

# Alexander Hosea Primary School

## 'Roots to grow, wings to fly'

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### Newsletter 5, 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021

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

Dear Parents/Carers

We have enjoyed a busy and fun-filled fortnight. The music lessons are continuing with Jet, Crystal and Amethyst; Mrs Frampton has started her KS1 recorder club and the choir have been enjoying their singing experiences in preparation for the Young Voices concert in Birmingham in spring.

Mrs Grainger has organised the provision for annual anti-bullying week (next week) and the children are invited to wear odd socks on 19<sup>th</sup> November for Children in Need. Mr Leighton and Mr Winter-Alsop are setting up a new robotics club for Y5/6 children, which will culminate in a regional tournament in January. The local PCSO Summer Jones and PC Ken Hill visited to speak to our Y2 children about the role of the police.

Rev Avent visited recently for CRY charity ( <https://www.cry.org.uk/> ) and Rev Russell led an assembly on Remembrance. We have a collection box for used stamps in the lobby if you would like to donate.

Directors of Public Health have advised that schools **continue** to implement the additional recommended measures in the regional response **until the end of November**, when this will be reviewed. This means that assemblies will remain online and additional midday cleaning will continue. We do not yet know what the December advice might be.

#### Flu Immunisations - postponed

The nasal immunisation that were due to take place in school on 17 November have been postponed due to the covid vaccination programme roll out for 12-15 year olds. These will be rescheduled.

#### Library Volunteers

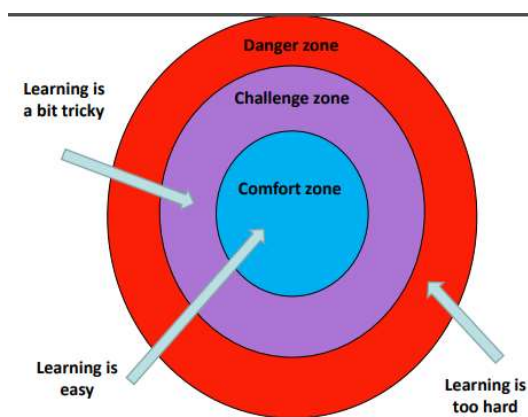
We now have a team of Parent Helpers in the library so that the children can start to use as a lending service again. Thank you.

#### Anti-bullying Week

We will be taking part in the annual national anti-bullying week (w/c 15<sup>th</sup> November). On the Friday of this week, children are invited to wear odd socks for Children in Need day in exchange for a donation (via Sims pay) of £1.

Our Value of the Term is: **Self-belief**

This term we talk about believing in ourselves and how we see ourselves as learners. We talk about being purple learners and comfort, challenge and danger zones.



#### Standing on the edge

We talk to children about 'standing on the edge'. This is when children are in the comfort (blue) zone, but we want them to believe in themselves, be brave and push themselves further to be in the challenge (purple) zone.

#### Challenge (purple) zone

We talk about being in the challenge zone as the optimum place to be - where learning is neither too easy nor too hard, but it is a good stretch for the brain. This is where there is appropriate challenge to help the learner to continually improve.

#### Learning pit

We talk about the 'learning pit' as the danger (red) zone. We support the children to learn to believe in themselves and use strategies to manage their feelings about being 'stuck' and get back into the challenge (purple) zone.

We also celebrate dips into the danger zone as the child could be on the cusp of learning something new.



## Friends of AHS

A BIG THANK YOU to the parents who have recently joined our committee! We are looking forward to a busy Christmas term. If you would like to get involved please email: [FriendsOfAHS@hotmail.com](mailto:FriendsOfAHS@hotmail.com).

**Christmas cards:** Hopefully you have received your children's amazing designs by now. You have until **Friday 19 November** to place your order for cards, gift labels and more, which you can do [here](#).

**Non-uniform day:** on **Friday 26 November** we will be holding a non-uniform day – please bring a donation of chocolate (but no nuts or alcohol) on the day for our Christmas Tombola.

**Christmas Fair:** Is on **Friday 3 December from 4-7pm**. Come and visit Santa in his grotto!

**Big PTA Raffle:** Buy your tickets for the raffle before **13 December** – the school gets 50% of all the money raised and you could win prizes of up to £5,000, with 12 chances to win per ticket! Go to <https://www.bigptaraffle.co.uk> and search for 'Alexander Hosea Primary School' to get started.

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

### Parent Helpers

We are open to expressions of interest for Parent Helpers and really look forward to welcoming our valuable volunteers back into school. All Helpers in School need to

- Have a current DBS safeguarding check.
- Read and sign the statement of expectations.
- Read the Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy; Acceptable Use of IT and Confidentiality policies.
- Confirm that they have read the Volunteers in School handbook.

If you are interested in helping in school on a regular basis, please contact the school office to register your interest.

### Parking

Our local PCSOs visited the school on 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov. One of their observations about parking was that some cars are being parked in the drop off zone which is blocking access for other parents and causing a potential risk to pedestrians crossing the mouth of the staff car park.

