

# Alexander Hosea Primary School

## 'Roots to grow, wings to fly'

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### Newsletter 14 – 29th April 2022

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

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope that you have all had a lovely Easter break. Enjoy your May Day bank holiday on Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> May too.

Miss Dent (Year 4 Teacher) got married at the start of the holidays and is now Mrs Newcombe. Congratulations to the happy couple.

Admissions have now finalised the pupil intake for September 2022. We look forward to meeting and getting to know our new children and their families.

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.

Our Y6 children will be taking their formal SATs during w/c 9<sup>th</sup> May. They have worked exceptionally hard across the years (including with their remote learning during covid lockdowns) so we know that they are as prepared as they can be. The children take part in assessments for Reading, Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling and Maths during the week.

**GET GROWING FOR THE QUEEN**

It's the Queen's Platinum Jubilee this year and we need you to help us celebrate by growing flowers for us to plant at the school in May!

- It would be great if the flowers could be red, white or blue
- Easy-to-grow flowers to sow in March and April include:
  - Petunias
  - Lobelia
  - Cornflowers
  - Poppies
  - Cosmos

**No green fingers? No problem!**  
If you would like to donate plants you have bought, please send them in to school on Monday 23 May – thank you!

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

Thank you for your support!

### Feedback from visitors

We are part of the Cotswold Alliance, which is a group of 7 local schools who provide support and challenge for each other to support school improvement. As part of this we work in teams of Headteachers to visit each other's schools. Recently we welcomed three visitors as part of this. They noted that:

'Pupils were polite, well-mannered and passionate and enthusiastic when talking about their curriculum and provision'.

'The staff and pupils are evidently very proud of their school'.

### Cake Sale 29<sup>th</sup> April 3:15-3:45pm

Year 4 will be running a cake sale in aid of the Disasters Emergency Committee ([www.dec.org.uk](http://www.dec.org.uk)) which supports Ukrainian refugees. All funds will go to this charity.

We would appreciate cake donations (homemade or shop bought) to be brought in on the morning of Friday 29<sup>th</sup>. You may wish to choose yellow and blue decorations. Thank you



## Friends of AHS

We hope you had a great Easter and are ready for the summer term! 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.

**Dress to Express non-uniform day:** On **Friday 13 May** we are inviting the children to come to school wearing something that expresses who they are and what they love in exchange for a £1 donation to the Friends – it could be as simple as wearing clothes in their favourite colour, a t-shirt with their favourite animal on or the uniform of their favourite sports team or club – the choice is theirs! We will be collecting the £1s at the school gate at the morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up times.

**Rags2Riches Clothing Collection:** Our next collection will be on **Wednesday 15 June**.

**Help needed at the Wickwar Games:** Coming up on **Saturday 16 July** we have the village sports day, the Wickwar Games. WE NEED SOMEONE TO TAKE OVER RUNNING OUR BAR – if that could be you, please get in touch on email or via our [Facebook page](#).

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

# DRESS TO EXPRESS!

**non-uniform day  
on FRIDAY 13 MAY**



for the  
Friends of  
Alexander  
Hosea

## Wear something to tell us about you!

- what sport you like to do (eg football, dancing, horse-riding)
- what job you want to do when you grow up
- your favourite book, game, TV programme or film
- even your favourite animal, colour, place or memory!



# £1

to take part will  
be collected at  
the school gate  
by the Friends

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## Swimming **Deadline 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022.**

By the end of Year 6, there is a government expectation that all children achieve 25 metres swimming. This means swimming a full length of the pool without stopping or putting feet down.

We offer a block of swimming (usually 1 week in Feb) for children in Year 3, then catch up lessons for any Y5/6 children who might need it (usually in summer term). As the current Year 4 children missed their block due to covid, they will be offered a week block in Feb 23. Next year's Year 3 will also have a week block in Feb 23.

We are in the process of updating our records for Years 4-6 to capture which children can swim 25m. Mrs Barnes ([Lisa.Barnes@sgmail.org.uk](mailto:Lisa.Barnes@sgmail.org.uk)) is working on this and has sent out a letter to Diamond, Pearl and Amethyst classes. Please can we ask for 100% return, so that we can plan for the lessons. Thank you for all the responses we have already received.

## 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.

## Easter Shop

Thank you to Mrs Werriett and Mrs Hill from Friends of AHS for organising and running the Easter Shop again this year.



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.

There will be fliers coming home in book bags next week with more information. This event is best suited to primary aged children. Tickets are £3 per child and will be on sale from the school playground on 29<sup>th</sup> April 3-3:45pm.

### Summer Term Dates for diaries

Year 2 (Crystal) SATs tests – throughout May

Year 6 (Amethyst) SATs tests 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> May

13<sup>th</sup> May 'Dress to Express' Friends of AHS event

20<sup>th</sup> May – Platinum Jubilee celebrations in school

Y6 in Morfa Bay w/c 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Phonics Screener Y1 w/c 6<sup>th</sup> June

Sports day TBC

Y4 Multiplication screener (up to 12x12) throughout June

New Reception Parents' meeting TBC

INSET Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June

Annual school reports Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July

Day off in lieu of Platinum Jubilee bank holiday Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July



### 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.

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