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### Newsletter 9, 5th January 2024

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

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back and happy new year to you all.

**Building update** – Most of the new skylights have now been replaced and the works are progressing well.

**Primary school places for September 2024** – deadline for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024. See more information and link in the box below. We have one more tour next week.

**Parent Council** – The next meeting is on 16<sup>th</sup> January. Please let your class rep know if there is anything you would like to share by 9<sup>th</sup> January. Thank you.

**Values** – We have completed our consultation about the new school values and we are now working on the new values and how these will be launched and taught across the school. More information to follow soon.

Kind regards, Mrs Deb Williams - Headteacher

#### Dates for your diary:

Weekly tours for prospective Reception parents continue until 12<sup>th</sup> January.

#### **Week 2**

- 8<sup>th</sup> Jan – Stargazing event for Y5
- 9<sup>th</sup> Jan – Deadline for feedback to Parent Council
- 10<sup>th</sup> Jan – Young Voices (Choir) in Birmingham
- 10<sup>th</sup> Jan – Final prospective parent tour for Reception 2024
- 11<sup>th</sup> Jan – Friends cake sale – donations from Diamond class

#### **Week 3**

- 16<sup>th</sup> Jan – Parent Council meeting

#### **Week 4**

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#### **Week 5**

- 29<sup>th</sup> Jan – Y5 parents meeting about Kilve Court residential
- 30<sup>th</sup> Jan – Boccia and curling event – tbc
- 31<sup>st</sup> Jan – Y3 trip to Edward Jenner Museum

#### **Week 6**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Feb – Awards and cups assembly
- 6<sup>th</sup> Feb – Safer Internet Day
- 7<sup>th</sup> Feb – SARI (Stand up Against Racism and Inequality) workshops Y4-6

Half Term 12-16<sup>th</sup> Feb

Please see teachers' weekly newsletters for more information about class-specific events and activities.

Diary dates will be emailed to parents for the coming week on alternate weeks.

#### **Primary schools' admissions**

If your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020, you must apply for them to start primary school in September 2024. This is a very important decision and it is important that you read the [South Gloucestershire Primary school admission guide](https://find-information-for-adults-children-families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice?page?id=GLu6GUIMkpw&fa) before you apply. Applications for primary school admission must be submitted no later than **15 January 2024**. <https://find-information-for-adults-children-families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice?page?id=GLu6GUIMkpw&fa>

#### **Parking**

As you will have seen from the email correspondences from Mrs Price, we have limited parking in the staff car park due to the roofing works. This means that we have needed to use the drop-off bay as disabled parking at the moment. Cars parked here should display their Parking Permit. The local PCSO visited this week and will come out from time to time to check safety. Please do not park on the keep clear marking or over neighbours' driveways. Thank you for your co-operation



## Friends of AHS

Thank you for supporting our Christmas events – the Christmas Fair and Carols Coffee Morning together raised over £1,000 for the school! If you would like to get involved please get in touch via [FriendsOfAHS@hotmail.com](mailto:FriendsOfAHS@hotmail.com) or come along to our AGM this month – see below for details.

**New Year, new committee!** The Friends AGM is THIS MONTH: **Wednesday 31 January** at 6.30pm in the school library. Please do come along if you would like to join the committee as an officer (chair, treasurer or secretary) or class rep, or just find out more about what we do for the school! It will be followed by our regular committee meeting where we discuss our event plans for the coming term.

**Disco dates for your diary** Our Spring Disco will be after school on **Tuesday 6 February** and our Summer Disco will be on **Tuesday 16 July** – see posters for full details. If you can help to run either of these events, please get in touch with us!

**Rags 2 Riches clothing collection:** Our next clothing collection is on **Thursday 8 February**, so if you are tidying up this weekend, please bag up any clean, good quality clothes, shoes and accessories (sorry, no uniform) and bring them down to school before 9am on the day.

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

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### Lego Robotics

For the past few years, we have been taking a team of budding engineers from Y5/6 to compete in the Lego Robotics competition in Yate in the spring. <https://www.gazetteseries.co.uk/news/23898376.exciting-lego-robot-stem-competition-coming-yate/>

Thank you to Mr Leighton, who is running the Robotics club on Fridays to train the team and compete.



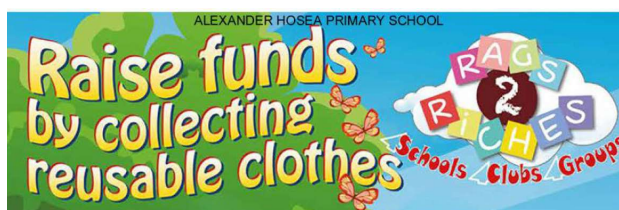
### Uniform reminder

Please ensure that children wear the correct uniform every day (full school uniform 3 days and PE school uniform 2 days).

Reminders:

- Trainers are for PE days only (smart plain black school shoes should be worn on non-PE days).
- Children should wear only plain grey, black or white socks or tights.
- Children may wear a watch for telling the time, but smart watches are not permitted.
- Nail varnish is not allowed.
- Children with pierced ears may wear one small stud in each ear. No other jewellery should be worn.
- There is a collection basket for unwanted uniform. Please donate any uniform your child no longer needs to help others. Thank you. Please do also help yourself to any uniform in the basket or drawers in the lobby.

<https://www.alexanderhoseaprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Uniform&pid=28>



2023/24 DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

**MONDAY 2nd October**  
**THURSDAY 8th February**  
**THURSDAY 13th June**

### Citizenship Award winners Dec 23



Exemplary behaviour  
Show the 3 Bees all the time:  
Be kind, be respectful, be responsible

#### Congratulations to our Citizenship Award Winners

Infants: Amber (YR), Charlie (Y1) and Hugo D-M (Y2)

Juniors: Reuben(Y6), Lexy (Y5), Jasmine (Y5), Molly (Y4) and Ray (Y3)

Sports Award



Music Award



Creativity Award



#### Award Winners

Sports Award – Harry (Y4)

Hayden Music Award – Juliana (Y2)

Creativity Award – Sam (Y5)

Congratulations!

### Shaun's Garden

We are looking for a working party to help us to clear and tidy Shaun's Garden (school allotment area). If you would like to get involved, please contact the school office. We would like to clear the weeds and tidy around the beds, so that we can start planting for the spring.



Music Lessons

Y2, 4 and 6 will be starting their block of 10 music lessons with the West of England Music Service in the spring. We are looking forward to seeing how their skills develop as the weeks go by.

If your child would like to learn a musical instrument, WEMA or RED Music (see opposite) run individual, paired or small group persepetic lessons. They can teach instruments or vocals.

<https://wema.org.uk/young-people-and-families/learn-to-play-a-musical-instrument/>



music education in schools

RED Music teachers (Louise and Chris) run music lessons in guitar, keyboards and ukulele on Mon and Weds afternoons. These are well-attended and popular with families.

If you would like to arrange music lessons for your child, please follow the link  
<https://www.redmusic.uk/> .

Louise and Chris visited us in assembly recently to play some Christmas songs for the children.