Alexander Hosea Primary School Parent Council Meeting

Date: 18th November 2026

Class	Teacher	Parent representative
R – Topaz	Mrs Grainger	
Y1 - Ruby	Miss Clark	
Y2 – Jet	Mrs Dimery and Mrs Cleverley	Mrs Pittson (Rosie)
Y3 – Crystal	Miss Hurford	Mrs Turner (Molly)
Y4 – Diamond	Miss Edgar	Ms Southwick (Hattie & Ollie)
Y5 - Pearl	Mrs Brooks	Ms Spreadbury (Hugo)
Y6 - Amethyst	Miss Williams	Mrs Smith (Rocco)
School Representative	Mrs Williams	



Agenda

	Notes (PC = Parent Council rep)
Attendees	Present: Mrs Williams, Mrs Smith, Mrs Pittson, Mrs Turner, Mr Feaster Apologies: Ms Spreadbury, Ms Southwick,
Meeting	**Feedback received from Classes: Crystal, Jet and Pearl** **Conversion to Leaf Trust – 'Unique schools, growing together'** - Conversion to Leaf Trust has gone smoothly. - CEO and education director visited at the start of term to lead a welcome assembly for the children. - School are gradually moving to Leaf shared policies. New policies will be added to our website as they are completed. - Parent asked whether any staff would need to move to other Leaf schools. Mrs Williams clarified that all staff in school are in Alexander Hosea contracts, not Leaf Trust contracts. Over time, they would have the opportunity (if they were interested) to seek other/promoted posts within the trust, as they arise in the future. As the school has a lot of experienced staff, the school can offer mentoring and support for colleagues from other schools in the family (eg student teacher, mentoring for new Headteachers etc). The school will 'give and take' with other schools in the trust to benefit development of colleagues in the trust. **School Based Nursery** - Nursery is going well and the children are settled and happy in the provision - Achieved 5-star food hygiene rating. - We are now taking applications for Jan and Sept 2026. - There is no automatic transfer form Little Gems to Alexander Hosea (different admissions processes).

Flood update

- South Glos is managing the works to hall and community centre.
- Works to kitchen continuing – due to be completed by the end of term. Some delays caused by some equipment, that has been returned from 6 months of storage, is no longer working.
- The rest of the works have been completed now and Woosc are fully operational and lettings in evenings and weekends have restarted.
- Catering unit will remain in car park until the school kitchen is refitted and fully operational.
- The hope is that Christmas dinner for the children would be served from the school kitchen (although no guarantee it will be ready by then).

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Spreading costs of trips

- Question was raised about whether costs for trips could be spread over longer periods.
- Costs for residential trips are spread into monthly payments.
- Payments for trips need to be within the academic year that the trip happens.
- Mrs Williams has considered this and proposed that an annual overview of trips and their estimated costs (these may vary slightly year to year) could be shared with parents, so that they can plan ahead for these costs.

Action

- Admin team to draft a trips calendar (with estimated costs) and share with parents in newsletter.

School photos

- Majority of parents are happy with the photos and there was positive feedback about the latest company. However, a parent said that some parents were disappointed with composition and price.
- School have changed providers 3 times in past 4 years due to similar feedback. Whilst photography companies have a slightly different approach, there may still be some parents who choose not to buy them. It is up to parents to choose whether they would like to purchase them or not and some parents prefer to take their own photos for their memories instead. Discussed that there are various school photo providers.
- The school is not planning to change provider at this point.

Behaviour approaches

- Question about whether classes might be kept in at break. Afternoon break time is optional for ks2. Classes go out if the teacher feels that they might need a run around between lessons, but not if they are in the middle of learning. Afternoon breaktimes are at the teachers' discretion in ks2. Children in infants have afternoon break every day.
- Classes are not kept in all break time as punishment, but they are expected to all be ready to go out (eg books in marking tray, desks left tidy) before the class can be dismissed to break.
- A parent in a class said that differences have been noted between Teacher/TA in a class.

Actions

- Mrs Williams to complete updated behaviour policy for all staff to follow and provide any guidance/support needed to aid consistency of approaches.

Spellings

- A parent said that their child doesn't always bring their spellings home to learn. Question about whether spellings could be sent to parents.
- Discussed that it is not an expectation that classes send home weekly spellings, although spellings may come home from time to time. Spellings are taught in a discrete lesson a week in ks2, then the focus spellings are woven through the week.
- Parent council said that it would be helpful to have more information about expectations.

Actions
Mrs Williams will ask English Leader to prepare information about approaches to spelling and share with parents.

School communications

- A parent asked for the school to consider the number of communications that are being sent to parents via Arbor/other means. Some information (eg non-urgent information in emails) could be included in School Newsletter instead.
- Could most communications be included in school newsletter and then Arbor app used for anything time sensitive. Question about whether messages on Arbor can include attachments.
- Parents said that having dates in school newsletter is helpful and parents appreciated having the Christmas dates well in advance.
- A parent said that fortnightly class newsletters seem to have changed in content since weekly class newsletters. Asked that newsletters project for the forthcoming fortnight, rather than week ahead.
- A parent noted that there are different platforms that need to be signed into (eg Children in Need donation; Friends comms about Christmas Fair and signing up for Young Voices). Noted that some individual, less frequently used platforms are necessary - see example explanation below.
- Children in Need donations now go direct to the charity. This worked very well this year and the school raised £1961.10. Direct payment means that they can also gain the gift aid, that they would not get via a single donation from the school.
- Friends of AHS have their own PTA Events platform, which they have been using for many years. This is the way they operate.
- Young Voices choir system has been in place for a number of years. Young Voices require information directly.
- Paying directly to organisers/charities (eg above) means that the right money/permissions etc goes to the right place at the right time. Most companies operate cashless only policies.

Action
Mr Feaster to review the communications and decide if there are any changes that can be made to streamline further.
Mr Feaster to look at the class newsletters and feedback to teachers, as needed

Christmas cards

- A parent asked what the sales of Christmas cards were like this year. As this is organised separately by Friends of AHS, the school does not have information about sales.

	School traffic and parking - A parent noted that traffic is busy on Honeybourne Way and parked cars can make it difficult to navigate. Parent noted that sometimes the morning gate is opened later than 8:50am, which can add to morning congestion. Mrs Williams and Mrs Joyner do their best to be on time. - Honeybourne Way will be busy at drop off and pick up. Noted that it would be helpful if parents/carers could park further out, or not drive if the school is a short walk from home. Fewer cars on Honeybourne Way would help to ease congestion. - The school is not able to police the public highway, but has shared the concern with community police to see if they can assist. - Reminders about parking have been shared in the school newsletter. - There will be more parking available when the catering unit is removed from the car park as more staff and blue badge holders will be able to use the staff care park again. Action Mrs Price will follow up with the community police to see if they might help. Mrs Williams to add an item to the next newsletter about safe parking and parking further out, where you can. Mrs Williams to consider back up plans to open the gate on time, if she is unavailable at 8:50am at short notice. **Meeting dates for 2026-27** (2:30-3:20pm) Term 1 Tues 29th September 26 Term 2 Weds 18th November 26 Term 3 Tues 9th February 27 Term 4 No meeting – short term Term 5 Tues 20th April 2027 Term 6 Tues 6th July 27
Anything to carry forward to next meeting or take to Student Council?	
Discussion points for future meetings	**What would parents like to discuss in future meetings?** • Parent Council Reps to gather ideas a week before the next meeting and let Mrs Williams know.