

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.

It was great to see parents back in person for parents' evenings recently. We hope that you found the meetings helpful in knowing how well your child is settling into their new school year. We are also really pleased to have an increasing amount of parent helpers around school. The children really benefit from the additional reading time that this can offer.

Rewards and awards: We have a positive behaviour management approach, where we are clear about our expectations and reinforce these by spotting children making good choices and being kind, respectful and responsible. Children can earn house points, Teachers' Awards and Head Teacher's Awards for extra efforts and achievements. The children are proud of themselves when they achieve these rewards.

At the end of each term (so 6 times a year), we have a cup award assembly to reward children who have been exceptional over the term in living our school values; music; creativity and sport (see below). Congratulations to our nominees and winners this term. We are proud of all our children for their achievements in Term 1 and look forward to seeing them continue to thrive as they move through the new term.



Supersonic Citizenship Award

Each term the teachers choose a 'supersonic' citizen from each class. The children can earn this by consistently demonstrating excellent attitude to learning and behaviour. From these nominations, staff choose a child from the infants and child from the juniors to win the Citizenship Cup (silver trophy), which they can take home and keep for a term. The awards are highly regarded and children strive to achieve them.



Haydon Music Award

The Haydon Music Award is also awarded 6 times a year. Teachers nominate children who they think show passion and commitment to music. The glass trophy is awarded to one child a term.



Creativity Award

The creativity award is a metal statue of a painter at work on a canvas. This termly award is given to one child a term for demonstrating exceptional creativity in their learning across the curriculum (eg art, writing, creative thinking/problem-solving).



Sports Award

The sports award is a silver plate which is awarded termly to a child who has shown exceptional contribution to sports and PE in school.

Excellent Pupil outcomes 2022

We are delighted with our excellent pupil outcomes in summer 22. In many measures (in EYFS, phonics, KS1 and KS2) we were significantly above national and in (at least) the highest 20% of all schools nationally. This is a major achievement in light of the disruption caused to pupils nationally and a credit to children, parents and staff for all their hard work and great engagement of families in continuing pupil's education both face to face and remotely. We look forward to another highly successful year this year.

Our Value of the Term is: **Self-belief**

We link this to our school rules:
 Be kind
 Be responsible
 Be respectful

School Meals update

Integra Catering have now appointed a new Catering team. Ms Karen Pinnell will take the lead role and is due to join the school in November. We are very grateful to Mrs Emma Corbiere, who has stepped in run the kitchen for the past months (including on her own in recent weeks) – she has done an amazing job of keeping service running. Thank you.

Integra Catering are able to provide meals for vegetarians and vegans, as well as gluten free. The menu is put together in consultation with South Glos nutritionists and follows stringent guidelines for quality of products.

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.

Amethyst Class cake sale: The total raised from the Amethyst cake sale was an amazing £175! Thank you to everyone (adults and children) who helped in any way, and thank you to the school community for your support!

Pumpkin of Gold prize draw: Congratulations to Jenna Richards who won £20 and Joanne Walker who won £8.50 in our Pumpkin of Gold prize draw! Thank you to everyone who took part – you have helped us to raise a further £28.50 for the school.

Helper Elves needed for Christmas Fair! The Fair will be held from 4-6pm on Friday 2 December. There will be cakes, crafts, games and the chance to meet Father Christmas! Please look out for our helper sign-up page closer to the time and help us make this a great school community event!

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

School Meals in Term 2 are £80.50. Please ensure meals are paid for in advance by Pay360 so arrears do not accrue. A new winter menu will be going on the website next week.

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@sgmail.org.uk) will be leading on attendance this year.

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.



Parent Helpers

We are keen to increase the amount of parent helpers in every class to support with reading. Every class would benefit from parent helper time. If you can help, please read the information emailed to parents last term and 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

Alexanderhoseaprimary@sgmail.org.uk for information about how to apply for a DBS.

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 Mrs Tara Price (new School Business Manager) at AlexanderHoseaPrimary@sgmail.org.uk or ring the school on 01454 294239 for more information.

Remembrance

The British Legion have supplied us with a box of poppy themed items. These are on sale in the playground after school each day (until we run out). Items cost £1 each.

We will be taking part in a 1 minute silence at 11am on 11th November.