

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.

We have enjoyed a happy and productive fortnight at school with the children demonstrating our ASPIRE values in learning and play. We have been focussing on our value of the term: Respect. A dance instructor who visited our infants this week gave very positive feedback about the respectful and excellent behaviour of the children, which makes us proud. Our children are very well behaved and enjoy taking responsibility and looking after each other.

This term has flown by and with only one week left, the teachers are deciding who to nominate for the Citizenship Cups; Haydon Music Award and Creativity Award. To be nominated for the Citizenship Cup the children need to demonstrate that they are kind and considerate towards others; follow the school rules (Be safe, Be Kind, Be respectful) and give their very best effort in their learning. We look forward to celebrating the children's successes with them in assembly next week.

There are many ways that we positively reinforce the school expectations, including: focussed and specific use of praise; house points (children add to chart in classroom); acknowledgement pegs on ladders (Good to be Green, Soaring and Soaring High); 'I've been spotted' boards in classrooms (adults around school spot children making good choices and tell them); Teacher Awards (these are awarded in weekly Celebration Assembly on Fridays); Headteacher Awards; Citizenship Cup (1 nomination from each class per term - see above). The children value these rewards and strive to achieve them, which helps support the 'want'.

What is changing in covid restrictions/procedures at school?

Following advice from South Glos, most of our risk assessment arrangements will remain in place for the time being. We will continue to keep abreast of the guidance and update you as we progress in the coming term(s).

There are a few changes that we will be making in this phase:

- Children will be allowed to bring a small bag on days when they have a lot to carry. There is little space at pegs, so only bring when necessary.
- Morning and afternoon breaktimes (outside) will move from 4 sessions to 2, so that children in Infants and Juniors have their own breaktimes and children can start to see a wider group of children outside.
- Parents/carers are no longer asked to wear face coverings at drop off/pick up (although you may continue to wear them if you would like to). 2m social distancing must be maintained at these times.

To stay: parents, staff and child love arriving in PE kits, so this is staying long term.

Wickwar Seasonal Cookbook Friends of AHS

Call for Recipes

Our favourite recipes are often the ones we get from family and friends, the ones that remind us of special people and places. The Friends of Alexander Hosea are planning to put together a community cookbook, with recipes arranged by season. We need YOU to help by sharing your favourite family recipe with us!

Call for Images

We will need illustrations for the cookbook, so we would like to invite you to send us artwork on local and seasonal themes.

Please see email from 29th April for more information.

Our Value of the Term is: **Respect**

This term we talk about the importance of being respectful of each other and tolerant of differing world views (linking to British Values). We are fortunate to have kind and considerate children, who enjoy taking responsibility and making a positive impact on others through their thoughts, words and actions. We shine a light on this through this value.



Friends of AHS

THANK YOU for your support with our recent fundraising events. We are hoping that in the autumn we will be able to run a more normal programme, so you have any ideas for events please do email us on FriendsOfAHS@hotmail.com.

Spring Rags2Riches collection: You donated an amazing 500kg of clothes which helped us raise £200! The next collection date is 24th June so there's still time to declutter if you missed the April date.

Wickwar Cookbook: We need you to send us recipes and pictures to help create our fundraising cookbook. If you would like to contribute, all the details are on the school website [here](#).

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

Roadmap out of lockdown –

What can we look forward to next?

The government have set out their roadmap out of lockdown so that we can have dates in mind for a gradual return to normal. Some of these dates were provisional and depend on infection rates, but there is every reason to be hopeful with the vaccine roll out and falling infection rates.

Here is a summary of the easing of restrictions, which might be helpful. The main document link is below, if you would like to read more.

There is a lot to look forward to in the coming months, as we start to be able to see friends and family again (hopefully with no limits by mid-June).

