

# Alexander Hosea Primary School

## 'Roots to grow, wings to fly'

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### Newsletter 10, 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023

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

From Mrs Williams:

**Author visits:** The first of our author/poet visits takes place next week. James Bishop will be hosting an assembly and then sessions for Y2, 3 and 4. We hope that the children will enjoy the experience.

**Teacher Strikes** – as you may have seen on the news, as part of a pay dispute, the NEU (one of the biggest unions for teachers) has decided to strike on 2<sup>nd</sup> March (World Book Day) and 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> March. There will be no teachers on strike on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, so all classes will be open on World Book Day. When we about the final two dates, we will let parents know.

#### Dates for your diary:

27<sup>th</sup> February – James Bishop author visit – Y2, 3 and 4  
15<sup>th</sup> March – Joseph Elliott author visit – Y5 & 6  
20<sup>th</sup> March – Cello (Y5) and JSax (Y6) performance to parents  
21<sup>st</sup> March – Zohab Zee Khan poet visit – whole school  
27<sup>th</sup> March – Ukulele (Y4) performance to parents  
28<sup>th</sup> March and 29<sup>th</sup> March – Parents' evening  
31<sup>st</sup> March – INSET day

### World Book Day 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023

As usual, we will be getting involved in the World Book Day. This year's focus will be around fairy tales, so the children are invited to dress up as a fairy tale character on this day.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/2022/09/world-book-day-2023-announcements/>

#### **WBD Book Vouchers**

We're delighted to share with you the new line-up of **£1/€1.50** books for 2023 that **children can choose for free with their £1/€1.50 book token!** With books for beginning, early, fluent and independent readers, there is something for everyone to enjoy. Alongside the 12 titles available across the UK, we also have two exclusive books for Ireland and a new World Book Day Welsh title! The books will be available from booksellers from 16 February 2023.

**The token redemption period is from 16 February – 26 March 2023.**

#### **Staff updates**

Mrs Nicola Grainger (Emerald Class Teacher) has left today to start maternity leave, we wish her and her husband the very best as they prepare for the arrival of their 3<sup>rd</sup> child in the coming weeks.

Miss Abi Hurford has joined the staff team this week to teach Emerald Class for the rest of the school year.

#### **Reading**

We are proud of our excellent reading culture in school. All staff have a strong commitment to supporting all children to make rapid progress in reading as this has a significant impact to pupils' enjoyment of books and access to the wider curriculum. The pupils speak very enthusiastically about reading.

It makes a difference to children's development of reading when they read for pleasure regularly at home. As a school, we encourage all children to read at home 5 times a week. In school, we also really value the impact that parent helpers make to hearing children read. If you would like to join the team of parent helpers and hear readers in school, please contact [Taralou.Price@gmail.org.uk](mailto:Taralou.Price@gmail.org.uk) to arrange a DBS check.



## Friends of AHS

Did you know we have a Community Facebook page? To find out the latest updates on how you can support our fundraising events, join <https://www.facebook.com/groups/FriendsOfAHSCommunity>  
You can also email us via [FriendsOfAHS@hotmail.com](mailto:FriendsOfAHS@hotmail.com).

**Supporting Turkey and Syria:** The Friends Committee have decided to donate the £116 profit from the disco to the earthquake relief effort in Turkey and Syria to help support families there.

**Spring Disco success!** Thank you for supporting our efforts to reduce our plastic waste at the spring disco – because you brought your own drinks bottles and donated washable cups, we did not have to use ANY disposable plastic cups!

**Summer events programme:** We have exciting plans for our summer events! We are hoping to hold an adult disco on Saturday 20 May, a sponsored bounce event after school on Tuesday 13 June and a Summer Fair on Saturday 17 June! Please save the dates...

**Rags2Riches:** Another date for your diaries is **Wednesday 14 June**, when we will be collecting clothes, shoes and accessories again for our regular fundraising Rags2Riches collection.

