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Newsletter 11, 2nd February 2024

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

Dear Parents/Carers

This term has flown by and there is only one more week until half term. Have a lovely break with your families.

Music lessons – the music lessons for Y4 (ukulele), Y2 (recorders) and Y6 (jsax) are continuing. The children are giving their best efforts to learn their instruments and are building their skills every week. There will be an end of block performance for parents (your class teacher will share dates as soon as these are confirmed).

Boccia and Curling day – The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the boccia and curling lessons this week. They showed excellent sportsmanship and teamwork. I am sure there will be photos on the class newsletters this week.

Swimming gala – Congratulations to our ks2 swimming team for representing the school brilliantly at the recent swimming gala. Some of the children were taking part in their first gala and were brave and did really well. The team achieved gold and silver in Y3/4 girls freestyle; Y5/6 boys freestyle 50m; Y5/6 girls front crawl 25m; Y5/6 boys breast stroke 25m; Y5/6 boys back crawl 25m; Y5/6 boys butterfly 25m. Well done to everyone who took part. We are proud of you all.

Kind regards, Mrs Deb Williams - Headteacher

Dates for your diary:

Week 6 (5-9 Feb)

Children's mental health week

5th Feb – Awards and cups assembly

5th Feb – Y4 ukulele lesson

6th Feb – Safer Internet Day

6th Feb – Y6 jsax & Y2 recorder lessons.

6th Feb – Friends of AHS disco

7th Feb – SARI (Stand up Against Racism and Inequality) workshops Y4-6

8th Feb – Friends of AHS Rags to Riches collection on roundabout

8th Feb – Topaz parents meeting about reading

8th Feb – Special lunch for Chinese New Year – see menu below & Scopay

9th Feb – Y4 trip to Ashmolean, Oxford

Half Term 12-16th Feb

Term 4 Week 1 (19-23 Feb)

19th Feb – Deadline for Family Support Worker post – Eteach

20th Feb – Tennis taster day 1

20th Feb - Y6 jsax & Y2 recorder lessons.

20th Feb – Special lunch for Pancake Day – see menu below & Scopay

22nd Feb - Tennis taster day 2

22nd Feb – Y6 parents' meeting about SATs

22nd Feb – Deadline for garden designs WEAG competition

22nd Feb – Chinese lesson for Y5 – teacher from KLB

23rd Feb – Whole school newsletter

23rd Feb - Y4 ukulele lesson

Please see teachers' weekly newsletters for more information about class-specific events and activities.

Diary dates will be emailed to parents for the coming week on alternate weeks.

Friends of AHS

We are very grateful to everyone who has been on the outgoing committee including the chair – Ms Bryant (Hugo and Evie), secretary – Mrs Hathaway (James) and treasurer – Mrs Hill (George) and everyone who has contributed and helped with the organising and running of events in the past year.

The Friends of AHS are a vital aspect of school life and the work they do provides enjoyable activities for our families and raises much needed funds for the school, including recent donations for: an ipad for each class; microwave for cookery club; digital cameras for use at events and school trips/residentials; refreshing Shaun's Garden- including a new fence; TTRS – Times Tables Rock Stars and Digimaps Geography and History resource.

The Friends have elected a new chair – Mrs Mason-Elias (Jack) and treasurer – Mrs Chappell (Harriet). Mrs Hathaway has kindly agreed to stay on for a few weeks, until a secretary can take over. Without a new secretary, no further events will be able to run and the Friends of AHS will pause until a new secretary can be found. Contact Friends via Facebook or FriendsofAHS@hotmail.com if you would like to put yourself forward.



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.

Rags 2 Riches clothing collection: Our next clothing collection is on **Thursday 8 February**, so if you are tidying up this weekend, please bag up any clean, good quality clothes, shoes and accessories (sorry, no uniform) and bring them down to school before 9am on the day.

Support us through EasyFundraising: If you shop online at ebay, Clarks, Argos and other major internet sites, sign up to www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/alexanderhosea/ to raise extra funds as you shop at NO COST TO YOU! The sellers make a donation to us based on the value of your shop.

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

Special lunches

The catering team will be offering two special menu days for forthcoming events. Please book meals through Scopay in the usual way.

Chinese New Year 8th February

CHINESE NEW YEAR
2024

Sweet and Sour Chicken
& Egg Fried Rice
or
Vegetable Chow Mein
with
Oriental Vegetables

Lemon and Ginger Sponge
with Coconut Custard

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Pancake Day 20th February

Pancake Day

Main Course of the Day
with
Veg of the Day

Build Your Own Pancake
choose from
lemon & sugar, honey or jam

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**Raise funds
by collecting
reusable clothes**

Schools Clubs Groups

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



The Friends of Alexander
Hosea and DJ Dave
Bridgee'o present...



