

# Alexander Hosea Primary School

## 'Roots to grow, wings to fly'

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### Newsletter 12, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021

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

From Mrs Williams.

The unseasonably weather has not deterred our wonderful children from making the most of their learning and social experiences. They have embraced their new projects and are engaging well across the curriculum. An area that we have been most impressed with is the children's engagement in reading, with almost all children reading at least 5 times a week.

Reading is a critical skill to help children to be able to access the whole curriculum and regular practice has a huge impact on their fluency and comprehension. This year we have invested in additional staff hours (especially in the infants) so that children can read regularly with a Reading Assistant or member of the lunchtime staff – the staff are enjoying this as much as the children. We hope that as we progress through the autumn term, we will be able to welcome back parent/grandparent helpers in school once more to read with children. This support from parents is highly valued and has been missed during the pandemic.

If you would like to find out more about our approach to reading, please look at the 'Reading at Alexander Hosea' page of our website

<https://www.alexanderhoseaprimarv.co.uk/page/?title=Reading+at+Alexander+Hosea&pid=297>

#### Everyone is a Scientist

Next year we will be restarting our 'Year of...' but rebranding it as 'Everyone is a ...'. We have 3 curriculum teams (see below), who take it in turns to lead a main driving curriculum focus for a year.

##### The Arts:

English  
Art & Design  
Music  
PE – Physical Education

##### The World:

RE- Religious Education  
RHSE – Relationships, Sex and Health Education  
Humanities – History & Geography  
Modern Foreign Languages – French

##### STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths):

Maths,  
Science  
Computing.

Our focus for 2021-22 will be 'Everyone is a scientist' and there will be a range of science opportunities throughout the year. If you have a science background and would like to offer to help in some way, please contact

[Amy.Clark@sgmail.org.uk](mailto:Amy.Clark@sgmail.org.uk).

#### Wickwar Seasonal Cookbook Friends of AHS

##### Call for Recipes

Our favourite recipes are often the ones we get from family and friends, the ones that remind us of special people and places. The Friends of Alexander Hosea are planning to put together a community cookbook, with recipes arranged by season. We need YOU to help by sharing your favourite family recipe with us!

##### Call for Images

We will need illustrations for the cookbook, so we would like to invite you to send us artwork on local and seasonal themes.

Please see email from 29<sup>th</sup> April for more information.

Thank you to Mrs Hathaway and Friends of AHS for organising this community cookbook.

#### Our Value of the Term is: **Respect**

This term we talk about the importance of being respectful of each other and tolerant of differing world views (linking to British Values). We are fortunate to have kind and considerate children, who enjoy taking responsibility and making a positive impact on others through their thoughts, words and actions. We shine a light on this through this value.



## Friends of AHS

THANK YOU for your support with our recent fundraising events. We are hoping that in the autumn we will be able to run a more normal programme, so you have any ideas for events please do email us on [FriendsOfAHS@hotmail.com](mailto:FriendsOfAHS@hotmail.com).

**Spring Rags2Riches collection:** You donated an amazing 500kg of clothes which helped us raise £200! The next collection date is 24<sup>th</sup> June so there's still time to declutter if you missed the April date.

**Wickwar Cookbook:** We need you to send us recipes and pictures to help create our fundraising cookbook. If you would like to contribute, all the details are on the school website [here](#).

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

### Roadmap out of lockdown –

#### What can we look forward to next?

The government have set out their roadmap out of lockdown so that we can have dates in mind for a gradual return to normal. Some of these dates were provisional and depend on infection rates, but there is every reason to be hopeful with the vaccine roll out and falling infection rates.

Here is a summary of the easing of restrictions, which might be helpful. The main document link is below, if you would like to read more.

There is a lot to look forward to in the coming months, as we start to be able to see friends and family again (hopefully with no limits by mid-June).

#### Step 2 12<sup>th</sup> April onwards

- Shops, hairdressers, libraries, gyms etc open.
- Outdoor attractions (eg zoos) reopen.
- Self-contained accommodation (eg holiday lets with own facilities) open.
- Hospitality (pubs, restaurants) able to reopen for outdoor table service for 6 people or 2 households.
- No indoor mixing between households.
- Life events (weddings, receptions, wakes) – up to 15 people.

#### Step 3 17<sup>th</sup> May

- Will be able to see more friends and family (i) up to 30 people outside; (ii) rule of 6 or 2 households inside.
- Indoor entertainment opens – hotels, indoor exercise classes, cinemas, children's play areas.
- Life events (weddings, wakes, christenings) up to 30 people.
- Review of social distancing, face coverings etc to inform step 4.

#### Step 4 21<sup>st</sup> June (at earliest)

- Removal of all legal limits on social contact.
- Remaining premises reopen.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-response-spring-2021/covid-19-response-spring-2021-summary>

### LFD collection update to parents and carers

Please note there has been a **change in the opening time** for LFD collection at 3 local test sites, to allow for deep cleaning over the lunch period. The obvious concern is that you may turn up to collect household LFD tests when the site is still running its service for symptomatic testing.

**To confirm: local test sites at Cleve RFC, Yate Shopping Centre and BAWA will run PCR testing for people with symptoms from 8am – 1.30pm and household LFD distribution from 2.30pm – 8pm (not 1pm as previously).**

### RAGS 2 RICHES

Thank you to all that donated their unwanted items. We raised £200.40 for the school.

### Spare uniform

Do you have any spare, clean and as-new uniform (any sizes) that you would like to donate? Please put in a bag in the school lobby by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May. Our plan is to run a second hand uniform sale in Term 6.

If you would be able to get involved to sort the uniform and run the sale (on tables in the car park at the start and end of a day), please contact the school office.

With the impact of lockdowns, your donations would be appreciated by other families. Thank you.