

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

What a wild and windy end to term it was! The shed in our allotment area (called Shaun's Garden in memory of a previous chair of the Friends) finally blew over. The Friends already had a new shed on order and they plan to fit this soon. Other than that and a tree in the car park, the storm damage was minimal on site.

We hope that you all have a relaxing half term week and look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 28th February.

Staffing Update: After 16 years at our school, Mrs Rehman has taken the decision to leave us. We will miss her and wish her all the very best for the future. We have advertised for a new part-time teacher to work alongside Mrs Cleverley. In the meantime, Mrs Dimery will continue to cover the long term absence in Jet Class.

Upcoming events:

3rd March – World Book Day – dress up as a book character

18th March - Red Nose Day - £1 to wear red (buckets at the morning gate)

World Book Day - 3rd March

<https://www.worldbookday.com/ideas/about/>

World Book Day is a **charity** on a mission to help change children's lives by making reading together and reading for pleasure a habit for life.

Reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator for success in life, more than family circumstances, educational background, or income (Organisation for Economic Co-operation & Development).

Sharing stories together for just **ten minutes a day** will encourage a love of reading and it's fun for everyone! You can read together **anywhere and everywhere, from breakfast to bedtime!** In the park, on the train, on the sofa, on a plane – reading and sharing stories can happen anywhere at any time.

As in previous years, the children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character on **Thursday 3rd March**.

Miss Clark – English Leader

Play Pod

The Play Pod has reopened in the playground at lunchtime and the children are very excited to have access to the play resources for their imaginative games. Here is a link if you would like to know more about this

<https://www.childrensscrapstore.co.uk/play-services>

UWE Minecraft Engineering opportunity - KS2

Last week, Years 4, 5 and 6 took part in free engineering education outreach activities from [DETI Inspire](#) ([Digital Engineering Technology and Innovation \(DETI\) programme](#)) through UWE. They loved the Minecraft challenges. Thank you to Mrs Zlobec-Short for organising for the children.

Spare uniform

We have a huge amount of spare uniform in the school lobby. Please do come and help - yourself to anything you need. There is no cost for this.



Friends of AHS

Thank you for your support at the Valentines Donut Sale – this was a new event for us and we were delighted with how popular it was! The Friends are working on plans for the rest of the year so if you have any ideas for events you would like us to run, please get in touch via our [Facebook page](#) or by emailing FriendsOfAHS@hotmail.com

Seed swap: On **Saturday 5 March** from 10am to 12 noon we will be running a Seed Swap to raise funds for the school vegetable garden – bring your spare seeds to the Wickwar Town Hall to swap with other gardeners. Refreshments and children's sowing activities will be available. The Wickwar Environmental Action Group will also be joining us to share their plans for 2022!

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

Save the date! The Wickwar Games will be moving back to its summer slot this year, taking place on **Saturday 16 July**. We will be looking for helpers to organise and run the bar, supervise the bouncy castle and marshal the Fun Run, so please get in touch if you can take on any of these roles.

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

Free School Meals

If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals – Pupil Premium (see information opposite) and your child is in any school year at our school, please follow the link to apply. In addition for free meals, the associated pupil premium funding follows the child throughout their primary school experience. This can be used to fund a range of support for your child (including clubs, uniform, trips etc).

K'NEX needed!!

We are need of some more K'nex construction kits to support our DT learning. If you have any unwanted K'nex at home, we would love to take it off your hands. Please drop it off at the main office for the attention of

Mrs Cleverley. Many thanks.



Free school meals

All children and young people

Your child may be able to get free school meals in Year 3 and above if you receive any of the following:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods, and your monthly average income over three assessment periods should be no more than £616.67)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

For information on free meals for young people in further education visit: [Free meals in further education funded institutions: guide for the 2021 to 2022 academic year](#)

Cups and Awards



Supersonic Citizenship Award

Each term the teachers choose a 'supersonic' citizen from each class. The children can earn this by consistently demonstrating excellent attitude to learning and behaviour. From these nominations, staff choose a child from the infants and child from the juniors to win the Citizenship Cup (silver trophy), which they can take home and keep for a term. The awards are highly regarded and children strive to achieve them.



Haydon Music Award

The Haydon Music Award is also awarded 6 times a year. Teachers nominate children who they think show passion and commitment to music. The glass trophy is awarded to one child a term.



Creativity Award

The creativity award is a metal statue of a painter at work on a canvas. This termly award is given to one child a term for demonstrating exceptional creativity in their learning across the curriculum (eg art, writing, creative thinking/problem-solving).



Sporting Award

In October, we added a new award to our portfolio: the sports award. The award is a silver plate and is awarded for exceptional contribution to sports and PE in school.



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!

Registered charity no 1025562

School Business Manager

In the last week of term, Mr Ian Swann joined our team and worked alongside Mrs Allison Hall to hand over the reins. If you need to contact our SBM, Mr Swann's email is lan.Swann@gmail.org.uk

SEED SWAP

SATURDAY 5TH MARCH
10am to 12 noon, Wickwar Town Hall

Whether you are a keen gardener or a beginner, bring your spare and saved seeds or surplus plants along to the Town Hall to swap with other local gardeners!

Nothing to swap? No problem!
Make a small donation instead

CHILDREN'S
ACTIVITY:
SOW BROAD BEANS
or SUNFLOWERS
to TAKE HOME
and GROW!

ENJOY A
CUP OF TEA
OR COFFEE &
A SLICE OF
CAKE!



Donations will be used to buy
supplies for the AHS school garden

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