

Alexander Hosea Primary School

'Roots to grow, wings to fly'

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

From Mrs Williams.

Welcome back! It is brilliant to see the children back in school. They have been inspired by their new immersive environments, which are a key feature of our curriculum delivery. Many classes have had their Wow days to launch the new projects and teachers are planning trips where it links to the project. In the coming week, teachers will post their 'Meet the Teacher' video on Google Classroom and the Y6 children will prepare their presentations for House Captain elections. We look forward to another happy and successful year at Alexander Hosea and welcome parent helpers – the new packs will be emailed to all parents soon. If you can offer any time to hear readers we would be very grateful.



Following the sad news that Queen Elizabeth II passed away yesterday [8 September], the nation has entered a period of Royal Mourning, which is expected to continue until the end of the state funeral.

As of Friday 9 September, it's understood that a decision has not been made on which date her Majesty's state funeral will be, or whether it will result in an additional bank holiday.

Lunchbreak Supervisor Vacancies

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 Ian.Swann@gmail.org.uk or ring the school on (01454) 294239 for more information.

Libraries Summer Reading Challenge

We know that many of our children have taken part in the summer reading challenge again this year. Children can bring their certificates into school on Friday 16th September, so that their achievement can be celebrated in Celebration Assembly on this day.

Our Value of the Term is: **Adaptability**

This term we talk about coping with change and transition to new year groups.

We link this to the chameleon from our ELLI learning to learn characters.

Donations of unwanted clean, good quality school uniform are gratefully received. Please place near the clothes rack in the school lobby.

Parent Helpers

We are in the process of updating our 'Helpers in School' Handbook and will send this to parents by email along with other documents in the coming days. We would like to have as many parent helpers as we can in school to support with reading. Every class would benefit from parent helper time.

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.

Parents' Evening

After a two year gap due to covid, we are very pleased to be reverting back to our in person parents' evenings this term. These will be held on Tues 18th and Weds 19th October 4-7pm. The office will send a letter out and a link to sign up closer to the time.

At parents' evening you will be able to see your child's classroom and look at their books.

Please note that all appointments will continue to be 10 minutes in length as usual.

Drop off and pick up

Please ensure that your children arrive at school on time so that they are part of the morning bell work session (usually this is when daily mental maths happens, as well as interventions for individuals) and they can be settled to start their day with their peers. The gate is open from 8:50 to 8:59am and registers taken at 9am. Collections at 3:30pm in main playground. Thank you.

Considerate Parking

Please can all parents park considerately and in a safe manner so that residents living in the roads near the school can exit and access the properties at any time of the day.

The drop off bay (on the school side of the roundabout) is for quick drop offs and cars should not be parked and left here to keep traffic moving.

The school car park is for staff and holders of blue disabled badges only. Please keep entrance clear.



Friends of AHS

WELCOME to the new school year! 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 this year please get in touch via FriendsOfAHS@hotmail.com. **Our next committee meeting is on Monday 12 September from 7.30pm at school, or email us for the Teams link.**

Rags2Riches clothing collection: Our next date is **Monday 3rd October**, so please bag up your unwanted clean clothes, shoes, bags and accessories and bring them to the school roundabout by 9am. This is a great way to declutter while raising funds for our school!

100 Club: You can still join our **100 Club** – we hold draws every three months, with three winners selected at each draw. The more players we have, the bigger the cash prizes! The next draw will be on 1 March. It's easy to sign up – to find out more visit our [webpage](#).

Christmas Fair: We are already busy making plans for the Christmas Fair and other Christmas events – if you would like to help us, please do get in touch!

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

CATCH IT

Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.



BIN IT

Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.



KILL IT

Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as you can.



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.

