

# Alexander Hosea Primary School *`Roots to grow, wings to fly'*

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

## Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for all of the parental engagement this term. We value our home school partnerships and feel fortunate to be part of such an engaged, positive and supportive community. We are very grateful to our Friends of AHS for all their hard work and providing ice cream sales; sports day refreshments and funding the author visit by Joseph Elliott last week. We wish all our families a very happy half term

## Sports day

Our annual sports day was a tremendous success again this year. The children tried their very best and showed our values of be kind, be resilient and be a team player, in particular. We are very proud of them all. It was a treat to be joined by 16 ex-students (now in Y9 at KLB), who made a great contribution to the running of the event. Thank you to Miss Williams – PE Leader and the staff team for showing 'be a team player' in action too to organise the day; prepare the children and pull together the event on the day. Thank you to parents and wider family for joining us for this special event.



# <u>Joseph Elliott – Author visit</u>

Last week, our ks2 children took part in workshops with Joseph Elliott, author of 'Good Hawk'. This is the second time that Joseph has run session for our children and the children have loved these and been inspired by him. Lots of children bought signed copies of his new book. Thank you to Mrs Hillier for organising the event and Friends of AHS for paying for the visit.

# <u>Y6 SATs</u>

We are very proud of our Y6 children. They did their best in their assessments, showing great resilience, kindness and support to each other.

Kind regards - Mrs Deb Williams - Headteacher

# Dates for your diary

HALF TERM

## Week 1 – 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Mon-Fri – Year 6 at Morfa Bay Mon-Fri – Year 4 multiplication tables check Wed 4<sup>th</sup> June – Friends of AHS meeting 6pm Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> June – Year 4 KLB Science fair Fri 6<sup>th</sup> June – Gloucester library services

## Week 2 – 9<sup>th</sup> June

Mon-Fri – Year 1 phonics check Mon 9<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 Kooth transition sessions Tues 10<sup>th</sup> June – Tempest class photos Wed 11<sup>th</sup> June – New Topaz parents meeting Fri 13<sup>th</sup> June – Art workshops for all children Fri 13<sup>th</sup> June – Folk music performance for children

Please see teachers' weekly newsletters for more information about specific class activities.

# <u>Kooth</u>

Kooth is a free online service for children aged 11-18. This is accessible through their website <u>www.kooth.com</u>. There is no waiting list and the service is open 365 days a year, 24 hours a day.

#### No problem is ever too big or small at Kooth

If it's on someone's mind, we're here to help Some of the feelings or difficulties we support with include:

- Stress
   Anxiety
   Confidence
   Friendships
   Social media
   Eating difficulties
- Loneliness
  Body image concerns
  Anger
  Education/ work
  - pressures Suicidal thoughts





# Special menus (see email from December for more information)

6<sup>th</sup> June – National fish and chip day

11th July - Leavers lunch for Y6 and their parents

Reminder: please pre-book on Scopay

Dance club – parent show

Fun dance put on a lovely show for their parents this week, thank you Mrs Smith & Mrs Sparks for running a wonderful club.





## Named / labelled uniform

Please check your children's uniform and items coming into school for labels and names that may have washed out. We have a large amount of drinking bottles and uniform in lost property.

You can order new labels from Name Tag, where a donation of your order is contributed to Friends.

www.mynametags.com/affiliate?id=29328



The HFL Education Annual Year 4 Mathematics Challenge

https://www.hfleducation.org/schoolimprovement/primary/maths/annual-mathematicschallenge/year-4

As you will have seen in the last newsletter, we have been taking part in the National Year 4 maths challenge again this year. We entered 2 teams comprising: Ffion, Olivia, Eli, Elijah, Wilf, Rocco, Neeva and Thea. The teams competed against more than 200 other schools. They completed a range of mathematical challenges as a team.

Both teams did very well in the regional competition this week and scored above the average score.

One of our teams achieved in the top 20 teams and were entered into the national final, which took place this week. We are thrilled that our team came 4<sup>th</sup> overall, narrowly missing 3<sup>rd</sup> place – a huge achievement.

Congratulations to all the children who are taking part. They represented the school well and showed great teamwork. Thank you to Miss Edgar for organising.





## Uniform reminder

Children are allowed to wear a watch (not a smart watch) to help them tell the time.

They are allowed to wear one stud earring per ear, no hoops or dangles please, on PE days children should either remove earrings before school or have them covered with tape provided by home. No other jewellery should be worn during school times and the children will be asked to remove them.

On PE days children should wear trainers and on non PE days they must wear plain black sensible school shoes, no heels or open toes.

Please remember to label all items with child's name. Labels available through mynametags.



Netball match - Tuesday 13th May

Our netball team visited St Pauls for a match last week. The team started well, scoring the first goal of the game at the end of the first quarter.

Both teams played some incredible defensive netball in a very close match. The end-to-end game finished 4-2 to St Paul's.

Thank you to Mrs Smith, Mrs Ganesh, Mrs Ryall and Mrs Mason.



# Friends of Alexander Hosea

# Friends of Alexander Hosea Committee Update

This term alone we have raised nearly £1,000!!! Thank you all for buying refreshments at Sports Day and ice creams, this money will be put towards much needed resources for the school & our children. A massive 'THANK YOU' to all the help, volunteering and support we have received in our first terms as a committee, we really appreciated everyone.

**Our next meeting will be held Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm**, we will be running a crèche with Mrs Hillier should you need to bring your littles. If you cannot make it but would still like your thoughts heard, please email us.

**Cake sale** – Next cake sale is hosted by KS1 (Topaz, Ruby & Jet) for our summer festival on the 20<sup>th</sup> June, please bring cakes to the main office.

Ice cream sales - we aim to hold every Friday, weather permitting.

**Disco** – 8<sup>th</sup> July KS1 4.15pm – 5pm, KS2 5.15pm – 6.15pm. £5 entry will include; drink, snacks & light up toy, available to prebook <u>https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofahs/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=98627</u>

**Summer festival** – 20th June 4pm – 6pm, please contact if you wish to help volunteer or hold a stall. Please contact Alice or Shelley if you would like a stall or are free to volunteer for the event.

**Rags2Ritches –** 12<sup>th</sup> June – please bring collections to the roundabout at drop off time.

Non-school uniform – 22<sup>nd</sup> July – in return for a donation to Friends

We cannot hold these events without the much-needed support of parent volunteers, please look out on our socials for links to sign up. These are also below.

https://signup.com/go/KuyjCVE - Ice cream sale volunteers

You are welcome to contact us via the channels below:

committee@friendsofahs.org

Friends community WhatsApp group (please contact one of the committee members on the numbers above if you wish to be added)

\* Friends Facebook page

# Future event ideas

Please let us know if you would be interested in running one of the events below or if you have an event you would like to bring forward.

- Krispy kreme sales
- Halloween quiz
- Family disco
- Colour run
- Christmas disco
- Adult bingo night
- Crisp sales
- Smarties tube change
- Grow a pound