

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 look forward to seeing parents in person for parents' evenings next week. Please aim to arrive a few minutes before your appointment, so that Mrs McAleese can sign you in. There will be an opportunity for parents to look at their child's books. Mrs Joyner will be running a creche for pupils of Alexander Hosea. Appointments are scheduled to last 10 minutes and we are grateful to parents for helping us keep to time.

Harvest Service at Trinity Church

We enjoyed a joyful harvest service at the church on Monday. The children sang beautifully and shared poems for the season. Thank you for all the generous donations, which the children placed near the altar in the church so that they can be distributed to families that need it most through the food bank. We are also grateful to the parents who walked with us to the event to supervise the children.

Staffing Update

Miss Clark (Ruby Class Teacher) and Mrs Grainger (Emerald Class Teacher) have shared their happy news that they will both be expecting a new addition to their families in spring. We are all delighted for them both.

This week, we have appointed maternity leave teachers for these classes for the spring.

Miss Abigail Hurford will join Emerald Class and Ms Aasia Ali will join Ruby Class. We hope to arrange an opportunity for them to meet the classes closer to the time.

Mr Ian Swann (School Business Manager) will be leaving us at the start of November. We have now appointed Mrs Tara Price as our new SBM from November.

PE hoodies for sale

We have a selection of brand new and as new 1st design Alexander Hosea PE hoodies (mostly with zip fronts) without the name on the back. We had originally purchased these for use at tournaments, but most children have their own, so we haven't needed to use them.

We now have **only age 7-8** left. These are now for sale from the school office for £7 (online payment). We also have some brand new PE t-shirts in some sizes and house colours too for £5.50.

Lunchbreak Supervisor Vacancies – open advert

We are looking for new lunchbreak supervisors to join our successful team. There are roles for bank staff (who can work on a casual basis) as well as a contract for 2 lunchtimes.

If you, or anyone you know, might be interested in applying for this role, please contact Ian.Swann@gmail.org.uk or ring the school on (01454) 294239 for more

Our Value of the Term is:

Adaptability

This term we talk about change and how the world changes around us.

We link this to the chameleon from our ELLI learning to learn characters.

Parent Helpers

We are keen to have parent helpers in school to support with reading. Every class would benefit from parent helper time. If you can help, please read the information emailed to parents. Please contact the office to register your interest.

All Helpers in School need to have a DBS safeguarding check and need to read and sign the confidentiality agreement and Acceptable Use of IT. Please contact Ian.Swann@gmail.org.uk for information about how to get a DBS.



School Meals update

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Safeguarding

We take our commitment to safeguarding very seriously and follow guidance in 'Keeping Children Safe in Education'.

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Deb Williams Debbie.Williams@sgmail.org.uk and in her absence Mrs Sally Windmill Sally.Windmill@sgmail.org.uk and Miss Kimberley Edgar Kimberley.Edgar@sgmail.org.uk are Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads.

Parent Council

Our Parent Council are a team of parents who meet with Mrs Williams on a termly basis and provide an important communication link between home and school.

We are looking for representatives for Ruby, Crystal and Diamond classes. If you would like to get involved, please contact the school office.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 15th November at 2:30pm, so class reps will send information to Mrs Williams the week before.

Class Parent Council Reps

Topaz – Mrs Skuse
 Jet – Ms Thomas
 Ruby –
 Emerald – Mrs Ganesh
 Crystal –
 Diamond-
 Pearl – Ms Dalziel
 Amethyst – Mrs Leighton



Friends of AHS

The Friends is a group of parents and carers who organise activities and events throughout the year to raise funds to support the school. New committee members and helpers are always welcome, so if you would like to get involved please get in touch via FriendsOfAHS@hotmail.com.

Rags2Riches clothing collection: Thank you for your Rags2Riches donations! We collected 495kg which means you raised £198 for the school! Our next collection will be on **Thursday 9th February**.

Amethyst Class cake sale: Amethyst class will be holding a cake sale for the Friends after school on **Thursday 13th October** from 3.15pm in the main playground.

Pumpkin of Gold prize draw: On **Wednesday 19th October** we will be holding a Pot of Gold style prize draw for Halloween – entries are only £1 each and the winner gets 35% of the total money raised! Look out for more information on how to enter coming soon!

Helper Elves needed for Christmas Fair! We are planning to hold this year's Fair on Friday 2nd December from 4-6pm. We will be holding a planning meeting on **Wednesday 2nd November at 7.30pm** at the Fox & Maple, so if you are interested in helping us run the Fair, please come along!

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

Supporting your child with Reading

Our children are expected to read at least 5 times a week to help to build their word reading, fluency and comprehension.

Frequent reading is an essential part of children's learning and will help them to learn across the curriculum.

If you need any help in supporting your child with their reading, please contact your child's teacher.

Attendance

Consistently very good attendance helps children to access the full curriculum and receive the support and challenge needed to move their learning on. We are fortunate that the vast majority of our children attend school very well. We do not authorise holidays in term time, so please try to book holiday during the 13 weeks of school holidays.

% attendance will be monitored on a termly basis:

- 96%+ is expected and very good
- 95-95.9% is close to expectation
- 90-94.9% is cause for concern
- 89.9% or less is classed as persistent absentee.

Where attendance is becoming a concern, parents may be invited to School Attendance Meeting (with targets set for improvement) and fines may be incurred in the case of persistent absentees or prolonged unauthorised holidays (more than 5 days). Our S. Glos Education Welfare Officer supports us with attendance matters. Mrs Brooks (Heidi.Brooks@gmail.org.uk) will be leading on attendance this year.



Groups for LGBTQ+ People in South Glos

Alphabets LGBTQ+ Youth (ages 13-19) - an LGBTQ+ youth café in Yate every month.
Phone 01454 869 441
Email info@yatearmadillo.co.uk
Facebook www.facebook.com/groups/LGBTQ+yate
Website: <https://www.diversitytrust.org.uk/young-peoples-services/>

Creative Youth Network LGBTQ+ Young People Wellbeing Sessions - a safe space for LGBTQ+ young people aged 11-19 <https://www.creativeyouthnetwork.org.uk/lgbt-wellbeing-group>

Alphabets LGBTQ+ Adults Wellbeing Sessions (18+) - second Sunday every month at the Armadillo, Station Road, Yate from 7-9pm
<https://www.diversitytrust.org.uk/wellbeing-services/>

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Neuro-Divergent Peer Support Group

Last Wednesday of every month
Drop in 7pm to 9pm

A group run by and for ND adults and parents / carers of ND children, including Autism, ADHD, PDA, Dyslexia, etc. All adults welcome, whether you are ND, live with a ND family member, or are just interested in learning more about ND life.

For more information contact wottonnd@gmail.com, or come along to the group at The Keepers, Symn Lane, Wotton, GL12 7BD

District Sports Competition at KLB

Each summer we take part in the very popular District Sports competition at KLB. We take along some of the children who showed their speediness at sports day.

This summer, we were delighted to have come 2nd overall for large schools (even though we have a smaller school than most in this category). This was a great result. Congratulations to everyone who represented the school so brilliantly.

We look forward to taking part again next year.

The Friends of Alexander Hosea present

PUMPKIN OF GOLD!

Enter on WEDNESDAY 19th OCTOBER

Only £1 per entry! CASH prizes!

Please write your name, contact email + phone number and total money in £s on the OUTSIDE of an envelope, pop your money inside and chuck it in our bucket to enter!

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