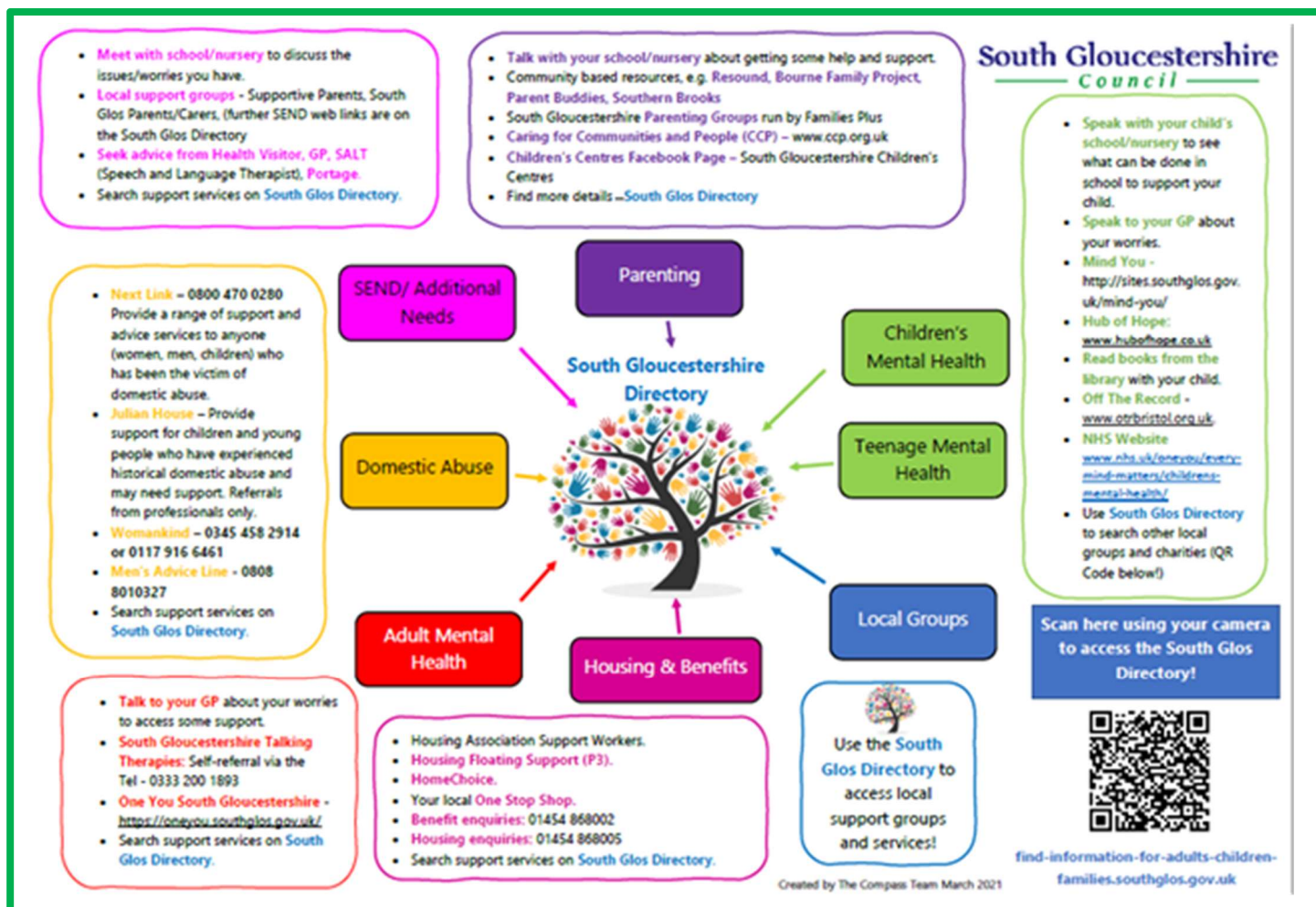
Please could class representatives email the school office to confirm who they are in preparation for the first meeting on Monday 19th September at 2.30pm (in Opal Class). We are very grateful to the reps from last year – thank you all.

Clubs Timetable

Please find the most up-to-date clubs timetables on the school website in 'News and Events' and scroll down to 'Club Timetable'.

Mrs Packer in the school office organises our clubs.

Lesley.Packer@sgmail.org.uk



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.

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.

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 will be leading on attendance this year.



PARENTS PLUS Childrens Programme

An evidence-based parenting course promoting effective communication and positive relationships in families with children aged 5 to 11 years.

A 8 week course taking place every Tuesday
From 27th September to 29th November with a weeks break for half term.

The course will be facilitated by Karen Limmer and Sam West
from Families Plus 5-18's

It will run from 9.30 – 12noon at Kingswood Children's Hub, Alma Rd, Kingswood
BS15 4DA

For more information or to reserve your place, please contact:
Karen Limmer on 07900703447 or Sam West on 0781311391

ParentsPlus
Empowering Professionals to Support Families

Parents Plus is an Irish charity that develops practical, evidence-based parenting and mental health programmes. We train professionals working with children and families to deliver the programmes in communities and clinical settings. Our programmes support families to communicate effectively, build satisfying relationships and overcome emotional and behavioural problems.
www.parentsplus.ie

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Raise funds by collecting reusable clothes

RAGS 2 RICHES
Schools Clubs Groups

**WE ACCEPT CLEAN,
GOOD QUALITY, DRY,
REUSABLE CLOTHING**

- ☒ Adults, Childrens & Babies Clothing
- ☒ Jewellery and Accessories
- ☒ Paired Shoes and Footwear
- ☒ Belts and Handbags

A full list of reusable items is listed on our website
www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk

WE DO NOT ACCEPT

**POOR QUALITY ITEMS SUCH AS
DIRTY, WET, RIPPED OR SOILED
CLOTHES.
PILLOWS, DUVETS, CURTAINS,
BOOKS CDs OR ANY UNIFORM**

If you are unsure what to put in the bags
**STOP AND THINK
WOULD YOU WEAR IT?**

Please use ANY bag for your donations

Collection Date:
Monday 3rd October by 9am

Please remember - NO UNIFORM

The Friends of Alexander Hosea present

100 CLUB

JOIN TODAY FOR THE CHANCE TO WIN A CASH PRIZE EVERY 3 MONTHS!

Three winners are selected at each draw
The more people play, the bigger the prizes!
Find out how at our page on the school website

**You could be a
WINNER!**