

# Alexander Hosea Primary School

## 'Roots to grow, wings to fly'

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### Newsletter 1, 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019

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

From Mrs Williams..

Welcome back to school. We trust that everyone has enjoyed a relaxing and enjoyable holiday. The children have returned to school with a positive mindset and have started to settle into their new classes. The classrooms are looking fantastic in their new project themes and the children have started to immerse themselves in their new learning.

Please do make the time to read the **fortnightly newsletters** throughout the year, so that you can stay abreast of what is happening for your children in school. The school calendar (see link above) is updated each Monday and is a helpful overview of key events. Some key dates for your diary:

Helpers in school meeting: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 9-9:30am

Children's University Parents' meeting: Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 3-3:25pm.

Open evening for prospective parents for Reception in September 2020: Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2-3pm.

Parents' Evenings: Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 4-6:30pm.

Teachers also create **weekly class newsletters** for parents and these are posted on the class pages of the school website. These contain useful information about the learning from the week and what to expect in the week ahead. We keep these short (usually one side at most) to make it easily accessible to busy parents.

The **'Meet the Teacher'** meetings are another way to find out about the expectations for the year. These will take place next week (see schedule on page 4) and we would encourage parents to attend. There will be staff on duty in the playground to supervise the children during these 20 min sessions. Other channels of communication include face-to-face meetings with teachers (after school or by appointment); texts or emails.

In the event that your child will be absent from school for any reason, please contact the **school office**, so that they can update the class register (you may wish to copy in the teacher to any emails too for their information). 'Request for Absence' forms are in the office. These must be completed in advance of a planned period of absence and submitted to the school office. We do not authorise holiday in term time, so please book family holidays during the 13 weeks of school holidays (term dates below). When children miss school, they miss important learning and social opportunities. Good attendance is important to be able to access the full curriculum and opportunities on offer and to build good routines and practices for the future.

We look forward to a happy and productive year.

#### **Open evenings for Y6 pupils**

**KLB**

12<sup>th</sup> September 6-8:30pm

#### **Chipping Sodbury**

12<sup>th</sup> September 5:45-  
8:30pm

*(note the same date)*

#### **School Dinners**

<https://www.alexanderhoseaprimary.co.uk/page/?title=School+Meals&pid=29> (link to current menu). New menu will start after half term (Nov).

The cost of school meals are FREE for children in Reception – Year 2; for other years they are £2.30 a day. Meals are payable in advance using the online pay system (ask at the office for more details).

#### **INSET dates 2019-20**

Our INSET dates for next year will be:

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020

**Please note the National May Day holiday will be on FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> May not Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020 (changed recently by Government).**



Bristol and South Gloucestershire Children's University

### Children's University

We will be launching the Children's University across the school in a few weeks. We will link to UWE in Bristol and there are many ways that the children can engage in extra-curricular activities to earn their credits towards a special award in July 2020.

There will be a short introductory meeting for parents at **3pm on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019 – in the hall.**

Come along and find out more.

<https://www1.uwe.ac.uk/study/schoolsandcolleges/childrensUniversity.aspx>

**WICKWAR  
CHURCH**  
*INVITES YOU TO  
A SPECIAL SERVICE FOR*  
**EDUCATION SUNDAY**  
**8th September**  
**- 11.15am -**  
**Songs of Praise**  
*with coffee tea & cake*

*Celebrating our Schools,  
our Teachers,  
and all who support them*

**All Welcome!**

### Parking Polite Reminder

Please park in a respectful and safe manner. The drop off zone is for dropping off only; cars should not be left unattended in this area. Neighbours have asked that drivers do not park on pavements, across driveways nor with engines left running. The local PCSOs plan to visit from time to time during the year to support sensible parking.