Step 3 17th May

- Will be able to see more friends and family (i) up to 30 people outside; (ii) rule of 6 or 2 households inside.
- Indoor entertainment opens – hotels, indoor exercise classes, cinemas, children's play areas.
- Life events (weddings, wakes, christenings) up to 30 people.
- Review of social distancing, face coverings etc to inform step 4.

Step 4 21st June (at earliest)

- Removal of all legal limits on social contact.
- Remaining premises reopen.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-response-spring-2021/covid-19-response-spring-2021-summary>



Relationships, Sex and Health Education

Mrs Windmill is hosting a Teams meeting on 26th May at 7pm (see flier emailed previously). Parent information leaflet

https://www.alexanderhoseprimary.co.uk/_site/data/files/doc/C11AD899EAB799D9DD8A2550CC1EBDCC.pdf

If you would like to attend, please contact Sally.Windmill@sgmail.org.uk to book a place.

Parking: polite reminder

Thank you for parking considerately around our school. A side benefit of staggered school starts and ends is that traffic around the school is less congested, which has been appreciated by our families and the neighbours. When parking, please remember to:

- Keep your eyes open for pedestrians, scooting children and cyclists;
- Drive slowly – no more than 20 mph;
- Keep the 'drop off' bay clear of parked cars (this is for a quick drop off only and cars should not be left unattended);
- Avoid parking on pavements, school zigzag markings and across neighbour's driveways;
- Only use the staff car park if you have prior agreement from the school due to parent or child mobility issues.

Spare uniform

Do you have any spare, clean and as-new uniform (any sizes) that you would like to donate? Please put in the school lobby by **Friday 28th May**. Please remove/cross out your child's name from the label.

Items sized 3-4 or 5-6 years can be added to the clothes rail or box beside it.

There is a coin box in the lobby, so that parents, who would like to take any items, can make a voluntary donation.

With the impact of lockdowns, your uniform donations would be appreciated by other families. Thank you.

Rapid testing reminder

Everyone over the age of 16 without coronavirus symptoms is being encouraged to take a rapid test (lateral flow) twice a week. This includes parents, carers and anyone over 16 who lives with children or young people at nursery, school or college.

Children and young people at secondary school or college are already taking rapid tests through their school testing programme. Primary school aged children and younger should not take rapid tests.

There are a number of ways you can access free rapid tests including collecting home test kits from one of our test sites or libraries, you can order them to be delivered to your home or take a test at one of our rapid test sites. Full details are available on our website

www.southglos.gov.uk/testing

Rapid tests give results in 30 minutes and are vital in stopping the spread of coronavirus.

If you have symptoms, you must book a test on [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk) or call 119.

Alexander Hosea PE Kit- September 2020

Kit



- Blue School PE Hoodie (see picture above) or school sweatshirt
- Navy Blue or Black shorts (summer)
- Navy Blue or Black joggers or leggings (winter)
- A white T-shirt or coloured printed T-shirt to represent their house

Archers-Blue
Potters- Red
Weavers- Yellow
Brewers- Green

- Trainers (any colour)
- Navy Blue or Black lightweight waterproof jacket

Jewellery

- Watches must be removed for PE lessons.
 - If your child is wearing stud earrings these must be removed or taped for PE.
- TAPE MUST BE PROVIDED BY HOME.**

Please see above a reminder of the school uniform expectations for PE. All children are expected to wear full school PE uniform on their PE days. If you are in receipt of Free School Meals and you would like help in purchasing PE kit items (including trainers), please contact Allison.Hall@sgmail.org.uk (School Business Manager)

Symptom reminder

If your child has any of the following symptoms, they **MUST** stay at home and have a PCR test (these are booked through NHS website or calling 119).

Symptoms:

High temperature (≥ 37.5)
Persistent cough
Loss of taste/smell

All members of the household must self-isolate until a negative test result is returned. It is important that their siblings do not come to school until the all clear has been received, to minimise risk of spreading the virus to others.

Children of primary age or below should not be given a Lateral Flow Test, as these are for secondary students and adults only.