



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>

From Mrs Williams:

We have now booked the whole school trip to Bristol Zoo on 31st March. The children will have a workshop in the education centre as part of their day. A letter will come home soon with information for parents. We hope the children will have an enjoyable and memorable day. We are looking forward to it.

Mrs Windmill has been in talks with an ex-pupil, who has a trained therapy dog. Next term the dog will come into school for several short sessions over a few weeks. They will be based in a room and some children from across the school will be invited to spend some time with the dog. This has been very successful in other schools (eg KLB), where students have benefitted emotionally from time with a therapy dog. This will be on an invitation only basis and teachers will be in contact with parents of children, who will be offered the opportunity in the first term.

In the coming fortnight, we have a number of events to look forward to:

- 'Number 8 Day'.
- Aspirations Week – with visitors coming in to talk about various jobs they do.
- Online safety week
- Cup assembly – Supersonic Citizen (Infant and Junior); Creativity and Music awards.
- Year 5 will be at Kilve Court for their residential visit next week.
- Year 4 will be taking part in the Festival of Youth Dance
- Term ends on Friday 14th February.
- Teachers and TAs will be starting the planning process for the summer projects.

As this is the last newsletter for the term, may we wish you all a happy and safe half-term.

Some key dates for your diary:

INSET days – Friday 3rd April and Friday 3rd July. (We will be considering our dates for the next academic year during the spring term).

Please do read this newsletter, the school calendar and the Teachers' weekly bulletins to keep up to date.

Welcome staff on gate

Our staff enjoy being on the gates to welcome the children and families into school. In line with our classroom welcome routine, we try to speak to as many people as we can, to reconnect for the start of the day.

The gates close promptly at 9am as register is closing and staff need to be back in class to start lessons. If you would like a longer conversation, please make an appointment to meet after school.

Children who arrive after 9am should come in through the front office and be signed in as late. We encourage all children to arrive between 8:50-8:55am, so that they are in and ready for the start of the day.

Top Performance Dance and Drama!

If you want to gain in confidence and have fun, come along every Wednesday afternoon from 3 until 5 o'clock to this after school activity. This group runs throughout school terms, for years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. It costs six pounds per session. If you are interested please pick up a registration form from the office and phone Tina Milton on

07876 252 287

Friends of AHS

7 th Feb	7pm-Late	Quiz Night
15 th Feb	10am-Noon	Town Hall Sale and Seed Swap
27 th Feb	9am	Rags 2 Riches Clothes Collection
1 st Mar		100 Club Draw
3 rd Mar	7:30pm	Friends Meeting at The Buthay – All Welcome!

Quiz Night: Tonight! Doors open 7pm with the quiz starting promptly at 7:30pm. Don't forget to bring cash for the bar as we cannot accept card payments. Good luck to everyone taking part!

Seed Swap: Please bring any spare seeds or seedlings to swap with other gardeners. If you don't have any seeds to swap, don't worry, you can give a small donation instead. All money raised will go towards the school garden and gardening club.

Rags 2 Riches: Collection bags and leaflets will be coming home soon so please keep hold of your unwanted, good quality clothes, shoes, and bags for us. Please see our posters for more details.

Christmas Fundraising Survey: 69 people completed our survey and we've been busy analysing your responses. One frequently mentioned point was the use of glow-sticks at the Winter Disco. Rest assured, we are investigating alternatives, including using black lights, and we will hopefully have something set up for our Summer Disco in July. More analysis will be posted on our FB page soon!

friendsofahs@hotmail.com facebook.com/FriendsOfAHS School website: 'Parents' section

When you're young, it's hard to imagine what you'll be when you grow up.

At Alexander Hosea we encourage the children to reach for their goals. We want to broaden their thinking about the possibilities for their futures.

If you love what you do, share your experience with us. We are particularly interested in finding some people who might help us challenge some gender stereotypes but are interested in everything from bakers to astronauts!

Aspirations week starts 24.2.2020. It would be great if you could come and talk to a group of children or a class. Perhaps you have something interesting from your work that you could bring along. If you would rather do something remotely, perhaps you could make a short film?

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Sally Windmill



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Reminder-Random Act of Kindness day on Tuesday 11th February.

Pupil Council are promoting this day in school



Flu Vaccines

-message from the school's immunisation team

We would like to inform you that we still have Flu Vaccines available for anybody who have not already received their Flu vaccination and who still wishes to have their children to be vaccinated and help protect them from Flu.

Parents/Carers can contact the Immunisation Team on 01275 373104 and we can arrange a clinic appointment for their child.

Online safety

It can be hard to know how to talk to your child about online safety. From setting up parental controls to advice on sexting, online games and video apps, we can help you to understand the risks and keep your child safe.

NSPCC have some helpful advice for parents on the link below.

[https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=GEN - Safety - \[Exact\]&utm_term=online safety for kids&gclid=EA1aIQobChMI8G92dWa5wIVWODtCh1BeAH2EAAYAAEgKm1PD_BwE&gclid=aw.ds](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=GEN-Safety-[Exact]&utm_term=online_safety_for_kids&gclid=EA1aIQobChMI8G92dWa5wIVWODtCh1BeAH2EAAYAAEgKm1PD_BwE&gclid=aw.ds)



Young Carers support

A young carer is a child or young person aged 8-18 years, who provides regular ongoing support and care to a family member who is disabled, has a long term illness, mental health issues or is affected by substance misuse. If you think your child might benefit from support as a young carer, contact Mrs Williams to find out how to apply. Further information is available from

www.carerssupportcentre.org.uk

Welcome!

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Clough back to the school staff team. Mrs Clough was a teacher with us several years ago and we are pleased that she has returned and been appointed this week as a SEN Teaching Assistant in Ruby Class.

In addition to this role, Mrs Clough also does some supply teacher cover for us too, so other classes may see her from time to time.

Coronavirus – Advice for all early years providers, schools and further education providers

The government is closely monitoring the spread of the Coronavirus and is taking action at home and abroad.

The overall risk of Coronavirus to the UK remains moderate. However we understand that people may be concerned where there are children, students or staff returning from or visiting China.

Public Health England and the Foreign Office have issued advice for anyone travelling to the area. This can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/china>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-and-avian-flu-advice-for-travel-to-china>

Latest information and advice can also be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Advice for parents/guardians

You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your children catching the Coronavirus.

There is no reason why your children should not continue to attend their early years, school or further education setting as normal.

We recognise that some families or children may be planning to travel to China during the forthcoming half term period. If so, please refer to the FCO's latest travel advice via the link above.

The Government and NHS are well prepared to deal with this virus. You can help too. Germs can live on some surfaces for hours.

To protect yourself and others:

- Always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.
- Bin the tissue, and to kill the germs, wash your hands with soap and water, or use a sanitiser gel.
- If you have arrived back from China within 14 days follow the specific advice for returning travellers. This is the best way to slow the spread of almost any germs, including Coronavirus. Find out more at gov.uk/coronavirus