### Results – Headlines

Infants	Alexander Hosea	National
EYFS – good level development	85%	72%
Y1 phonics	97%	82%
Y2 Reading EXS (expected standard)	84%	75%
Y2 Reading GDS (greater depth standard)	32%	25%
Y2 Writing EXS	77%	69%
Y2 Writing GDS	29%	15%
Y2 Maths EXS	81%	76%
Y2 Maths GDS	26%	22%

KS2	Alexander Hosea	National
Y6 Reading EXS	75%	73%
Y6 Reading GDS	46%	2018 – 28%
Y6 Writing EXS	92%	79%
Y6 Writing GDS	46%	2018 – 20%
Y6 Maths EXS	92%	79%
Y6 Maths GDS	38%	2018 – 24%
Y6 Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling EXS	88%	78%
Y6 Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling GDS	54%	2018 – 34%

We are delighted with our strong outcomes across the school again last year.

As you can see, we are in line with or above (in many cases well above) national standards in all measures.

We are particularly pleased with our Maths outcomes this year as this has been a main focus for school improvement.

This year, we will be looking at ways to develop our readers further and encourage all children to read at home 5 times a week.



## Friends of AHS

### 24<sup>th</sup> September – 6:30pm Friends' AGM and Committee Meeting

#### Welcome back!

We hope you had a great summer and have enjoyed the first week back at school. We would also like to say a big "Welcome" to all the new children, parents and carers joining our school this year.

Thank you again for your support last year. All the money raised provides resources and experiences for all the children of AHS. With that in mind, we're pleased to announce that our Fun Run, Bar and Bouncy Castle at the Wickwar Games raised £710 and our Tea Towel sales raised £375 for our school.

Our Annual General Meeting, followed by our regular committee meeting, is on 24<sup>th</sup> September at school. Everyone is welcome to come along and see what we have planned for this year!

[friendsofahs@hotmail.com](mailto:friendsofahs@hotmail.com) [facebook.com/FriendsOfAHS](https://facebook.com/FriendsOfAHS) [pta-events.co.uk/FriendsOfAHS](https://pta-events.co.uk/FriendsOfAHS)

#### Attendance

Good attendance and punctuality are very important. With this in mind, please avoid booking any holidays in term time and make sure that children arrive at school (and are collected) on time every day.

Also, all children are expected to remain in school until the end of school at 3:30pm. If your child attends a club at another venue after school, please arrange this for a time that does not involve early collection. Important messages, notes and reminders are given at the end of the day and lessons do not end until close to 3:30pm

#### Time out for parents: Handling Anger in the Family

Wednesday 6th November - Wednesday 27th November.

9.30am-11.30am

Booking opens end of September/Beginning of October

To find out more or to book on these courses please visit  
[www.resoundbristol.co.uk/family](http://www.resoundbristol.co.uk/family) or contact: [parenting@resoundbristol.co.uk](mailto:parenting@resoundbristol.co.uk)

If you think this course might be helpful to you, please book via the emails above.

#### Aspirations Week

This year, we will be organising an Aspirations Week and the children will find out about different jobs that they might do in the future.

If you have a job in a STEM industry or in a role that challenges a gender stereotype, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Mrs Sally Windmill.

#### Spare unwanted uniform

If you have any good quality spare unwanted uniform that no longer fits your child, please donate it to the school. This really helps out younger children in our community, who might need the next size up.

Please remove your child's name from the label (leaving the size visible if you can) and hand into the school office. Thank you.

#### Library Challenge

If your child took part in the Library Challenge, parents will be able to log this as credits towards the Children's University programme in the near future.

#### Parent Helper Clubs

Parent Council are keen for there to be more free clubs for children. If you have a DBS and a skill you would like to share, please contact Mrs Packer (in the office) about offering a lunchtime club.

If possible, we would love to have clubs that would tie in with the Year of Citizenship (eg a debating club; 'Green' environmental awareness club; Current Affairs club; foreign languages club or art club linked to cultural awareness).

We currently have offers for Y5 gardening club and KS2 netball club that are run by parents. Thank you, Mrs Hathaway, Mrs Gregory, Mrs Carter and Mrs Hall.

