

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>

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back! We hope that everyone had a lovely summer break. It has been great to see everyone back at school and hearing about their adventures. We have quite a number of new children and families who have joined us this week and of course our new Reception Topaz Class will start on Monday. We look forward to getting to know all our new families in the coming days, weeks and months.

Our new catering company – Edwards and Ward - have now taken over from Integra Catering and this is transitioning well on the whole. The menu looks great and the meals have been well-received this week. We have been happy to maintain our previous catering team.

Staffing news: Congratulations to Mrs Newcombe, who is expecting her second child in December.

Kind regards

Mrs Deb Williams - Headteacher

Dates for your diary:

Week 2 -

Meet the Teacher – dates to be provided by teachers
11th Sept Rev Russell final assembly
16th Sept Wickwar Games 9am-4pm

Week 3 -

18th Sept Wildlife photographer visit Y1-3
18th Sept Jonathan's Jungle with Y4
19th Sept – Parent Council 1 (all meetings on 3rd Tues of Month 2:30-3:20pm)
19th Sept - House Captains Assembly
20th Sept Y5/6 online safety talk

Week 4 -

Reception Baseline
28th Sept cake sale after school (Y6 donations)

Week 5 –

2nd Oct Rags to Riches
6th Oct – Olympic gymnast in school

Week 6 –

11th – Individual photos
13th Oct Y6 Road Safety session
13th Oct Friends of AHS Halloween quiz

Week 7 –

17th&19th Oct Parents eve 4-7pm
19th&20th Black History Month workshops

Please see teachers' weekly newsletters for more information.

Hotshots National Competition WINNER!

We are delighted to have come 2nd in the Hotshots National Competition. Thank you to Miss Williams for taking a lead on our participation in the competition.

'On behalf of the ESFA, I would like to extend our thanks to your school for participating in the Hotshots Intra-school Football campaign. Your support and dedication have contributed significantly to the success of the campaign, providing over 50,000 young people with an opportunity to play football.'

The Hotshots Intra-school Football campaign was created with the goal of promoting the beautiful game within schools and providing opportunity for everyone to play. We have been reading through the feedback and are extremely pleased to hear about some of the fantastic outcomes and opportunities that have been provided and can't wait for the campaign to launch again in 23/24.

We are delighted to announce the winners of the Hotshots Intra-school Football campaign'.

Primary School

1. Wath C of E Primary School (\$63 6PY)
2. Alexander Hosea Primary School (GL12 8PF)
3. Southwater Junior Academy (RH13 9JH)

Regards

Hotshots National Competition Co-ordinator



Friends of AHS

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

Coming soon...



ALEXANDER HOSEA PRIMARY SCHOOL
2023/24 DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:
MONDAY 2nd October
THURSDAY 8th February
THURSDAY 13th June



'The Best of British'

Saturday 16th September

9.00 – 4.00pm

AT WICKWAR PLAYING FIELD, GL12 8JB

ENTRY FORMS AVAILABLE FROM
THE SOCIAL CLUB & 2 INGLESTONE ROAD
or e-mail: lynnewerreitt190@btinternet.com



Winner of the Jenner Museum Hedgehog competition

Edward Jenner Education and outreach are happy to announce that Alexander Hosea has won the Jenner Museum's name the hedgehog competition. The winning entry was called 'Spinosaurus' from Amelia – Year 3. Congratulations!

They will be in touch very shortly to arrange the prize of a school visit.

Toast

The termly toast orders have now closed on Scopay. We will still accept occasional last-minute toast payments this term. Toast must be paid for before the child has it. Correct change only please – 15p. From next term we would appreciate if all parents could pay for the term in advance on Scopay. Pupils in receipt of Pupil Premium will receive a free slice of toast each day. Any questions, please contact the Admin team in the office.



Considerate parking

Thank you for parking considerately around the school. The car park is for staff and parents with blue badges only. Cars should not be parked in the drop off zone – this is for swift drop off and pick up only. Do not park on the keep clear lines.

When parking around the village, please be respectful and keep residents' driveways clear and leave visibility space at junctions for the safety of other drivers and pedestrians.

Benefits-related Free School Meals

Definitions:

Universal Free School Meals: All children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 get a Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM). These are free of charge and not linked to any benefits a family may claim.

Benefits-related Free School Meals: If you are on a low income, you should still apply for free school meals so that your child's school can claim the Pupil Premium, this can range from £955 to £1,345. This extra money is paid direct to schools for each child eligible for free school meals and used to support your child's education.

Children and young people from disadvantaged backgrounds are less likely to eat a healthy diet and thus suffer from related health inequalities. We can help address these dietary inequalities by providing a balanced meal during the school day. The provision of Free School Meals (FSMs) has been shown to assist families financially, positively impact children's learning experiences and support children's health and development.

Nationally, there is a low take-up of benefits-related Free School Meals in Reception and Key Stage One. This could be due to Universal Infant Free School Meals (free school meals for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) and the misconception that this is an automatic entitlement. When a parent applies for benefits-related Free School Meal support schools will receive Pupil Premium Grant.

This is additional funding which can be used to support disadvantaged learners within the school setting. In addition to this families will receive supermarket e-vouchers during the school holidays and access to fully funded Holiday Activities and Food programmes during spring, summer, and winter holidays.

If you think you may be eligible for benefits-related free school meals, please follow this link

<https://find-information-for-adults-children-families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=yp4evwg7Duw#apply>

Applications take only a few minutes and could make a significant impact on the additional funding that could support your child throughout their primary school career.

Also see information sheet and application form emailed to parents/carers on 26th July.

Who should I contact about....?

Information	Who to contact	Contact details
Absence	School Office	Alexanderhoseapprimary@sgmail.org.uk or 01454 294239
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