

# Alexander Hosea Primary School

## 'Roots to grow, wings to fly'

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### Newsletter 7, 4th December 2020

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

From Mrs Williams.

We have enjoyed a productive fortnight, with children working hard on their project learning and starting to prepare for final outcomes. The children have been learning the songs for their performances. We are hoping to have been able to have filmed all of these next week, so that they can be shared with parents on Google Classroom the following week. We are learning so much about technology this year!

Our Christmas trees have arrived and the Friends of AHS have very kindly provided some decorations for the front of the school to make it feel festive at drop off and pick up times. In assembly this week we talked about Advent and there is certainly a sense of building excitement about Christmas around school this week, which is really lovely for all of us.

The children's Christmas lunch is on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December (see menu below). If you would like to order a lunch, please pay online (or by cheque). It is free for Reception, Years 1&2 as usual.

#### Prospective Parents for September 2021

If you have a child who is due to start school next year the deadline for primary school applications is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2021**. Find out more at:  
[www.southglos.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/primaryadmissions)

Due to the current tier restrictions, we are unfortunately not able to show prospective parents around at this time. We hope to be able to offer visits to the school for one parent and one child at a time after restrictions are eased (depending on revised guidance from gov.uk).

There is a good range of information about the school on the school website and prospective parents can contact the school with any questions about the school.



We would ask that children do not bring Christmas cards to send to their classmates this year as the post-box will not be open.

Classes will look at an alternative way for the children to wish their classmates a Happy Christmas.

#### COVID-19 Information page – School website

There is now a dedicated COVID-19 information page on the school website. It can be found using this link

<https://www.alexanderhoseaprimary.co.uk/page/?title=COVID%2D19&pid=293>



#### Unwanted Christmas jumper donations

If you have any Christmas jumpers that your child has grown out of or no longer needs, please consider donating it to other children at the school. There is a collection box in the lobby. These will be quarantined from Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December so that they can be given out for Christmas jumper day on 17<sup>th</sup> December. All sizes (including adult sizes, as we have some tall Y6 children!) are welcome.

Our Value of the Term is:

#### Self-belief

We will be thinking about what makes us special and celebrate diversity. The Jigsaw theme that compliments this is 'Celebrating Difference'.



## Friends of AHS

THANK YOU again for your continued support this year. We are very busy behind the scenes on our Covid-safe Christmas fundraisers and are working closely with school on plans for 2021. Watch this space and our Facebook page for news of upcoming events!

**Christmas cards and gifts:** We are very pleased to say we raised a fantastic £452 from sales of the Children's Christmas cards and gifts! Thank you all and we hope you love their brilliant designs!

**Dare to be Different Day:** Your contributions have helped us raise £195! Some of this money has already been used to buy new Christmas lights and decorations to brighten up the school.

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



### Join me in a Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) consultation

- *Did you know that a change in the law means that all primary schools are required to teach Relationships Education and Health Education from September 2020?*
- *Did you know that all primary schools are recommended to teach sex education, and that parents continue to have the right to request that their child is excused from sex education?*
- *Do you want more support to help you talk to your child about relationships, health and sex education issues at home?*
- *What do you remember about your RSHE education and how do you want it to be for your child/ren?*

These are just a few questions that I am keen to find the answers to.

I am sure that you know that we use the Jigsaw programme to deliver RSHE but you might not know what it includes yet. My aim this year is to raise awareness of the content of these lessons and encourage you to ask questions and offer your thoughts, so that we can offer the children at Alexander Hosea the best RSHE curriculum to cater for their needs as we prepare them for a happy, fulfilled life.


In the past we have invited you all into school to discuss how we approach this area of the curriculum and had some good discussions. This isn't possible just now but please join me to make the best of the situation. I have worked on making the content of our curriculum available on the website. There are other resources that might help here too. Take a look:

<https://www.alexanderhoseaprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Personal%2C+Social+and+Health+Education+%28including+Relationships%2C+Sex+and+Health+Education%29&pid=160>


After listening to comments from the Parent Council group, I have also made bite sized chunks of the curriculum available to you on Google Classroom. As we are 'Celebrating Difference' at the moment in school you will find content of this puzzle piece there.

If you would like to be involved in a virtual discussion group or want to answer any of the above, please email me on:

[sally.windmill@sgmail.org.uk](mailto:sally.windmill@sgmail.org.uk)



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## WINTER ART AND WRITING COMPETITION

4-6 years olds

- Create a festive picture. You can use any materials you want!
- Write a poem or short story of no more than 100 words.

