

# Alexander Hosea Primary School

## 'Roots to grow, wings to fly'

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### Newsletter 13 – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022

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

Dear Parents/Carers

The children have enjoyed the final stages of their projects and are completing their end of project outcomes, which they should all be very proud of. We have been focussing on our value for the term – inclusion - and in assembly we talked about British values and the things that unite us (including wearing our school uniform with pride), as well as celebrating what makes us special and different and how this makes our school community richer.

Catering: Integra Catering are now cooking again on site for the rest of the school year. They are also cooking for another local school. There is a new summer menu on its way. We will send it out to parents once it arrived from the printers.

Reporting absences: If you need to report your child's absence, please contact the school office (by email [AlexnaderHoseaPrimary@sgmail.org.uk](mailto:AlexnaderHoseaPrimary@sgmail.org.uk) or by phone 01454 294239), as the admin team manage the registers and check emails throughout the day. We do not authorise holidays in term time, but there is a Request for Absence form to use should you need it.

We wish all our families a very happy Easter break and look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April.

**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 are sorry we had to cancel our planned Meet the Friends session – we will reschedule it as soon as possible in 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 can help!

**Rags2Riches Clothing Collection:** Thank you for supporting our clothing collection – you donated 113 bags which raised £157.56 for the school! Our next collection will be on **Wednesday 15 June**.

**School garden shed:** We would like to say a HUGE thank you to the amazing team from Country Style Supplies who recently supplied and put up the new school garden shed! It looks great and we are looking forward to enjoying lots more gardening adventures with the children! A big thanks as well to the REMR Community Resilience Fund for giving us a grant and a special thank you to all you parents and carers who support our events through the year so that we can help the school with projects like this – you are all amazing too!

**Pop-up Easter Shop** If you have ordered vouchers for the pop-up Easter Shop, please send in a named bag with your child on **Tuesday 5 April** so that they can bring their chosen sweet cones home. Thank you!

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

### Free School Meals

If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals – Pupil Premium (see information opposite) and your child is in any school year at our school, please follow the link to apply. In addition for free meals, the associated pupil premium funding follows the child throughout their primary school experience. This can be used to fund a range of support for your child (including clubs, uniform, trips etc).

## Free school meals

### All children and young people

Your child may be able to get free school meals in Year 3 and above if you receive any of the following:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods, and your monthly average income over three assessment periods should be no more than £616.67)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

For information on free meals for young people in further education visit: [Free meals in further education funded institutions: guide for the 2021 to 2022 academic year](#)

**YATE HERITAGE CENTRE**  
EASTER ACTIVITIES

**EASTER ARTS & CRAFTS**  
11/04/22  
10 - 11, 11.30 - 12.30 OR 1.30 - 2.30  
Come and have a go at weaving and decorating your own paper Easter basket.

**VICTORIAN TOYS & GAMES**  
12/04/22  
10 - 11, 11.30 - 12.30 OR 1.30 - 2.30  
Learn about Victorian toys and games before making your own to take home!

Suitable for ages 5-11  
To book a place email [info@yateheritage.co.uk](mailto:info@yateheritage.co.uk)  
Or call 01454 862200

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.

### Class Newsletters

Following on from feedback from Parent Council, Class Newsletters for all classes will be published weekly. These are uploaded to the website on Fridays.



### 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
- 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.

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

### School Meals KS2

Term 5 meals are £55.20 in total. Please help us by making sure that you credit Pay360 with your meals for the term or week in advance. There should be no arrears at the end of the week so that the school can balance to nil.

Your help with this would be appreciated as it takes time chasing outstanding balances.



## Uniform reminders

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### Uniform



Summer Uniform



Winter Uniform



PE/ Games Uniform  
[Click here to view kit list](#)

We are very proud of our wonderful school and the children show respect and responsibility in wearing their uniform. It also brings us together as a school community.

The uniform expectations are on our school website

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

A couple of reminders:

- On PE days, all children are expected to wear the full PE kit (including plain PE navy or black shorts/leggings/joggers). Jumpers should be school PE hoodie or school cardigan/jumper.
- Plain black, grey or white socks should be worn.
- Hair longer than shoulder length should be tied up on all school days.
- Nail varnish should not be worn.

## Staff Car Park

The school car park is for staff and holders of blue disability badges only. Please display your badge clearly if you need to park in the staff car park.

Please can we ask that Topaz parents keep their children with them when waiting to enter via the side gate as there are car park users coming and going in the mornings. After Easter, the Reception children will enter the school in the mornings along with the rest of the school (via main playground gate) as part of their transition to Year 1. Thank you.

## Swimming

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 will send out a letter to Diamond, Pearl and Amethyst classes soon. Please can we ask for 100% return. Thank you

