

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

We have had lots to celebrate this fortnight. It has been so wonderful to see parents on site again. The highly successful Christmas fair was one of the highlights – there was a great turn out and steady flow of visitors throughout the evening and a great atmosphere. Thank you so much to Mrs Andrews, Mrs Werreitt, Mrs Chappell and the Friends of AHS for organising everything and to the parents, staff and children (including many Year 6 pupils) for running stalls and events.

The Christmas Gift Shop was also very popular this year with approximately 400 presents purchased. Thank you to Mrs Hill, Mrs Daniel and Friends of AHS for the hours of prep and wrapping that goes into this. We hope that the recipients will enjoy their surprise gifts on Christmas Day.

We were so pleased to be able to relaunch our Christmas carols coffee morning today. It was fantastic to see so many parents and grandparents in the audience of our playground theatre. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Gregory, Mrs Davis, Mrs Goodland and Friends of AHS for providing refreshments. Friends are grateful to parents for the generous cake donations. The children sang beautifully and we really enjoyed the additional percussion 'Beat Box' from Year 2 and ukulele from Year 6. Mrs Davey joined us from Integra Music Service. The fun continues next week – see events below. Please read your teacher's weekly newsletter to check what your children have in store.



Supersonic Citizenship Award

Each term the teachers choose a 'supersonic' citizen from each class. The children can earn this by consistently demonstrating excellent attitude to learning and behaviour. From these nominations, staff choose a child from the infants and child from the juniors to win the Citizenship Cup (silver trophy), which they can take home and keep for a term. The awards are highly regarded and children strive to achieve them.



Sporting Award

In October, we added a new award to our portfolio: the sports award. The award is for exceptional contribution to sports and PE in school.

Haydon Music Award

The Haydon Music Award is also awarded 6 times a year. Teachers nominate children who they think show passion and commitment to music. The glass trophy is awarded to one child a term.



Creativity Award

The creativity award is a metal statue of a painter at work on a canvas. This termly award is given to one child a term for demonstrating exceptional creativity in their learning across the curriculum (eg art, writing, creative thinking/problem-solving).





Friends of AHS

It's been a busy December already and our new committee is still hard at work on our Christmas events programme. Thank you for your support with all the events we have run this term!

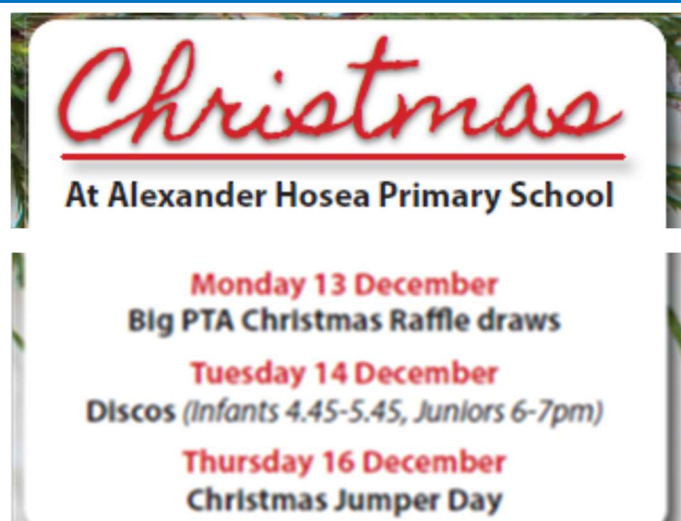
Christmas Fair: THANK YOU especially for your support at our Christmas Fair! What a great evening – we hope you all enjoyed it! It was lovely to see so many families out having fun. Huge thanks to the new committee members and the volunteers who made it all possible. You are amazing!

Big PTA Christmas Raffle: Don't forget to get your tickets for the raffle, which closes on **Monday 13 December**. Tickets cost £3 and each one enters you into 12 prize draws to win up to £5,000! Go to www.bigptaraffle.co.uk and search for 'Alexander Hosea Primary School' to get your tickets!

Christmas Disco: Wear your sparkliest outfit for our disco on **Tuesday 14 December** from 4.45-5.45pm for Infants and 6-7pm for Juniors. Entry is £2 and includes a drink and a treat!

Looking ahead: We are already hard at work planning events for the spring and summer. If you would like to get involved please email us on FriendsOfAHS@hotmail.com.

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



Party food

Your child's teacher will have let you know the party dates for their class.

On party days the children wear their normal school uniform, but can bring a plate of food (for themselves). Please cover the plate and label clearly. We are a nut free school, so no nut products please.

Parking reminder

Please do not park in the drop off zone at the front of the school. This is for quickly pulling in and allowing your child to alight. Cars should then leave straight away to keep the traffic flowing.



Staff update

Mrs Esra Ward will be leaving us at Christmas to embark on a new career as a librarian at KLB. We wish her all the best for the future and we will miss her.