## Uniform reminder

For more information, follow the link on the website:

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

### THE CURRENT UNIFORM

There is an expectation that children come to school dressed smartly. Fashion items are not considered appropriate.

#### GIRLS

- grey or black skirts, trousers or pinafore dresses
- white polo shirts
- royal blue sweatshirts or cardigans depicting the school logo.
- black, grey or white socks or tights
- dark coloured shoes/ankle boots which are sensible and durable.

**Knee high boots and trainers are not acceptable.**

In summer, as an alternative to the above, girls may wear:

- blue and white checked gingham dresses or plain school knee length black or grey shorts
- caps or hats

**Socks should be worn with all shoes.**

Swimming costumes must be all-in-one suits to adhere to pool regulations.

#### BOYS

- grey or black trousers or shorts
- white polo shirts

- royal blue sweatshirts depicting the school logo
- black, grey or white socks
- dark coloured shoes which are durable and sensible.

**Trainers are not acceptable.**

In summer, boys may wear:

- caps or hats (caps are available with the school logo)

Swimming trunks/shorts, but not Bermudas, to adhere to pool regulations.

#### PE

- Plimsolls are required by children in our Reception class
- Trainers are also required for children in Years 1 to 6
- Black or navy blue shorts
- Navy blue or black tracksuits/joggers may be worn in cold weather.
- A white T-shirt or a coloured printed T-shirt to represent their house:-

Archers – Blue

Brewers - Green

Potters – Red

Weavers - Yellow

(NB - No football shirts).

All PE items need to be kept in a named drawstring bag, which must be in school every day during term time.

## Term dates 2019-20

### TERM 1

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019 - Inset Day**

Begin: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019  
End: Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019

### TERM 2

Begin: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019  
End: Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019  
**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019-Inset**

#### Day

### TERM 3

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020 – Inset**

#### Day

Begin: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020  
End: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020

### TERM 4

Begin: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020  
End: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020-Inset Day**

### TERM 5

Begin: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020  
**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May – May Bank**

#### Holiday

End: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020

### TERM 6

Begin: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020  
**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July-Inset Day**  
End: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020

## Permission to walk to/from school

If your child is in Y5 or Y6 and you feel that they are ready to be able to walk to or from school independently, please complete a request form (available from the school office). Permission to walk home alone is at the discretion of the headteacher.

This permission does not cover walking home from non-staff run clubs. Arrangements should be made directly between parents and the company providing the club.

Parents may wish to change permissions during weeks when darker afternoons are drawing in. Parents should let the club provider know of any such changes in advance.

## Meet the Teacher dates:

Date	Time	Years
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept	3:30-3:50	Pearl & Amethyst
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	330:350	Crystal & Diamond
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	3-3:20	Jet
	3:30-3:50	Ruby & Emerald



## Year of Citizenship

Each year we have an in depth focus on an aspect of our curriculum. The three curriculum teams (The Arts, The World and STEM) take it in turns taking the lead each year. Last year, we enjoyed the Year of the Arts, when all children learned a musical instrument; we started to work towards Gold Artsmark; created sculptures to display at Berkeley castle for our school trip and created high quality artwork in class.

This year, The World Team (led by Mrs Windmill – see below), will be launching the Year of Citizenship. We will be inviting families to engage with the Children's University programme, where the children can earn stamps in a passport to gain credits towards an award; launch Jigsaw PHSE programme across the school and a whole school trip.



**PROJECT 5 CONFERENCE**  
SUPPORTING & UNDERSTANDING ANXIETY,  
MENTAL HEALTH IN CHILDREN  
FOR PROFESSIONALS & PARENTS SUPPORTING CHILDREN WITH  
ANXIETY & EMOTIONAL MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS

**FRIDAY, 18TH OCTOBER 2019**  
AZTEC HOTEL, BRISTOL BS32 4TS

\*RATES INCLUDE A FREE PROJECT 5 JOURNAL  
PROFESSIONAL RATES:  
MEMBERS £75 (\*£10 EARLY BIRD UNTIL 01/07/19)  
PARENTS / CARERS  
MEMBERS £30 / NON-MEMBERS £50

1 in 8, 5-19-year-olds suffer from a mental disorder (NHS, 2018). Increased referrals to mental health services and CAMHS have reached the equivalent of 183 every day!

