

# Alexander Hosea Primary School

## 'Roots to grow, wings to fly'

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### Newsletter 15, 24<sup>th</sup> June 2021

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

From Mrs Williams.

We have had a lovely fortnight at Alexander Hosea. Mrs Windmill has started communication with the pre-schools that our new Reception children will be coming from and we are looking forward to seeing the children on 7<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> July for their stay and play session. We have a full cohort again this year, but have continued to be able to accommodate all on-time applications from families living in the village at the January deadline.

We have an INSET day tomorrow, where the teachers will be passing on their transition information to the next teacher and finding out about their new classes. Whilst it is always sad to say goodbye to a class, there is excitement in the air for getting to know the new children. Teachers are also planning for their next project.



### Reports

The teachers are busily working behind the scenes to write school reports for your children. We have kept the same format as previous years, but changed all the achievement gradings to 'working towards', 'working at' and 'working above', which relate to where the children are based on the expectations for the year group.

The attendance figures on reports are recorded as of Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June.

### Music Lessons

After a quiet year for extra-curricular music lessons, we are very pleased to let parents know that we are trying to arrange whole class vocal or instrumental lessons for all classes.

We have put an application in for this and will let you know when this will go ahead.

### Peripatetic Music Tuition

Also Red Music (was called Funky Punk) will be offering music tuition for small groups (3-4 KS2 children in the same bubble) in keyboards and guitar. See flyer on next page.

[www.redmusic.uk](http://www.redmusic.uk)

### Cotswold Orchestra

We started to have some interest in getting involved with the Cotswold Orchestra. If you have not yet put your KS2 child's name down and you would like them to get involved, please email Mrs Williams (see email sent previously). This is open to current Year 2-5 and will start in the autumn term, culminating in a Christmas Performance (all being well with covid restrictions).

### Our Value of the Term is: Enquiry

This term we talk about being curious about the world around us and asking questions to understand more. Our projects contain enquiry questions and these are shared with the children as the projects progress.

Alongside this we do talk about changes (including Sex Ed) and moving on.

### Small World items

Two of our experienced SEN Teaching Assistants (Mrs Joyner and Mrs Sutherland) are training as ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistants). Mrs Sutherland is looking for donations of good quality small world (animals, figures, Disney characters) to use for sand tray therapy. Please drop in box in lobby.



## Friends of AHS

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

THANK YOU for your support with our recent fundraising events. We are looking for new committee members and people to help us run our events, so if you would like to get involved please get in touch via [FriendsOfAHS@hotmail.com](mailto:FriendsOfAHS@hotmail.com).

**Big PTA Summer Raffle:** There's still time to help us raise funds for the school playground refurbishment project by supporting the Big PTA Summer Raffle. Each £3 ticket enters you into 12 prize draws to win up to £5,000, with two draws taking place each day between the 12th July and the 17th July 2021! Tickets are available to buy NOW from [bigPTAraffle.co.uk](http://bigPTAraffle.co.uk) – just click 'Buy your tickets' and search for 'Friends of Alexander Hosea Primary School' to get started!

**Rags2Riches:** Thank you for donating your unwanted clothes! The collection raised £85.68 today. Every bagful donated helps raise funds for our school. Our collection dates in the next academic year will be 4 October 2021, 14 March 2022 and 15 June 2022.

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### RHSE update

Many thanks to those of you who came online to share information and thoughts about the Jigsaw approach to relationships and sex education. The sense of community between staff and parents and our drive to get things just right for our children was commented on by Nikki Giles who joined us from South Glos. Health Improvement Team. The policy has now been drafted with the addition of things mentioned at this meeting and will be available on the website shortly.

At the beginning of term 6 information will come from your class teacher about the content of the changes unit for your child in their class. This is also available on the PHSE page on the website which also contains many other useful links.

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

If you have any further questions your child's class teacher will be able to help or I am more than happy to help.

Sally Windmill – Assistant Headteacher

**SUMMER 2021 at WOOSC**  
Ages 4+ welcome  
Full & Half Days Available!  
Open Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday of the first 4 weeks \*  
\* commencing 22nd July 2021 - 8am to 6pm  
All Tues. & Thurs. sessions guaranteed  
All Weds. subject to minimum of 8 children booked each session  
SIGN UP CLOSES FRIDAY 2nd JULY 2021  
Contact us on 07815 561783 or woosc@hotmail.co.uk for more information or alternatively sign up at club!

### Staffing

We have a number of temporary contracts coming to an end in August, so we will be saying a fond farewell to Mrs Clough, Mrs Rees and Mrs Townley.

Mrs Mason and Mrs Ozer will also be finishing their Teaching Assistant roles, but will be staying on in the Lunchtime Support Roles.

Our caretaker, Mr Gilbert, will also be leaving us as he will be retiring in August (see below).

We are very grateful to all of these staff for their commitment to the school and hard work especially during a critical period of the pandemic. Thank you.

## PE reminder

On PE days, the children will continue to come in wearing their full PE kit. This is still a version of the school uniform and normal high standards apply. The children are allowed to wear any colour trainers, as we know that many children will only own one pair.

On every school day (PE or not), long hair must be tied up. Children are allowed to wear one small stud earring in each ear, although these should be removed (or removable by the child) or covered with micro pore tape for PE lessons (tape should be brought in from home). Thank you.

## Leadership Roles

We are having a shuffle around of subject leadership in September and thought it might be helpful for parents to know which teacher has responsibility for each area of the curriculum.

Mrs Windmill (Assistant Headteacher) will remain in overall charge of curriculum matters and Infants (inc EYFS).

Mrs Moncrieff (Deputy Headteacher) will lead on quality of teaching and learning, Pupil Council and KS2

Mrs Williams (Headteacher) will lead on Assessment, Parent Council, Attendance and Safeguarding.

Miss Edgar (SENCO) remains responsible for special educational needs & disabilities and Pupil Premium.

Mrs Hall (School Business Manager) remains responsible for financial matters and health & safety.

English – Miss Clark

Maths – Miss Edgar

Science – Mrs Brooks

Art & DT – Mrs Cleverley

PE – Mrs Rehman

French (KS2) – Mrs Wigginton

RE and PHSE – Mrs Grainger

Music – Mrs Williams

Computing – Mrs Williams

History – Mrs Moncrieff

Geography – Mrs Windmill

## Governors

The Governors have a Full Governing Board and three committees: Staffing and Welfare; Teaching and Learning and Premises and Finance.

## Vacancy

Our Caretaker, Mr Gilbert, has decided to retire in the summer, so we are advertising for a new Caretaker to work 3-6pm every weekday. For more information, please contact [Allison.Hall@sgmail.org.uk](mailto:Allison.Hall@sgmail.org.uk).



(the new name for FunkyPunk Music)

**“Does your child want to learn to play  
a musical instrument at Alexander Hosea\*?”**

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**[www.redmusic.uk/apply](http://www.redmusic.uk/apply)**

*Lessons available in our school:*

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