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



### PE Kit reminder

**\*\*On PE days the children arrive at school in PE kit\*\***

- Blue School PE Hoodie (see picture above) or school sweatshirt
- Navy Blue or Black shorts (summer)
- Navy Blue or Black joggers or leggings (winter)
- A white T-shirt or coloured printed T-shirt to represent their house: Archers-Blue Potters- Red Weavers- Yellow Brewers- Green
- Trainers (any colour) – not light up please
- Navy Blue or Black lightweight waterproof jacket

#### Safety reminders

- Watches must be removed for PE lessons.
- If your child is wearing stud earrings these must be removed or taped for PE. TAPE MUST BE PROVIDED BY HOME.
- Hair must be tied back for PE.

### Uniform reminder

**\*\*On non-PE days, children are expected to wear full school uniform \*\***



- Grey or black skirts, trousers or shorts in school uniform style
- White polo shirts (with or without school logo)
- Royal blue school sweatshirts (not PE hoodie) or cardigans with the school logo.
- Black, grey or white socks or tights
- Black leather-style shoes or ankle boots, which are sensible and durable. Knee high boots, Ugg-style boot, shoes with heels and trainers are not acceptable.
- Hair that is longer than shoulder length must be tied back with a plain blue or black band.
- A watch to tell the time (not smart watches) and 1 plain stud earring in each ear are the only jewellery permitted.
- Nail varnish is not to be worn.

The Friends of AHS run a second-hand uniform system – see their Facebook page. Donations of unwanted, good condition uniform items are gratefully received and can be placed on the rail just inside the school lobby door. Please remove the name label of the donating family from uniform items, before handing in. Thank you

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# SUMMER Events

**Over-18s Disco**  
Saturday 20 May  
7.30pm-11pm

**Sponsored bounceathon**  
Tuesday 13 June  
3.30pm-5.30pm

**Summer Fair**  
Saturday 17 June  
11am-3pm

**SAVE THE DATES!**  
More details coming soon!

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# 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!**

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While Mrs Grainger is away from school having her baby, I will be looking after PHSE which includes Jigsaw. This term our focus is 'Healthy Me'. I have already led our initial assembly. The children enthusiastically told me about their physical activities outside of school that help them to keep fit and healthy. The unit also explores food choices, personal hygiene and sleep. More details can be found on the website page:

<https://www.alexanderhoseaprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Personal%2C+Social+and+Health+Education+%28including+Relationships%2C+Sex+and+Health+Education%29&pid=160>

Sally Windmill

## 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 3 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

[TaraLou.Price@gmail.org.uk](mailto:TaraLou.Price@gmail.org.uk) or ring the school on 01454 294239 for more information.

## Attendance reminder

It is important for pupils to attend school regularly and punctually in order to take part fully in the life of the school and to take advantage of the learning opportunities offered in order to ensure progress and raise standards of attainment. As attendance is crucial to effective learning and the continuity of learning experiences, Alexander Hosea Primary School places great emphasis upon this.

The expected attendance for our school is 96%. Please do not book holidays in term time as these will not be authorised and may lead to a fine.

## Author and poet visits

We are delighted to be able to offer a range of author and poet visits over the next 3 terms. The children in these year groups may wish to borrow one of the authors' books from the library and listen to the poetry online (<https://youtu.be/RVNSRYwjEfw>) in advance, so that they get even more enjoyment from the experiences.

We are in contact with **James Bishop** (author of 'Iguana Boy') to arrange an assembly and some sessions with Years 2-4 – hopefully on 27<sup>th</sup> February. Thank you to Mrs Andrews for putting us in touch and to the Friends for funding this. <https://evewhite.co.uk/authors/james-bishop/>

**Joseph Elliot** (author of 'The Good Hawk') is booked to run some sessions for years 5 and 6 on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March. <https://www.joseph-elliott.net/> Thank you to Mrs Hillier for organising and to Friends for funding this visit.

**Zohab Zee Khan** (poet) will be visiting on 21<sup>st</sup> March to run poetry sessions throughout the day for children across the school. <https://www.zohabzee.com/>. We are grateful that this is being funded by WEF (Wickwar Education Foundation).