Nationally we need to raise Mental health Awareness. This conference will be a comprehensive and valuable day for practitioners and parents and will provide information and skills to help young people beat anxiety. The day will cover early experience and health impacts, causes of anxiety, anxiety in those with additional needs and making connections to find the right support for children. There will be an opportunity to network, explore resources, share ideas and hear from experts and organisations in the field and at the forefront of services.

The Conference has been planned as a follow-up to our Project 5 programme pilot, designed by JIGSAW. The programme of 6 sessions was influenced by Mind's 5 areas to Wellbeing and runs alongside a journal and promotes awareness and resilience in managing anxiety and stress amongst young people.

**PROGRAMME (PLEASE REFER TO THE WEBSITE FOR UPDATES)**

- The Brain as a Social Organ: Brains need friends too
- An Introduction to Adverse Childhood Experiences
- Tech addiction and the Mental Health Impacts in children
- Anxiety risks in Neuro-Developmental Disorders
- CAMHS - Support & Interventions
- Strategies of support in Managing Mental Wellbeing (Presentations from various services & organisations, mindfulness, physical therapies & education)
- Children and Young Person's Services (CYPS) and current impacts on support

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### Year of Citizenship

We are looking forward to immersing the children in a year of citizenship this year.

Through the year we aim to develop a greater sense of local community and wider world citizenship.

In term 1 a new Personal, Health and Social program will be launched. Jigsaw aims to prepare children for life, helping them understand who they are and how they relate to other people in the world.

Plans are also in place to get more involved with eco projects, raise money for charities, go on a whole school trip, carry out acts of kindness and work with theatre groups. More details to follow.

Sally Windmill

## Parent Council 2019-20

The dates for this year are: Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September; Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January; Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March and Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June from 2:30 -3:20pm. This year, we are looking for reps for Reception, Y5 & Y6. If you think you could help, please contact the school office. Here are last year's Terms of Reference, which will be updated at the first meeting.



### PARENT COUNCIL – TERMS OF REFERENCE Alexander Hosea Primary School 2019-20

(Although this forum is referred to as the 'Parent' Council, it includes anyone having caring responsibility for a pupil at Alexander Hosea Primary School)

#### Rationale

It is agreed that parental engagement and home / school partnerships are a positive aspect of effective schools. A Parent Council has a function to perform in supporting this.

#### Aims

- To provide a relatively informal forum for parents to express their views about the running of the school.
- To engage parents who may not have the confidence or a desire to be a parent governor.
- To consult parents on specific issues e.g. school meals.
- To be involved in school decisions on issues related to the general day to day organisation of the school, such as uniform and discipline, as opposed to strategic school development, which is the responsibility of the Governors.
- To enhance communication by providing a two-way link between parents and the school.
- To celebrate the successes of the school.
- To discuss issues raised by the parent community.

#### Guidelines

- Ideally, the Parent Council will comprise at least one parent per class / year group.
- The Parent Council will meet informally on a termly basis (six times a year).
- The Parent Council will have the opportunity to meet with the Pupil Council / Governing body as and when appropriate.
- The meetings will be chaired by the Headteacher.
- Minutes will be taken by a member of the Parent Council.

#### Conclusion

These terms of reference will be reviewed regularly at the first meeting of the academic year.

### Class Representatives

Topaz (R) - TBC

Jet (Y1) – Mrs Mason

Emerald (Y1) – Mrs Hall

Ruby (Y2) – Mrs Heffernan

Crystal (Y3) – Mrs Leighton

Diamond (Y4) – Mrs Zlobec-Short

Pearl (Y5) - TBC

Amethyst (Y6) - TBC