

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

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

From the Headteacher...

We have enjoyed a very busy fortnight at Alexander Hosea, with many children going out on trips. Thank you so much to our parent/grandparent helpers who helped out on our school trips. Your time is much appreciated and we hope that you enjoyed the experience as much as the children did.

Celebrations and latest news

- **New reception children** are now in full time. They have continued to settle in well and have adapted really well to staying for lunch.
- We have already started showing around some **prospective parents for September 2019**. If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2019, you are invited to attend one of our open afternoons on **Friday 23rd November 2-3pm**. We would be delighted to show you around our wonderful school. If you have children already in school, we would love to know whether your younger child will be coming to us next September (so that we can start to draw up a provisional list of potential new starters).
- The school **Harvest service** took place last week. The children sang beautifully and the Y6 children provided great narration to link the songs. It is always a special event to say 'thank you' together in this way. Thank you to everyone for taking part and for your donations that will go to local families in need.
- **Y3 school trip to Wild Place** was a great success. The children were inspired by the visit and were excited to have been able to feed the meerkats themselves!
- **Y6 trip to the Imperial War Museum in London**. The children made the best of the opportunity and took away so much learning from the experience. The children were very excited about driving through London and seeing some of the best known sights.
- **Y2 and Y5 visited 'We are the Curious' and planetarium**. They had a wonderful day out and the teachers were very proud of them.
- **Parent council** meeting took place this week and information will be put on their class pages

Our '**Helpers in School**' have started their volunteering for the year. We are grateful to all our volunteers and encourage parents/carers to become involved in school life where they can.

INSET day reminder: The school is closed to children on **Friday 26th October 2018, 21st December 2018, 23rd April 2019 and 8th July 2019**. See the bottom of the newsletter for terms dates for this year and next year, to help you with holiday planning. Holidays in term time are not authorised.

Notices and Reminders

For safety reasons, can we remind parents not to walk through the staff car park on drop off or pick up please? Can we also ask that parents do not park in the staff car park unless they have special permission to use the disabled parking space? Thank you

We have recently updated our Privacy Notice (which covers what data we hold about our pupils, how this data can be used or shared and how it is stored). This has been emailed out to all parents and can also be found on the school website <https://www.alexanderhoseapriary.co.uk/page/?title=GDPR+Policies&pid=220>



School Library

We are in the process of setting up our student librarians for the year. These children will be responsible for keeping the library tidy and well-organised.

Three of our Helpers in School have put themselves forward to help with the library so that children can change books on a set afternoon per week. Thank you in advance to Mrs Gregory, Mrs Wood and Mrs Palmer.

We look forward to being able to let the children borrow books to take home through the lending service in the near future.

SPARE CLOTHING

If you have any spare PE t-shirts (any size) or waterproofs for Reception that your child has outgrown, please bring them to the school office. Thank you.

What to do if you are worried about the safety of a child

From time to time, members of our community might have concerns about the safety or wellbeing of a child in the community.

If you are worried it can be difficult to know what to do, but your action is vital in making sure that child gets the help they need.

Parents/carers are advised to speak to our Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Williams and Mrs Moncrieff (in her absence) or contact 'Access and Response Team' directly at South Gloucestershire on 01454 866000.

Who should I talk to if I'm worried about a child?

If you have any concerns about a child's welfare, please do contact your local children's social care duty team. **They're available 24 hours a day.**

Whilst you may be concerned about involving social services, these teams do more than check up on children's welfare. If a family is struggling, they can organise early help and support for the children and parents, before any problems become advanced and harder to solve.

Reading lists

There are many websites with suggested reading lists that you might like to use to help your children to choose high quality texts to read (especially for free readers). We really like the '50 must-reads for ...' website below, as it shows a good selection of books and has a direct link to purchase them.

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/key-stage-book-lists>



Facebook

The class Facebook pages are not operated by the school, but have a member of FoAHS who manage them. The purpose of the pages is the share information about homework, forthcoming events, sharing offers of help/uniform etc. Please use these pages in a respectful way that does not cause upset to others.



Reach is a free and fun programme for families, children and young people who are above a healthy weight

Opportunities for group or 1:1 sessions including:

- ★ Activities to boost confidence and wellbeing
- ★ Physical activity
- ★ Ideas for healthy snacks and meals
- ★ A cooking session
- ★ Ideas to improve sleep and bedtime routines

To book a place or find out more contact:

- 01454 864005
- publichealthcyp@southglos.gcsx.gov.uk
- www.southglos.gov.uk/reach





Supersonic Citizens

As mentioned in Newsletter 1, we have updated our 'Supersonic' awards so that it is more consistent across the school. With this in mind the teachers are currently deciding which child they will nominate from their class.

