



Newsletter 13, 8th March 2024

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Dear Parents/Carers

We have enjoyed a busy and productive fortnight. The children are excited about the new values and are talking about them a lot around school.

WEAG Good Garden Design competition - WEAG have reviewed the competition entries and selected a winner, which will feature on their poster designs. Congratulations to Edie-Mae (Crystal class). WEAG were also very impressed with the 2nd place design and this will appear in the Local Nature Area Plan (LNAP) village leaflet. Congratulations to Juliana (Jet Class).

Staffing update – We are delighted to have appointed a new Family Support Worker and ELSA. Mrs Rachael Scott will be joining our staff team for 2 afternoons a week at Easter.

Lunchbreak Supervisors – We are looking to increase our team of bank staff to help with shifts on a regular basis. If you know anyone who is interested, please pass on the advert in the email sent out to parents recently. They can also contact the school office to arrange a visit.

Have a good weekend. Kind regards, Mrs Deb Williams - Headteacher

Dates for your diary:

Week 4 (11th-15th March)

Neurodiversity week

Mon-Fri – Y5/6 top up swimming (invited children)

11th March – netball tournament at SGS

13th March – Y6 heart dissection with KLB

15th March – Red Nose Day – children can wear red for £1

Week 5 (18th-22nd March)

20th-22nd – Y5 at Kille Court residential

20th March – Y6 Stemworks visitors

25th March – Y6 Hobbs House Bakery visitors

25th March – Cup Awards assembly

25th March – end of project VE day

26th March – South Glos Parent and carers coffee morning

26th March – Y5 jsax performance to parents pm

26th March – Y2 recorder performance to parents pm

26th & 27th March – Parents' evening

27th March – Y4 ukulele performance to parents pm

28th March – INSET for staff – school closed to children

Week 6 (25th-27th March)

Easter Break

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.

Praise for School Attendance

You may have heard on the news that there is a national wide focus on improving school attendance. Alexander Hosea school received an email praising our excellent attendance and thought it would be good to share the good news with families:

*"We are very pleased to see that Alexander Hosea school attendance is **95.8%**. This means that the school is doing well and has been rag rated Green. We would like to say a huge well done to all staff as attendance is currently in a very positive place and this has been logged by the team for the spring term."*

If you have any queries regarding attendance please contact Mrs Brooks (school Attendance Lead).



Friends of AHS

Thank you to everyone for supporting and helping at our fundraisers! Keep up to date via our [Facebook page](#) or by emailing FriendsOfAHS@hotmail.com if you would like to get involved.

Easter Gift Shop open for orders! We are running our popular sweet cone sale again this year - £3.50 per cone, with a choice of main egg! Order now at www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofahs - sale closes on Friday 15 March with the Gift Shop in school on Wednesday 27 March.

Upcoming committee meeting: Our next committee meeting is on **Tuesday 19 March at 6.30pm**, in the school library with the option of joining via Teams for those unable to attend in person. Everyone is welcome so please do come along if you would like to find out what we do for the school!

Diamond class cake sale: Diamond class are running a cake sale for us on **Tuesday 26 March** – please support them by bringing some change with you at pickup time on the day!

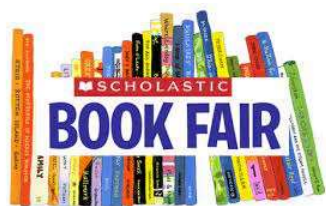
Don't forget to check our [Facebook page](#) and [webpage](#) for the latest news!

2024/2025

Term	Starts	Ends
Term 1	Monday 2 September 2024	Friday 25 October 2024
Term 2	Monday 4 November 2024	Friday 20 December 2024
Term 3	Monday 6 January 2025	Friday 14 February 2025
Term 4	Monday 24 February 2025	Friday 4 April 2025
Term 5	Tuesday 22 April 2025	Friday 23 May 2025
Term 6	Monday 2 June 2025	Tuesday 22 July 2025

Please find above term dates for 2024-25. We will be allocating 5 days as staff INSET days. The first of these will be on Monday 2nd September. Further dates to be confirmed soon.