The Bunny Hop

SPRING DISCO

Tuesday 6 Feb



INFANTS
4.45-5.30pm

JUNIORS
5.45-6.45pm

£2 per child
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and a drink

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WEAG Good Garden Awards

WEAG invites all children to design a poster for the Wickwar Good Garden Awards. Over the last 2 years they have had some beautiful entries from the children at AHS. This year they are looking for a **colourful nature inspired design**. The school will shortlist a few entries in each key stage to send across to a panel composed of WEAG volunteers and parish council members which will choose the final design.

To allow sufficient time to complete the poster design in time for the launch of the GGAs, the deadline for designs is **22nd February**, which will give the children some time over half term to complete their designs.

We look forward to seeing their amazing ideas.

Please follow the link to find out more about the WEAG Nature Action Plan

<https://wickwarparishcouncil.gov.uk/help-to-shape-wickwars-local-nature-action-plan/#more-3573>



Please clearly name all items that children bring to school, so that they can be returned to them if lost. Thank you.

Uniform reminder

We are proud of our school uniform and the sense of team and belonging that it brings. It is important that children wear the uniform correctly and dress smartly for school.

All children are expected to wear the uniform as per the school's uniform policy (in Parent tab on website).

<https://www.alexanderhoseprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Uniform&pid=28>

Please make sure that footwear is appropriate (including sports trainers on PE days) and socks are plain and only in school colours.

Nail varnish and jewellery (other than one plain stud in each ear and a simple watch) are not allowed.

Scarlet Fever outbreak

We have now had 3 confirmed cases of Scarlet Fever in the infants within 10 days of each other – this constitutes an outbreak. Please familiarise yourself with the symptoms below.

If you feel your child is displaying ANY of the symptoms please contact your GP as soon as possible and let school know.

The symptoms of scarlet fever can be non-specific in early illness and may include sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. Within 48 hours a rash develops, typically on chest and stomach, rapidly spreading to other parts of the body, giving the skin a sand paper like texture. Children typically have flushed cheeks and pallor around the mouth. This may be accompanied by a 'strawberry tongue'.

Scarlet fever is highly contagious and if not treated with antibiotics can be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks.

Please see the link for the NHS website on Scarlet Fever.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever/>

Parent Council

Our Parent Council meeting took place this week. We discussed a range of items, including: Catering, clubs, values, communication, arriving at school, EYFS transition, looking after belongings etc.

Please see the minutes of the meeting – emailed and saved on website

<https://www.alexanderhoseprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Parent+Council&pid=26>

The next meeting is 5th March at 2:30pm.

Safe scooting and cycling to school

Parent Council raised a concern that some children are riding bikes and scooters with no helmets. We would strongly encourage children to wear a helmet when riding scooters or bikes. Please also talk to your children about how to keep safe when riding.

We are in the process of booking scooter training for Year 3 and pedestrian training for Year 5 for the summer term.

Sports funding

Swift Sports have been running sessions for the past few years and we have gained from the service provided, however we are now looking into alternative ways to use our sports premium to have the maximum impact on pupils' development. We have asked Swift to continue to run a ks1 and ks2 club and to help out on key events (eg sports day and shuffle up days enrichment – usually fencing and archery – for Y6 students), so these will continue after half term.

We are currently in talks with Forest Green Rovers to look at lunchtime and after school clubs and activities, as well as ks2 interventions - with a football focus - during one afternoon a week. Once the final details are in place, we will let parents know. We are intending for this to start after half term.

Miss Williams – PE Leader

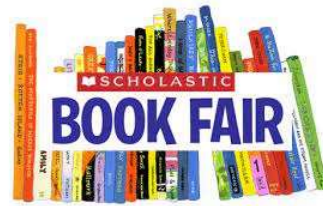


The Friends of AHS need a new secretary to take over the role in the coming month, so that the group can continue their valuable contributions to school life.

The main roles of the secretary are:

1. Take minutes for the meetings and send these out to parents.
2. Update the item in the fortnightly school newsletter.
3. Advertise events and post on the Friends' Facebook page and send to school.

NB all classes have their own Friends' representative, who will circulate adverts and updates to their classes too.



We have booked a Scholastic Book Fair for 30th April to 3rd May. The sale will be open after school each day and classes will have time to have look at the book selection at some point before the sale opens. For each sale, the school will earn commission which can be spent on additional books for classrooms.

We are looking into online payment options and pre-booking to help working parents.

Ms Clark – English Leader

Raise money for our school for free!

If you shop online at eBay, Clarks, Argos and other major internet shopping sites, don't forget to sign up to www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/alexanderhosea/ to raise extra funds as you shop at no cost to you!



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Friday 9th Feb

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