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## Newsletter 8, 15th December 2023

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

Dear Parents/Carers

As we reach the end of another highly successful and productive term, I would like to thank everyone for all you have done in support of the school. We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year!

**Christmas performances** – I am sure you will join me in congratulating all children on their recent excellent Christmas performances. They all did us proud and added to the joy of the festive season. Thank you to all the children; the staff for preparing with them and all the parents, grandparents and wider family members who came to watch.

### Staff updates

- Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Newcombe on the birth of their baby boy last week. We were delighted to meet Baby Jesse this week (only days old). Ruby class were excited to meet him!
- Mrs Grainger will be returning from maternity in January and will be teaching Ruby class for the rest of the year.
- We have appointed a new SEN TA – Mrs Helyar will be joining us in the new year.

Kind regards, Mrs Deb Williams - Headteacher



### Dates for your diary:

Weekly tours for prospective Reception parents continue until 12<sup>th</sup> January.

**Merry Christmas!**

#### Term 3 2024 – week 1

2<sup>nd</sup> Jan – INSET – school closed to children

5<sup>th</sup> Jan – Prospective Reception 2024 tour (penultimate)

#### Week 2

8<sup>th</sup> Jan – Stargazing event for Topaz and Y5

9<sup>th</sup> Jan – Deadline for feedback to Parent Council

10<sup>th</sup> Jan – Young Voices (Choir) in Birmingham

10<sup>th</sup> Jan – Final prospective parent tour for Reception 2024

11<sup>th</sup> Jan – Friends cake sale – donations from Diamond class

#### Week 3

16<sup>th</sup> Jan – Parent Council meeting

#### Week 4

#### Week 5

29<sup>th</sup> Jan – Y5 parents meeting about Kilve Court residential

30<sup>th</sup> Jan – Boccia and curling event – tbc

31<sup>st</sup> Jan – Y3 trip to Edward Jenner Museum

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

Diary dates will be emailed to parents for the coming week on alternate weeks.

### Primary schools' admissions

If your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020, you must apply for them to start primary school in September 2024. This is a very important decision and it is important that you read the [South Gloucestershire Primary school admission guide](https://find-information-for-adults-children-families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=GLu6GUIMkp&fa) before you apply. Applications for primary school admission must be submitted no later than **15 January 2024**. <https://find-information-for-adults-children-families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=GLu6GUIMkp&fa>

### Parking

As you will have seen from the email correspondences from Mrs Price, we have limited parking in the staff car park due to the roofing works. This means that we have needed to use the drop-off bay as disabled parking at the moment. Cars parked here should display their Parking Permit. The local PCSO visited this week and will come out from time to time to check safety. Please do not park on the keep clear marking or over neighbours' driveways. Thank you for your co-operation



## 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](mailto:FriendsOfAHS@hotmail.com).

**Thank you for your support at the Christmas Fair and Coffee Morning!** A huge thank you to everyone who helped at our events this term – we really couldn't do any of it without you! We raised over £750 at the Fair. Look out for updates on how much we raised today at the Coffee Morning. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

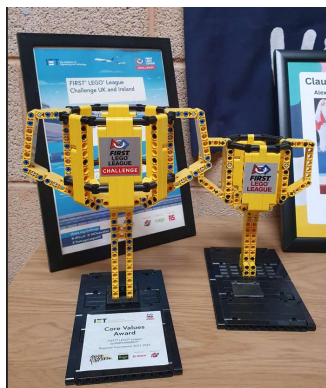
**Funding update:** This term the Friends have been delighted to be able to fund a variety of resources and experiences for the school, including: crackers and tablecloths for the Christmas lunch, a visit by Party Peeps for the children's Christmas party day, new digital cameras to use with the iPads we funded and money to support school sports events.