We are in the process of appointing two new TAs to work in Year 3.

Platinum Jubilee Medals

Please return your order and pay monies due by Thursday 16th December (extended deadline).

Visits for prospective Reception children 2022

We are hosting weekly visits to show around prospective parents for Reception in September 2022. If you or someone you know would like to book a visit, please contact the school office 01454 294239. 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**.

Christmas Events

We are preparing for our Christmas events, as the festive season will be upon us before we know it! There are lots of things planned for the children (and their parents) to enjoy.

w/c 13th Dec Class Christmas parties will be happening in the last week of term (Teachers will let parents know their dates for these)

Mon 13th Dec at 6pm and Tues 14th Dec at 2pm Y5/6 service at Holy Trinity Church for (restrictions permitting). Tickets will be limited for each performance. Please see letter from Mrs Brooks.

Tues 14th Dec Friends' Christmas disco after school.

Weds 15th Dec Reception will be doing a short outdoor performance for parents (see information from Mrs Windmill)

Thursday 16th Dec The children can wear their Christmas jumpers to school voluntary £1 contribution. This will cover both Christmas jumper days (payable in cash). Monies will go towards the school fund.

School term finishes on Thursday 16th December.



TT KIDZ IS BACK!

Stroud Table Tennis Club will be running Table Tennis England's popular TT Kidz program at various venues across the Stroud District in February and March next year.

As an introduction to Table Tennis and to get a flavour of what to expect, the club is offering boys and girls **aged 7 to 11 years** an opportunity to 'have a go' free of charge.

FREE TABLE TENNIS TASTER SESSION

Stratford Park Leisure Centre
Saturday 11th December from 13:30 to 15:30
Qualified/DBS certified coaches.
Bats will be provided
Parents/Carers welcome to join in if space is available

**Arrive anytime from 13:30 onwards
No need to book!**

For further information please contact:
Jim Hurford (STTC Chair)
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TTKIDZ.CO.UK

Christmas dinner for children

Tuesday 14th December



Christmas Lunch 2021

Roast turkey, a pig in a blanket and a stuffing ball
OR
Vegetarian plait

Roast potatoes, honey parsnips, fresh carrots, peas and gravy

Chocolate dipped Christmas spice cookie
OR
Coconut snow cupcake

These carrots are delicious!

little foodies, integra.



Parentkind



Bring a little sparkle and festive cheer this year!

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£3 ticket enters you in all 12 draws

- * Help raise funds for our playground refurbishment
- * Tickets cost just £3
- * 12 chances to win up to £5,000
- * PLUS! A special prize draw worth £2,500 for all PTAs selling 120 tickets or more!

To buy tickets, visit: bigptaraffle.co.uk
and search for: Alexander Hosea Primary School

Don't delay – buy your tickets today!

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 Christmas Raffle will immediately forfeit the right to any prize. Closing date 13th Dec 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



WOOSC is governed by a group of volunteers, without whom we cannot run. **To keep WOOSC open and running, we are seeking to replace two of our core roles on the committee; Chair, and Treasurer.**

The role of the **Chair** is to provide support primarily to the Day Manager, the Business Manager, and Bookkeeper to enable them to undertake the day to day running of WOOSC.

Responsibilities include:

- Budget and spending approval
- Ofsted main contact point
- Supporting liaison with school, community centre, and other 3rd parties to ensure smooth running of WOOSC
- Approval of procedures and policies
- Support staff management including pay and performance reviews

The role of the **Treasurer** is to provide support primarily to the Bookkeeper to ensure club finances are being appropriately managed. Responsibilities include:

- Quarterly account review with Bookkeeper
- Annual finance report for AGM
- Signatory and access to WOOSC accounts
- Ad hoc review and audit of expenditure

If you would be interested in undertaking either of these roles, or would like more information, please contact woosc@hotmail.co.uk

For the Chair role, WOOSC would consider a role share between a Chair and Co-Chair.

If the roles are unable to be filled, WOOSC would unfortunately no longer be able to operate as these roles are core to the constitution, running, and governance of the club.

Uniform reminder

All children are expected to wear the full school uniform (including school PE kit on PE days), so that they can show they are proud to belong to Alexander Hosea and that they are ready to learn.

Toast service

Toast can be ordered each morning for break time in Y1 to Y6. A slice of toast costs 10p payable in cash (exact change please).

Attendance

We have very good attendance at Alexander Hosea and we know that almost all children are punctual and attend school well.

It is very important for all children to be in school on time every day. This gives them the best opportunity to build strong routines; access the full curriculum offer (including focused pre-learning and interventions as needed) and have their social and emotional needs met.

Children are expected to arrive by 8:59am (the gate closes at 9am) and must be collected promptly at 3:30pm.

When attending clubs after school, children must be picked up on time too. Please check with the club provider if you are not sure of the end time.