

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:

Author visits: James Bishop visited last week as the first of our series of authors and poets. See item below.

Teacher Strikes – as you may have seen on the news, as part of a dispute about teacher pay and school funding, the NEU (one of the biggest unions for teachers) has decided to strike again on 15th & 16th March. We will let you know as soon as possible if your child is affected by this.

Dates for your diary:

- 15th March – Joseph Elliott author visit – Y5 & 6
- 17th March – Comic Relief (children can dress up in red clothes for £1)
- 20th March – Cello (Y5) and JSax (Y6) performance to parents
- 21st March – Zohab Zee Khan poet visit – whole school
- 27th March – Ukulele (Y4) performance to parents
- 28th March and 29th March – Parents' evening
- 31st March – INSET day
- 10th May (2:30-3:20pm) – Online safety update for parents by Avon & Somerset Police

World Book Day 2nd March 2023



WBD Book Vouchers

The token redemption period is from 16 February – **26 March 2023**.

We celebrated World Book Day last week. The children and staff came dressed in costumes inspired by the theme of fairy tales.

During the day the children shared their passion for reading with each other.

Comic Relief

On Friday 17th March, the children are invited to wear red clothing for £1 for Comic Relief.

In the afternoon, we will be joining in with a national dance activity, hosted by Dame Darcey Bussell.

If they wish, they could try to remember a joke or two to share with their friends at breaktime.

Reading

We are proud of our excellent reading culture in school. All staff have a strong commitment to supporting all children to make rapid progress in reading as this has a significant impact to pupils' enjoyment of books and access to the wider curriculum. The pupils speak very enthusiastically about reading.

It makes a difference to children's development of reading when they read for pleasure regularly at home. As a school, we encourage all children to read at home 5 times a week. In school, we also really value the impact that parent helpers make to hearing children read. If you would like to join the team of parent helpers and hear readers in school, please contact Taralou.Price@gmail.org.uk to arrange a DBS check.



Friends of AHS

Did you know we have a Community Facebook page? To find out the latest updates on how you can support our fundraising events, join <https://www.facebook.com/groups/FriendsOfAHSCommunity>
You can also email us via FriendsOfAHS@hotmail.com.

Ruby class cake sale: Ruby class are holding a cake sale after school on **Friday 17 March** – please bring change (it's donations only – no set prices) and show them your support!

Easter Shop voucher sales NOW OPEN: The Friends are running our popular Easter Shop again this year. Buy a voucher for £3.50 and your child can choose a handmade sweet cone for themselves or a loved one at our shop on Thursday 30 March! **Voucher sales close on Sunday 19 March** so don't miss out – order now at www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofahs

Circus tickets ON SALE NOW! We are delighted to announce that Happy's Circus will be coming back to the village on **Monday 31 July** with animal-free circus fun for all the family! Buy your tickets now at www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofahs

Summer events: Please look out for more details of our **adult disco (Saturday 20 May)**, **sponsored bounce event (Tuesday 13 June)** and **Summer Fair (Saturday 17 June)** coming soon!

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

Author Visit – James Bishop

James Bishop (author of 'Iguana Boy') visited us on 27th February. Thank you to Mrs Andrews for putting us in touch and to the Friends for funding this.



He entertained the whole school in an assembly and then spent some with Years 2, 3 & 4, talking about how to create superheroes, villains and build the worlds they live in. He told them how he became an author and how he writes and edits his books, inspiring the children with their writing.

LEGO Robotics Competition

What a fantastic day the team had at Whirlpool! The children were all excellent ambassadors for the school and should feel very proud of themselves. Their demonstration of the core values (discovery, innovation, impact, inclusion, teamwork and fun) throughout the day was noticed by the judges and this is what they were awarded the trophy for. Thank you to Mrs Favager-Dalton, Mr Winter-Alsop and Mr Leighton for running the club. The children really enjoyed it.





While Mrs Grainger is away from school having her baby, I will be looking after PHSE which includes Jigsaw. This term our focus is 'Healthy Me'. I have already led our initial assembly. The children enthusiastically told me about their physical activities outside of school that help them to keep fit and healthy. The unit also explores food choices, personal hygiene and sleep. More details can be found on the website page:

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

Sally Windmill

Online Safety session for parents

Avon & Somerset Police will be running a session for parents on 10th May 2:30-3:20pm. To aid their planning, we would appreciate it if parents could let their Parent Council Rep know any areas you would be particularly interested in covering in this session by 17th March.

Please could Parent Council reps email ideas to the school office with title 'Online Safety Session for parents' in the coming fortnight. Thank you.

Parent Council

Our Parent Council met yesterday – please see minutes emailed today. At these meetings, the representatives bring constructive feedback about what is going well and ideas to make further improvements. As a result of these meetings, positive action happens.

If you would like to be part of the team for next academic year, please share your expression of interest with other parents in your class. The more classes are represented, the wider and deeper the impact.

Our final Parent Council meeting of the academic year is Friday 23rd June.

Author and poet visits

We are delighted to be able to offer a range of author and poet visits over the next 3 terms. The children in these year groups may wish to borrow one of the authors' books from the library and listen to the poetry online (<https://youtu.be/RVNSRYwiEfw>) in advance, so that they get even more enjoyment from the experiences.

Joseph Elliot (author of 'Good Hawk') is booked to run some sessions for years 5 and 6 on Wednesday 15th March. <https://www.joseph-elliott.net/> Thank you to Mrs Hillier for organising and to Friends for funding this visit.

Zohab Zee Khan (poet) will be visiting on 21st March to run poetry sessions throughout the day for children across the school. <https://www.zohabzee.com/>. We are grateful that this is being funded by WEF (Wickwar Education Foundation).

Finally we are in the process of booking another well-known author (funded by WEF) – once booked, we will let parents know.

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