum Jubilee bank holiday

### School meals standards

Integra Catering provide our school meals, which are FREE for all children in Reception, Years 1 and Year 2 and KS2 children in receipt of free school meals. They have to comply with national school meal standards including:

- One or more portions of vegetables or salad as an accompaniment every day.
- At least three different fruits, and three different vegetables each week.
- An emphasis on wholegrain foods in place of refined carbohydrates.
- An emphasis on making water the drink of choice.
- Limiting fruit juice portions to 150ml.
- Restricting the amount of added sugars or honey in other drinks to five percent.
- No more than two portions a week of food that has been deep-fried, batter-coated or breadcrumb-coated.
- No more than two portions of food which include pastry each week.