To be nominated the child must have exemplary behaviour at all times (4 Bs: be responsible, be respectful, be safe and be kind) and apply themselves consistently well in their learning.

All nominees will receive a 'Supersonic' certificate and an enamel 'Citizen Award' badge. In each phase (infants and juniors) the staff will choose a worthy winner of the Citizenship Cup to take home for the term.

Whole School Trip

Our Student Council are still deciding the options for a whole school trip which will have an art focus to tie in with our 'Year of the Arts'. If you are in receipt of pupil premium for your child, the trip will be paid for by the school.

Walking Home from Clubs

As the darker nights will be drawing in soon, particularly after half term, we would advise parents/carers of Y5/6 children to keep their club provider informed of any changes in walk home consent (especially where the club ends at 4:30pm or beyond).

Returning cups and trophies.

If your child won the citizenship cup, Haydon Award (music) or Creativity Award, please could these be returned to school by Wednesday 10th October. From now on the awards will be given termly so that we can celebrate the achievements of a wider range of children.

Safety reminder

Please do not allow children to play on the school play equipment, ride scooters/bikes in the playground or paths at the front of the building after school. Thank you.

School Cleaning Operative Required

Direct Cleaning Services are looking to recruit a new operative to join our team at Alexander Hosea Primary School.

The Position is 10 hours per week Monday to Friday 3.15pm to 5.15pm term time only at a rate of £8.25 per hour.

The ideal candidate will be hardworking, reliable and committed to providing high standards.

If you would like any further information regarding this position or are interested in applying, please contact either

Erin or Tina on 01225 812496

or

e-mail: e.walsh@direct-cleaning.com



Friends of AHS

8th November – Clothes for a Cause

13th November – Friends of AHS Committee Meeting (6:30pm at school)

23rd November – Christmas Shopping Evening

7th December – Winter Fair

18th December – Christmas Discos

Clothes for a Cause – 9am

We need clean unwanted clothes, paired shoes, hand bags and belts (in plastic bags) brought to school on 8th November. We earn 40p for every kilogramme we collect so please donate as much as possible to raise money for our school.

Christmas Shopping Evening – 7:30-10:00pm

Get your Christmas Shopping off to a flying start with our Christmas Shopping Evening. Tickets are only £5 each and includes a glass of wine or soft drink and a sweet treat, plus the first 25 people through the door will be given a gift bag. Tickets on sale soon!

Winter Fair

Date for your diary! Our annual Winter Fair will be on Friday 7th December. More details to follow.

Christmas Discos - Infants 4:45-5:45pm, Juniors 6:00-7:00pm

Entry is £1, plus £1 for a sweet cup and glow stick. Help Needed! We need parents to help both in hall and with drinks. If possible, we would like to have a parent helper from each junior class, and two from each infant class. Please contact us if you can help.

friendsofahs@hotmail.com

www.facebook.com/FriendsOfAHS

Term dates for this year and next year.

BONFIRE DAY MENU

MONDAY 5TH NOVEMBER

JUMBO HOTDOGS-“SKY ROCKETS”

VEGGIE HOTDOGS- “BIG BANGS”

HOMEMADE POTATO WEDGES-
“JUMPING JACKS”

CORN ON THE COB-“CATHERINE
WHEELS”

TOFFEE APPLE MUFFINS

2018/19

Term	Starts	Ends
Term 1	Monday 3 September 2018	Friday 26 October 2018
Term 2	Monday 5 November 2018	Friday 21 December 2018
Term 3	Monday 7 January 2019	Friday 15 February 2019
Term 4	Monday 25 February 2019	Friday 5 April 2019
Term 5	Tuesday 23 April 2019	Friday 24 May 2019
Term 6	Monday 3 June 2019	Tuesday 23 July 2019

2019/2020

Term	Starts	Ends
Term 1	Monday 02 September 2019	Friday 25 October 2019
Term 2	Monday 04 November 2019	Friday 20 December 2019
Term 3	Monday 06 January 2020	Friday 14 February 2020
Term 4	Monday 24 February 2020	Friday 03 April 2020
Term 5	Monday 20 April 2020	Friday 22 May 2020