



Friends of AHS Autumn Newsletter



Upcoming Events

- **Meet the Friends for Breakfast**
Friday 14th October
- **Clothes-for-a-Cause**
Early November - TBC
- **Winter Fair**
Friday 9th December
- **Christmas Coffee Morning**
Friday 18th December

Welcome to the Friends of Alexander Hosea Newsletter!

Welcome to our first newsletter of the academic year! We all hope you had a great summer.

We would also like to say a "Hello" to all the new children, parents and carers joining the school this year.

The start of the term saw our first event – The Village Fair. We hope you all enjoyed everything that was on offer. We raised £610 from this event which will be put towards this this year's

cause: improvements to the indoor and outdoor learning environments.

We would like to thank everyone who came and supported this event through donating prizes, cakes or their time. We would also like to thank the Friends of AHS (FOAHS) for giving up their free time to organise the event.



What's Happening...



We have a number of fun events being planned for the next academic year, including one VERY exciting one for the evening of **Thursday 20th July**, so put it in your diary! More details to come...

On Friday 14th October we are hosting a **Meet the Friends for Breakfast**. Come along before or after your children have been dropped off, grab a drink, pastries or fruit, and have a chat with some of the Friends of AHS, find out what we do and how the money is spent. We hope to see you there!

Our next big event of the year is the **Winter Fair**. This is usually a fun event with a mix of FOAHS run stalls and small local businesses selling gifts and Christmas things, with fun activities for

the children. This event is in the early planning stages so if you have any ideas of what you'd like to see at the fair *please get in touch!*

The Friends are also hosting the **Christmas Coffee Morning**. This is a lovely event where the children sing songs or recite poems to the parents, carers and grandparents. Refreshments and cake will also be on sale.

We usually hold a number of fund raising events throughout the year including Quiz Nights, Clothes-for-a-Cause, Art Projects, and Discos. We also help at a number of school events such as Open Days and the always popular Bedtime Stories.



Save the Date!

We have a very exciting family event planned for the evening of **Thursday 20th July 2017**



The Wickwar Winter Fair
Friday 9th December 2016

The Committee:

Chair: Vicky Dummer
Vice-Chair: Caroline Andrews
Secretary: Kate Long
Treasurer: Gayle Rew-Holcombe

Class Representatives: TBC

Next Meeting:

Our next meeting is our **AGM** on **Tuesday 1st November** at 7:30pm at the school. Everyone welcome!

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Who are "The Friends"?

Apologies to those who already know who we are and what we do, but for those who don't, please read on!

The Friends are typically a group of parents (though grandparents, carers and anyone else who has an interest in the school is welcome), who work with teachers to raise extra funds for our children and the school. Over the years the money we have raised has helped to purchase a variety of resources for the school. Our focus for the last couple of years has been to help provide funds to go towards equipment to help develop the new computing curriculum.

We arrange a variety of events throughout the year so there should be something for everyone. We

have a Facebook page and Twitter page which are kept updated with details of events and meetings, please take a look!

We hold meetings at school, with the teachers, once a term. We also hold a number of "sub-meetings" which are usually to plan a specific event, and typically held in The Buthay. Once a year, normally late October or early November, we have an AGM where we vote for Committee Members for the Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer roles. We also elect Class Representatives. We do try to keep the meetings informal and there's always a drink and biscuits or cake for everyone!

How YOU can help...

As well as supporting the events we run throughout the year, there are a number of other ways in which you can help.

EasyFundraising

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/alexanderhosea/

If you shop online at Amazon and other online shopping sites, or book holidays or insurance online, don't forget to sign up to EasyFundraising to raise extra funds as you shop! Over £200 has already been raised for the school through EasyFundraising so your support really does make a difference!

Brand New 100 Club

We have now launched a brand new 100 Club! For just £12 a year you could potentially win £75 a quarter (if 100 members). Watch out for forms in book bags or email friendsofahs100Club@gmail.com

My Nametags

For every order of personalised labels for children's clothing and equipment, My Nametags will contribute 20% to the school. To order, please go to www.mynametags.com and make sure you quote our school reference number **29328** when you get to the checkout to ensure we benefit from your order.

Would you like to help organise an Event?

You don't have to be a committee member to help run an event. If there is an event you would like to organise to help raise money for the school, just let us know! We can help you with it as much or as little as you need us to.

 easyfundraising.org.uk
feel good shopping

 **MY NAMETAGS**




Some of the recent purchases using money raised by FOAHS



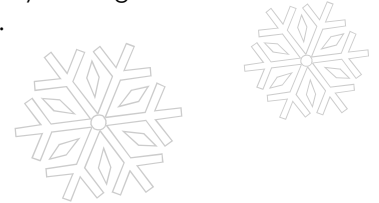
This year the school would like to make improvements to the indoor and outdoor learning environments.

How is the money used?

Over the years the Friends have raised funds to purchase a wide variety of resources and equipment for the school.

Most recently the majority of the money has been spent on various IT projects including the purchase of programmable devices, laptops and learn-pads. Other purchases include a series of reading scheme books, benches for the playground, book bags and Year 6 leaving gifts.

During the Summer Holidays the school has used some of the money to purchase new furnishings to improve the shared areas and the classrooms to create a more immersive learning environment. These changes have certainly been popular with the children and are already making a difference to their learning.



Final Thank You!

Finally, we, the Friends of Alexander Hosea School, would like to thank YOU for supporting us and our events! Without such a supportive school community, our school and therefore our children would miss out on so many wonderful opportunities and experiences.

Thank you!



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How are we doing? Do you have a suggestion?

Please write your comments below and return to school. Entries can anonymous if you wish. Alternatively please email us at friendsofAHS@hotmail.com