7-10 years olds

- Create a festive picture. You can use any materials you want!
- Write a short story of no more than 500 words.

11-14 years olds

- Create a festive picture. You can use any materials you want!
- Write a short story of no more than 500 words.

**Prizes to be won**

**Unleash your creativity**

**How to enter:**  
 Email your entries to [cu@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:cu@uwe.ac.uk) – be sure we can see it clearly.  
 The deadline for entries is Sunday 13th December 2020 at 8pm.

Children's University members will be able to earn Learning Credits for their submission. You do not have to be a member of Children's University to submit an entry.

There will be a winner from each category, chosen by UWE Bristol Faculty of Arts, Creative Industries & Education staff.

The winners will receive a £20 book token & be announced on our Twitter pages & UWE Bristol social media channels (with permission).

The winning entries will be published in our next Children's University Newsletter & on our Twitter Page @BSGChildrensUni

We can't wait to see your work!

### Christmas gifts

Several parents have asked how they might be able to get gifts to staff in a safe way.

If parents wish to give a gift, please could these be brought in by the child and the teacher will make their arrangements about quarantine.

Teachers often like to give the children a little something too. These will be stored for more than 72 hours+ before they are handed to the children.

### Christmas Lunch 2020

Roast turkey  
 Pigs in blankets, Stuffing  
 OR  
 Vegetarian sausage plait  
 Roast potatoes, Sprouts  
 Carrots, Peas, Gravy  
 Yule cup cake  
 OR  
 Christmas biscuit  
 OR  
 Fresh fruit



These sprouts are spectacular!



The carrots are pretty tasty too!

### Tier 3 Very High Alert

As you will be aware, South Gloucestershire left the recent lockdown in Tier 3 (the highest tier). There is clear guidance about what is required of residents in our county <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/tier-3-very-high-alert>. From a school point of view, very little has changed, we are still: cleaning regularly; promoting handwashing; socially distancing bubbles etc. We would strongly encourage parents to wear masks at drop off/collection times (see South Glos letter to parents in the county).



Thank you to the Friends of AHS for decorating the outdoor classroom for the class performances.

### Emergency Assistance



#### Food Parcels

Will be available from a range of schools, details available soon

#### Emergency Assistant Grant

For any resident struggling to afford food and other essentials



To find out more and how to claim  
[www.southglos.gov.uk/halftermsupport](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/halftermsupport)  
 or call 0800 953 7778



### Parties

Class Teachers will let parents know when their party will be. The children can bring food from home in a named bag or wrapped party plate.



### Santa

We are hoping that, if Santa can find the time in his busy schedule, that he might link in with the Infant children online from the North Pole this year.

## Christmas Events at Alexander Hosea December 2020

We are delighted to be able to offer a range of Christmas events at school this year, so that the children have ways to celebrate the festive season at school.

### Christmas Cards

The Friends' Christmas elves have now handed out all of the children's personalised Christmas cards.

### Christmas Jumper Day

The children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers on the last day of term – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

### Christmas Present Sale

The Friends of AHS Christmas Present Sale will take place for each class in the final week of term. Please see the flyer they sent out recently for more information. This has been hugely popular again this year and we are sure that the children will really enjoy choosing their gift for loved ones. The gifts will be quarantined before the children have access to them.

### Christmas Performances

As it is not possible to perform to live audiences at the moment, each class will perform a festive song and video it to share with families. On their recording day, the children in the class will be invited to wear a Christmas Jumper. The individual class performance will be uploaded to Google Classroom and there will also be compilation of all of these for the whole school to watch in school.

As it will be Reception's only opportunity to take part in their first school nativity, they will be recording their nativity for their parents and the whole school to watch in the last week of term.

We are looking forward to hearing our beautiful singers in action.

### Christmas Tree

Our Christmas trees have now arrived. There is one in the hall (to be decorated by children at WOOSC) and one at the crossroads (near the library).

### It's Panto Time!

As it will not be likely that families will be able to go out to watch a live panto, we have booked a Bare Foot Hippodrome Theatre's Panto of Sleeping Beauty. The children will be able to watch this remotely at school. There will be no cost for parents, as the school will fund as a thank you to all our wonderful children.

**Christmas Lunch** is on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Vegetarian/vegan option available and eco crackers.