



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:

What a wonderful fortnight we have had! December is a magical time in primary school. The children have been very excited and they share their joy with us. We were really proud of them for being brave to say their lines and sing their songs in front of large audiences. It has been really special to be joined by so many grandparents and members of extended families, some of whom have journeyed far to be with us.

The KS2 class product sale was a popular event and the children were proud of the stalls they set up and items to sell. In many cases, the products they made were part of their end of project outcome.

Thank you very much to our fabulous catering team and lunchbreak supervisors for preparing and serving food and making sure that the Christmas lunch was a special experience for all children. We have 20% additional meals on this day, so we all pull together (with Teachers and TAs too) to help it run smoothly. Thank you to the Friends of AHS for purchasing crackers for the event.

The winter disco was as popular as ever. We hope the children burned off some of their Christmas energy! There certainly are some superb moves going on!

As usual, our coffee morning was well attended today and we know that families love to join us to hear the children sing songs from their Christmas shows. Thank you to the Friends of AHS for organising this event and providing refreshments. The raffle prizes were really impressive, so thank you for the donations.

12ft (approx.) Christmas trees. We still have 1 good quality, very large Christmas tree (in the school hall). This is available to go to a good home for FREE. Please call the school office as soon as possible to arrange collection.

From all of us at Alexander Hosea, we wish you a peaceful and joyous Christmas.

Some key dates for your diary:

INSET days – Friday 20th December, Monday 6th January, Friday 3rd April and Friday 3rd July.

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

Staying safe on dark nights

We know that many of our Y5/6 children have permission to walk home alone after clubs, including in winter months. One of our parents had some good strategies that they have shared with their child that we thought other families might find helpful.

- Wear a high visibility jacket.
- Carry a torch.
- Show/talk about safe places to cross roads in the dark.
- What to do if there is no one home when they get there.
- Neighbours (or other trusted adults who live nearby), who could help them.
- If in doubt, come back to school (there is usually at least one staff member here until the caretaker locks up at 5:30pm)

Thank you so much
for the Christmas
cards and gifts.
Your kindness is
appreciated.

Merry Christmas!

Friends of AHS

Thank you for all your support this term. It has been an amazing few weeks and it would not have happened without your support and all the volunteers.

We are pleased to announce that...

The Christmas Cards project made £395.34

The Puddings for Christmas raised £160.30

The Christmas Secret Shop made £328.79

And our Christmas Fair raised a truly fantastic **£1,279.37 !!**

Also, during this term our charity was nominated for the Ecclesiastical Insurance's "12 Days of Giving", where every day for 12 days £1000 is donated to ten different charities. **We are extremely pleased to announce that we are one of the lucky charities to receive a £1000 grant donation!** Thank you to everyone who nominated us – it's a brilliant Christmas present for our school!

We still need to add the funds raised from the Winter Discos and the Christmas Coffee & Carols morning but, so far this term, we are over the moon to have raised...

£3,163.80

We cannot say thank you enough for all your support. Everything you have done to support us, big or small, has helped us to raise much needed funds for our school. This money will go towards the purchase of new IT equipment for the children and new fiction books for our school library.

Thank you all and we wish you a very merry Christmas!

PS. Quiz Night will be on 7th February, so save the date!

Happy Christmas from all the Friends of AHS

CLOSING DATE RECEPTION SEPT 2020

Children born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 are due to start school in September 2020.

The closing date for applications is **15 January 2020**. Please note applications received late may not get their preferred school even if they have a sibling already in attendance.

Applications should be made to the local authority where the child lives; regardless of the location of the school they are requesting. For more information or for South Gloucestershire residents to apply online parents can go to

www.southglos.gov.uk/admissions . If parents' need help with the application process please ask them to telephone the contact centre on 01454 868008.

Thank you very much for your assistance

Kind regards

The Admissions and Transport Team

PE lessons

Reminder - if the children have ear-rings, these need to be removed for PE sessions, or, if they are newly pierced and cannot be removed, they must be covered by tape. The tape needs to be provided by parents and should be kept in PE bags.

Extract from the school Uniform Policy: "JEWELLERY Watches and small, plain stud ear-rings are the only jewellery permitted.

Watches must be removed for PE lessons and ear-rings should not be worn to school on PE days. If your child is wearing stud ear-rings these need to be removed or taped for PE. Tape must be provided from home. The school accepts no responsibility for any jewellery and personal belongings lost at school."

<https://www.alexanderhoseprimary.co.uk/site/data/files/doc/policies/health,%20safety,%20welfare%20and%20premises/EAE7EE8BD48F937B7FA8BB6EB8F2B658.pdf>



We wish you and your loved ones a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year. Thank you for all your continuing support and the time and energy you give to the school.

A special thanks to the Friends of AHS team and everyone who has helped at Friends events so far this year. Also to our great team of Helpers in School.