We do not authorise holiday during term time, so please book holidays during the 13 weeks of school holidays a year. Thank you.



We have booked a Scholastic Book Fair for 30th April to 3rd May. The sale will be open after school each day and classes will have time to have look at the book selection at some point before the sale opens. For each sale, the school will earn commission which can be spent on additional books for classrooms.

We are looking into online payment options and pre-booking to help working parents.

Ms Clark – English Leader

WEAG Good Garden design Winner



Edie-May Y3

Swimming

Crystal class have been swimming this week and we hope to hand out badges after half term.

Next week some children from Opal, Pearl and Amethyst will be swimming – parents will have been contacted by Miss Williams if their child is attending these sessions.



RED NOSE DAY

FRIDAY 15TH MARCH

Children are invited to wear something red for £1 donation to comic relief.

They may like to also prepare a joke to share with their friends and the lunchtime staff.

Red Noses can be brought in from home on the day, but please make sure these are clearly named. They will be discouraged from sharing these with others for hygiene reasons.

Values

We are delighted to announce our new values for 2024 onwards – see below. These have been created in consultation with children, parents, staff and governors. We shared these with the children on Monday.

At Alexander Hosea, we are proud to...



Our value for this term is **Be Curious**.

We will talk about this in assembly on Monday and staff will award certificates for the 3 Bees (red, yellow, orange) and being curious (green) as they see children demonstrate these values in action.

Be kind	We are friendly, thoughtful and kind to others.
Be respectful	We treat others as we wish to be treated ourselves and have good manners.
Be responsible	We make good choices to make our world a better place.
Be curious	We have 'the want' to learn; we are eager to explore, discover and problem solve.
Be unique	We celebrate what makes us different and special.
Be resilient	We know that the 'power of yet' helps us to keep going and bounce back and achieve our goals.
Be a team player	We know that together everyone achieves more.

As requested from the Parent Council please click [here](#) for the Calculation Policy.

Class tea towels – deadline for ordering Sunday 10th March 2024, order via Scopay in Trips.

New PE kit

Following on from Parent Council feedback, we are in the process of updating our PE kit, to address some of the concerns raised by children and parents, primarily:

- The t-shirts fade and are easily ripped.
- The PE hoodies fade and have a tight neck that makes it hard to get on and off.

The new t-shirts are made of performance material and will all be the school blue with logo. These will be available to order from Monkhouse from Jan 2025 (£11.25 approx). Children will be able to wear either the current t-shirts or new t-shirts until July 2025.

The new zip-front sports performance jumper, will be blue with the logo. These will be available from the end of May 2024 and the old hoodies will be phased out by the end of July 2025. Cost will be cheaper than current hoodies – approx. £19.50 each.

Children will still need to wear black or navy plain (with no logo) school leggings/jogging bottoms or shorts. Socks must be plain white, navy or black (with no hoops or logos).

Please note the sizing for the PE tops are quite small. Matilda (pictured) wears size 4-5/5-6 usually and is wearing a size 7-8 PE top and zip jumper in the photos. We recommend sizing up for the PE tops.

The new attire is made from recycled bottles, helping us with our Eco ethos.



Order by **15 MARCH!**

The Friends of Alexander Hosea

Easter Shop

HANDMADE SWEET CONES

£3.50 per cone

Order at: www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofahs

The shop will be in school on 27 March

Please let us know any dietary needs/allergies when ordering

Cones for under 5s (no Mini Eggs) also available

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Spring/Summer menu

Please see Mrs Price's email about the new menu, we are excited to announce the Brunch is back as requested by the children and parent council.

Salad bar will be available every day throughout the summer terms.

ScoPay reminder

Please ensure you are pre-booking your child/ren's lunches on ScoPay, the deadline for booking is midnight the day before.

We are finding an increase in children turning up at the hatch without having a meal booked.