Please only use the drop off area (along the school entrance fence) to stop for a minute to let out children, then drive away. When used properly, there should be a frequent flow of cars leaving and arriving. The PCSOs will come back another day to look at this again.



● **Have fun and raise funds for our school!** ●

A Free Event For The Entire Family To Enjoy!

**Meet Father Christmas!**

**Enjoy our BBQ, bar and hot drinks!**

**Visit our craft and class gift shops!**

**Win prizes on our game stalls!**

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### Parent Council

Our Parent Council provides a valuable communication link between home and school and your class representative will gather views of what is going well and any queries or suggestions on a termly basis.

Our next meeting for class reps is on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 2:30pm (in person at the school). If you have a new or change of rep, please let Mrs Williams know.

Topaz – Mrs Goodland

Jet – Mrs Narborough

Crystal – Ms Lloyd (Lily)

Emerald/Ruby – Mrs Bendon & Mrs Lee/Mrs Hall

Diamond – Ms Dalziel (Evelyn)

Pearl – Mrs Leighton

Amethyst - TBC

### Visits for prospective Reception children 2022

We are starting to show around prospective parents for Reception in September 2022. If you or someone you know would like to book a visit, we are arranging these once a week in groups of 3 families.

Please contact the school office 01454 294239 to book in a visit. Mrs Williams is happy to show around existing and new parents with children due to start in 2022. This may be helpful in particular for families who joined the school after Reception. We are very proud of our school and our fantastic children and look forward to showing prospective parents what is on offer at Alexander Hosea.

### Primary schools admissions

If your child was born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018, you must apply for them to start primary school in September 2022. This is a very important decision and it is important that you read the [South Gloucestershire Primary school admission guide](#) before you apply. Applications for primary school admission must be submitted no later than **15 January 2022**.

### Christmas Events

We are in the process of organising our Christmas events, as the festive season will be upon us before we know it! There are lots of things planned for the children (and their parents) to enjoy.

The Friends' Christmas Fair, with a special visit from Father Christmas, is planned for Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021. They are working hard behind the scenes to make this a great success. If you would like to get involved, please contact the Friends via [FriendsofAHS@hotmail.com](mailto:FriendsofAHS@hotmail.com). There is a non-uniform day on 26<sup>th</sup> Nov (in exchange for a chocolate donation for the chocolate tombola).

We have provisionally booked two dates for Y5/6 service at Holy Trinity Church for Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Dec at 6pm and Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Dec at 2pm (restrictions permitting). Tickets will be limited for each performance.

Reception will be doing a short (probably outdoor) performance for parents (Mrs Windmill will let parents know about this closer to the time).

We would like to invite parents of children in Years 1-6 to a singing performance on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec at 9:10am. This will take place in the main playground and we are hoping that the Friends may be able to put on some hot drinks and cakes for parents. Please bring your own chair and dress warmly. In the event of rain, we will reschedule to the final week of term.

The children can wear their Christmas jumpers to school on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December and on the last day of term Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December for £1 (for both days together) payable in cash. Monies will go towards the school fund. If you have a spare adult or child's Christmas jumper that you would like to donate to help another family, please add to the uniform rail in the front lobby.

Class Christmas parties will be happening in the last week of term (Teachers will let parents know their dates for these) and hopefully the Friends' Christmas disco on Tues 14<sup>th</sup> after school.

### Christmas tree donation

Each year we have two large good quality Christmas trees to put in the school hall and near the library. At the end of term (16<sup>th</sup> December), they are available for a charity/individual to collect. There is no cost to this, as we would rather see them going to a new home than thrown away even before Christmas has happened.

Please contact [Lisa.Barnes@sgmail.org.uk](mailto:Lisa.Barnes@sgmail.org.uk) if you know of someone who could offer a tree a home for the festive period.



## Christmas dinner for children

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December



## Platinum Jubilee Commemorative Medals

Members of the school community can order Platinum Jubilee (to mark the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II's jubilee) commemorative medals at a cost of £2.99 each (see email).



Obverse



Reverse

Please return your order and pay monies due by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November.

The actual anniversary will be 6<sup>th</sup> February 2022, but we will join with the national celebrations in June. We are planning to organise a red, white and blue dressing up day and have a party for the children. Dates and arrangements to follow closer to the time.

<https://www.royal.uk/platinum-jubilee-central-weekend>

## Cups and Awards



### Supersonic Citizenship Award

Each term the teachers choose a 'supersonic' citizen from each class. The children can earn this by consistently demonstrating excellent attitude to learning and behaviour. From these nominations, staff choose a child from the infants and child from the juniors to win the Citizenship Cup (silver trophy), which they can take home and keep for a term. The awards are highly regarded and children strive to achieve them.



### Haydon Music Award

The Haydon Music Award is also awarded 6 times a year. Teachers nominate children who they think show passion and commitment to music. The glass trophy is awarded to one child a term.