**AGM:** Looking ahead, our AGM will be in January. Please come along if you would like an update on what we have been up to over the past year, or would like to take on one of the committee officer roles! Get in touch via [FriendsOfAHS@hotmail.com](mailto:FriendsOfAHS@hotmail.com) to find out more.

### Lego Robotics

For the past few years, we have been taking a team of budding engineers from Y5/6 to compete in the Lego Robotics competition in Yate in the spring. <https://www.gazetteseries.co.uk/news/23898376.exciting-lego-robot-stem-competition-coming-yate/>

Thank you to Mr Leighton, who is running the Robotics club on Fridays to train the team and compete.



### The Holiday activities and Food (HAF)

**programme** is running again during the winter holidays for children and young people in South Glos. Dates are generally between Monday 18 December and Friday 22 December but will vary by provider.

The HAF programme is for **children and young people aged 5 to 16 who receive benefits-related free school meals**. Before booking funded HAF places, you need to have successfully applied for free school meals at [www.southglos.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

Visit [www.southglos.gov.uk/HAF](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/HAF) for full information on the HAF programme and further support available to families.

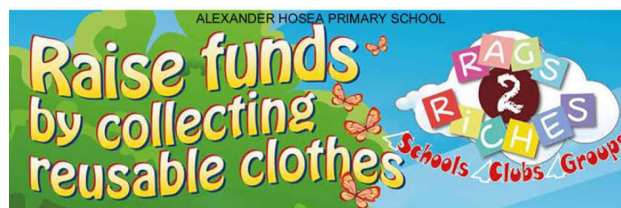
### Uniform reminder

Please ensure that children wear the correct uniform every day (full school uniform 3 days and PE school uniform 2 days).

Reminders:

- Trainers are for PE days only (smart plain black school shoes should be worn on non-PE days).
- Children should wear only plain grey, black or white socks or tights.
- Children may wear a watch for telling the time, but smart watches are not permitted.
- Nail varnish is not allowed.
- Children with pierced ears may wear one small stud in each ear. No other jewellery should be worn.
- There is a collection basket for unwanted uniform. Please donate any uniform your child no longer needs to help others. Thank you. Please do also help yourself to any uniform in the basket or drawers in the lobby.

<https://www.alexanderhoseaprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Uniform&pid=28>



2023/24 DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

**MONDAY 2nd October**  
**THURSDAY 8th February**  
**THURSDAY 13th June**

### Citizenship Award winners Dec 23



Exemplary behaviour  
Show the 3 Bees all the time:  
Be kind, be respectful, be responsible

#### Congratulations to our Citizenship Award Winners

Infants: Amber (YR), Charlie (Y1) and Hugo D-M (Y2)

Juniors: Reuben(Y6), Lexy (Y5), Jasmine (Y5), Molly (Y4) and Ray (Y3)

Sports Award



Music Award



Creativity Award



#### Award Winners

Sports Award – Harry (Y4)

Hayden Music Award – Juliana (Y2)

Creativity Award – Sam (Y5)

Congratulations!

### Shaun's Garden

We are looking for a working party to help us to clear and tidy Shaun's Garden (school allotment area). If you would like to get involved, please contact the school office. We would like to clear the weeds and tidy around the beds, so that we can start planting for the spring.



Music Lessons

Y2, 4 and 6 will be starting their block of 10 music lessons with the West of England Music Service in the spring. We are looking forward to seeing how their skills develop as the weeks go by.

If your child would like to learn a musical instrument, WEMA or RED Music (see opposite) run individual, paired or small group persepetic lessons. They can teach instruments or vocals.

<https://wema.org.uk/young-people-and-families/learn-to-play-a-musical-instrument/>



music education in schools

RED Music teachers (Louise and Chris) run music lessons in guitar, keyboards and ukulele on Mon and Weds afternoons. These are well-attended and popular with families.

If you would like to arrange music lessons for your child, please follow the link

<https://www.redmusic.uk/> .

Louise and Chris visited us in assembly recently to play some Christmas songs for the children.