

Alexander Hosea Primary School

'Roots to grow, wings to fly'

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

From the Headteacher...

We are so proud of all the children's positive attitude and the care they have shown towards each other. Despite the fortnight being packed full of experiences, the children have risen to every challenge and maintained their exemplary behaviour. I think they are all ready for a rest now (I hope you get one too!). In the past fortnight, we have...

- Enjoyed the Christmas Fair. What a fantastic event! It was lovely to see such a good turnout and the event had a heart-warmingly festive feel. It was a great way to kick off the Christmas season. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make the event happen for the children and their families.
- Danced the night away at the school disco. The children love this event. Thank you to the disco committee who always do an amazing job. At the next disco, we plan to start each disco 15 mins earlier to help out parents with children at WOOSC (this means KS2 disco would start at 6pm). Also the children will check in on their class list on the way in to the hall, so that we know which individuals we have as well as total numbers.
- The children across the school performed Christmas themed events at school and /or Holy Trinity Church. From choral singing to the tango – there was something for everyone. Well done boys and girls: you were all amazing!
- Hosted the Christmas coffee morning. Thank you to the Friends of AHS team, who organised everything. It was a true festive treat.
- The Catering team provided a delicious Christmas dinner this week, which was enjoyed by both children and staff.

We wish you all a healthy, happy Christmas with your loved ones. Merry Christmas from us all at Alexander Hosea. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 2nd January 2018.



Friends of Alexander Hosea

We would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Cheeseman, Mrs Lock (Chairs of the FoAHS) and all members of the committee and wider parent body, who have helped to host events during the autumn term.

THANK YOU!

Applying for a primary place for September 2018

The booklet about admissions into Primary School is now available on <http://www.southglos.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-education/school-admissions/apply-online-for-a-school-place/>

Deadline for applications 15th January 2018.

INSET day reminder

The school is closed to children on the following dates:

Monday 18th December

Monday 9th April

Friday 13th July.

We need you!

- Please do follow the health and safety advice to keep children off school for 48 hrs after the last bout of sickness.



CHRISTMAS SERVICE

All parents/children welcome

Wickwar Chapel in High Street
11.00am Sunday 17 December-refreshments available

School Places for September 2018
Children born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014 are due to start school in September 2018.

The closing date for applications is 15 January 2018. 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 telephone the contact centre on 01454 868008.



Christmas Jumper Donations

Thank you to Jess in Year 4 for being thoughtful in suggesting a collection of Christmas jumpers for other children who might appreciate them. We were impressed by your kindness and other children have appreciated it too.

You are likely to know someone inflicting **domestic violence or abuse**

1 in 3 women and 1 in 6 men will be the victim of domestic abuse in their lifetime

**controlling
abusing
stalking
frightening
bullying
belittling
humiliating**

Help someone this Christmas by speaking out

Call **NEXTLINK** in confidence on 0800 4700 280
If you are concerned someone is in danger call the police on 999

www.southglos.gov.uk/domesticabuse



Vacancy for Lunchbreak Supervisor

Are you interested in joining our **lunchtime break supervisors'** team?

We are currently looking for bank staff to work occasional hours to cover sickness. The shifts are 11:45am to 1pm.

If interested, please contact Allie Hall (School Business Manager) for an application form allison.hall@sgmail.org.uk or (01454) 294239.

Lock down procedure

At some point in the next term we will be practicing a lock down procedure. It is recommended by the local authority that it is good practice to have a plan of how to bring children into the building in case of an emergency in the close vicinity of the school.

This will be communicated to the children by the class teacher in a sensitive way, so that it does not cause unnecessary worry for the children.

Due to the nature of the procedure the details will not be shared with parents, but please be assured that the Governors and staff have followed advice about best practice.

The first shield is almost ready! Thank you Mrs Hathaway – it looks gorgeous!



Pick up arrangements at the end of school (Reception and Y1)

We have found that Topaz is becoming very crowded at the end of each day, with Topaz children, their siblings and other children coming for tea. This is affecting the smooth end of the day for our youngest children. With this in mind, we will be trialling a new pick up arrangement for Term 3 for Topaz and Emerald children, so that they (and all the children in the school) come out into the main playground at the end of the school day. Topaz will come through the Blue Room and Emerald through the Infant door with Jet Class. The current arrangements will stay as they are for mornings.

Please can all parents (especially parents of children in Reception, Years 1 and 2) stand in the vicinity of the exit doors to make handover more efficient. Thank you for your co-operation. To help avoid congestion on the gate, the Year 5 and 6 children will exit through their cloakroom instead of classroom doors.

After school mini tennis club WEDNESDAYS at Alexander Hosea school.

Our last session for 2017 was last week 22nd November & due to Christmas school festivities & holidays plus my own holiday adventure to Australia we won't be able to restart until **WEDNESDAY JANUARY 31ST!!**

Sorry its ages off but I do hope you can all come again on:-

Dates: 31/1 7/2 (half term 14th) 21/2 28/2 7/3 14/3 & 21/3
7 week club £22.40.

TO RESERVE a place please let me know by text or email elaineweightman@btinternet.com

Please don't pay until 2018 as there is so much to spend money on with Christmas 🎅 coming 🎄

Have a lovely Christmas & see you in 2018.

Elaine 🎁🎁



Merry Christmas Everyone!

Fundraise for

Lifeskills
LEARNING FOR LIVING

by running the

BATHALF 2018

on Sunday 4th March 2018



Entry fee = £30
Sponsorship target = £300

Please contact the Lifeskills office
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