### Creativity Award

The creativity award is a metal statue of a painter at work on a canvas. This termly award is given to one child a term for demonstrating exceptional creativity in their learning across the curriculum (eg art, writing, creative thinking/problem-solving).



### Sporting Award

In October, we added a new award to our portfolio: the sports award. This has gone home with a Y3 child this term and will return for our December Cup Ceremony. The award is for exceptional contribution to sports and PE in school.





# Parentkind



**Bring a little sparkle  
and festive cheer this year!**

**WIN  
UP TO £5,000**

**£3 ticket enters you in all 12 draws**

- ★ Help raise funds for our playground refurbishment
- ★ Tickets cost just £3
- ★ 12 chances to win up to £5,000
- ★ PLUS! A special prize draw worth £2,500 for all PTAs selling 120 tickets or more!



To buy tickets, visit: **bigptaraffle.co.uk**  
and search for: Alexander Hosea Primary School

**Don't delay – buy your tickets today!**

It is illegal for anyone under 16 years of age to purchase or sell raffle tickets. Anyone under 16 years of age who buys a ticket for the Big PTA Christmas Raffle will immediately forfeit the right to any prize. Closing date 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 2021. A raffle is a form of gambling. If you, or someone you know, needs information and/or help with a problem gambling, please call GamCare on 0845 6000 133 or visit [www.gamcare.org.uk](http://www.gamcare.org.uk)

The Friends of Alexander Hosea present...

## CHOCOLATE NON-UNIFORM DAY

Leave your uniform at home and wear your favourite outfit instead!

Just bring along a yummy donation for our Chocolate Tombola to take part!

**Friday  
26<sup>th</sup>  
NOV**

Milk, dark or white choc?  
It's up to you – but nothing with  
nuts or alcohol in it please!

Registered Charity no: 1025562

### Toast service

We are really pleased to inform parents that the catering team will be restarting the toast service on 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

Toast will be brought on trays to the classroom for breaktime to minimise queueing time in the hall.

A slice of toast costs 10p payable in cash (exact change please).



WOOSC is governed by a group of volunteers, without whom we cannot run. **To keep WOOSC open and running, we are seeking to replace two of our core roles on the committee; Chair, and Treasurer.**

The role of the **Chair** is to provide support primarily to the Day Manager, the Business Manager, and Bookkeeper to enable them to undertake the day to day running of WOOSC.

Responsibilities include:

- Budget and spending approval
- Ofsted main contact point
- Supporting liaison with school, community centre, and other 3<sup>rd</sup> parties to ensure smooth running of WOOSC
- Approval of procedures and policies
- Support staff management including pay and performance reviews

The role of the **Treasurer** is to provide support primarily to the Bookkeeper to ensure club finances are being appropriately managed.

Responsibilities include:

- Quarterly account review with Bookkeeper
- Annual finance report for AGM
- Signatory and access to WOOSC accounts
- Ad hoc review and audit of expenditure

If you would be interested in undertaking either of these roles, or would like more information, please contact [woosc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:woosc@hotmail.co.uk)

**For the Chair role, WOOSC would consider a role share between a Chair and Co-Chair.**

If the roles are unable to be filled, WOOSC would unfortunately no longer be able to operate as these roles are core to the constitution, running, and governance of the club.

# Sirona School Health Nurse Webinars - December 2021



**Keeping Your Child  
Happy and Healthy**  
Thursday 2 December  
10—11am



**Your Child's Dental  
Health**  
Friday 3 December  
10-11am



**Healthy Eating**  
Monday 6 December  
10—11am



**Continence in Children  
and Young People**  
Tuesday 7 December  
1—2pm



**Understanding Your  
Child's Wellbeing**  
Wed 8 December  
9:30—10:30am



**Eating Disorder  
Awareness**  
Thursday 9 December  
10—11am



**Helping Your Child  
With Sleep**  
Friday 10 December  
10—11am

**Use the QR  
Code to see  
live event links**



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## Kitchen Unit Manager Vacancy

Integra Catering are looking for a Kitchen Unit Manager based at Alexander Hosea Primary School  
Salary From: £9.99 to £10.19 per hr  
Hours per week: 25  
Working hours: 08:30 to 14:00  
Vacancy type: Permanent/Term Time only

### What will you be doing?

As Kitchen Unit Manager you will be managing other members of the team, giving guidance and mentoring in line with food hygiene standards and nutrition. You will be required to follow menus in line with regulations and nutritional guidelines as well as cooking food at lunch ensuring the children have a healthy meal to support their learning. You will also be responsible for ordering stock and produce as well as completing the required kitchen documentation.

If you are interested or would like to discuss further please call Rosemarie Matthews 07712238228 or email me at [Rosemarie.Matthews@Southglos.gov.uk](mailto:Rosemarie.Matthews@Southglos.gov.uk)

## Scholastic Book Club

To order books at great prices with free delivery to school, go to <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/the-alexander-hosea/digital-book-club>

For every £1 you spend, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards to purchase more books. All orders will be wrapped in plain paper so any gifts will be hidden! Please order online by **15th November**.

