



ALEXANDER HOSEA PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Roots to grow, wings to fly'

13th October 2016

Dear Parents / Carers

BE HEALTHY

Ready, steady, go!

In-school cycling event

This was extremely successful and provided an excellent opportunity for children to develop their physical skills, supporting our 'ready, steady, go', year of physical development, outdoor learning and sport.

Swimming

This term, children in Years 4, 5 and 6 who are as yet unable to swim 25 metres, are going swimming on Tuesday afternoons. We hope they will achieve their goal!

Girls' football

We sent a team to play at Yate International Academy and they came 4th out of 18 schools which is a huge achievement. Well done Charlotte, Felicity, Lucy, Alice, Rebecca, Lily, Amber, Jessica, Frankie and Molly and thank you to the parents who transported them there and back.

Healthy School

We have signed up to renew our Healthy School award and are asking you to ensure that your child's packed lunch includes healthy foods.

Flu vaccinations in school

These are scheduled for the afternoon of 15th November.

STAY SAFE

Life Bus

Our annual visit from the Life Bus, when the children learn about how to keep themselves safe, is on Monday 31st October and Tuesday 1st November. There is an opportunity for parents to come along and find out about what the children have been learning at 3pm on Tuesday.

Be safe, be seen

A 'Be safe, be seen' assembly has also been planned for the same week and you will be receiving information about reflectives that you can purchase following this.

Drop off zone and staff/disabled car park

Just a reminder that the drop off zone is for dropping off only. Please do not park there and leave your car, as this prevents the flow of traffic.

Also, please remember that the school must not be accessed through the car park.

Anti-bullying week – week beginning 31st October

Throughout the first week back after the holiday, your children will be involved in a range of activities to teach them about anti-bullying. Our teaching about anti-bullying is on-going during the year, but annually we have a focus on this, as part of national Anti-bullying week.

Behaviour

I have recently received a lot of very positive feedback about our children's outstanding behaviour, both in school and when on educational visits. Some of this has come from visiting teachers and supply teachers who work in many different schools. We know our children are extremely well behaved, but it is always good to get such positive feedback from other people.

ENJOY AND ACHIEVE

'Big Friendly Read' summer reading challenge

We had an incredible number of children who took part on the summer reading challenge and their achievements were celebrated during celebration assembly last week. Well done everyone!

Educational visits

With our new approach to the curriculum, there will be more educational visits during the year. The children gain hugely from these. So far this term, Crystal class have visited @Bristol, Pearl class have visited the canal at Stroud, Diamond class have been on a walking tour of Bristol to follow in Banksy's footsteps and Topaz have been to Redwood.

Flute / clarinet lessons

I have managed to get a flute/clarinet teacher if anybody is interested in their child learning to play. The cost is £10 for a lesson (one lesson/week). I already have a couple of children who are keen but wondered whether there are any others to make it worthwhile the teacher coming to Alexander Hosea. Please inform the office by Wednesday 19th October.

Kumon – a great free opportunity for your child!

If you have a child in Years 1-4, you will already have received a letter and postcard about the free scholarships available from Kumon. The meeting to find out more about this is on Monday 17th October at 5.00pm at school. I look forward to seeing you there.

Clubs

We offer a wide range of lunch time and after school clubs and it is good to see so many children joining these.

POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION

Macmillan coffee morning

A grand total of £555.01 was raised. A big 'thank you' must go to Mrs Sprosen, staff and children for planning and running this and the Friends for serving the refreshments. Also I would like to thank you for supporting this charity event by providing cakes and raffle prizes and coming along to give your support.

Friends coffee morning

This seems to have been a great success – thank you for your support and thank you to the Friends for organising and running it.

Parent helpers

Thank you to all parents who have volunteered to help in school and during educational visits so far this term.

We still need at least one parent to go swimming with the children on Tuesday afternoons. If you can help with this, please let the office staff know.

Parent Council

Our first meeting of the year is this Friday – 14th October at 2.00pm. I look forward to seeing at least one representative from each class there. The minutes of meetings are uploaded onto the website for reference.

Container

We have a container in the EYFS outdoor learning area and our vision is to make this an attractive feature, whilst providing a learning opportunity for the children and additional storage. We have seen this work really well in another school.

The initial plan is to move some of the furniture which is stored in school, to the container but we would very much appreciate some help with this. Therefore if there are any you who could help out with this, we are planning to make a start on Tuesday 18th October after school. Please just turn up!! Thank you.

Parents' evenings – Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th October

It appears that the on-line booking system has been popular and it is great to see so many of you signed up. The closing date for this is Monday 17th October, so please book a slot if you have not already done so.

Village Fair

Thank you to the Friends for organising and running this event and to Mrs Woodward for all the hard work put in to making the 'show' part of the event so successful once again. We have received some positive feedback and spent some time at our last Friends meeting discussing how the event can be improved further in the future.

I hope you have all received the Friends latest newsletter which includes lots of information about their events and how the money raised has been used in school to support your children's learning.

The AGM and next meeting is on Tuesday 1st November at 7.30pm so please come along and join us.

ASPIRATION WEEK – week beginning 7th November

A number of different things have been planned for this week including:

MONDAY 7TH NOVEMBER - TOM ROBSON – HAVE YOU BOOKED YOUR PLACE?

I hope you have all reserved your place to come along and hear Tom Robson speak on the evening of Monday 7th November – 7.00pm. It will make a real difference to you and the way you support your children. Please see the poster in the noticeboard and bring along any friends who may be interested – please let us know numbers beforehand. The Friends will be serving wine and nibbles.

How can you help?

If you have a job or interest which you would be happy to share with the children during Aspiration week please can you let your child's class teacher or the office staff know by 21st October. We had several parents offer to do this as part of our STEM week a couple of years ago and it would be great if we could offer this again.

TUESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER – ANDY COPE

Andy will be working with the Y5 and Y6 children and is hugely inspirational. He works with children and adults and speaks at many conferences in London and internationally. As this is a special event, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £5 per child towards the cost.

MP

Our local MP, Luke Hall, was due to visit Amethyst class last Friday to support their project – What makes us powerful? Unfortunately he was ill so hopefully this will be re-arranged in the near future.

TOPAZ

The Gazette photographer came to photograph our Reception children this week so their picture should be in the Gazette within the next two weeks.

INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS - Thursday 20th October

The school photographer will be taking pictures of individuals and families in school on Thursday 20th October. Portraits will be taken in family groups unless we are specifically asked for individuals. Please complete and return the form below by Tuesday 18th October if you require individual portraits instead of /as well as a family group. (There is no need to complete this form if your child does not have siblings at the school, as they will automatically have an individual photograph taken.)

If parents would like pre-school children included in the photographs please could they come at the start of the session – 8.45am.

Celebrations

I would like to congratulate Charlie Noble who has recently been attending auditions at the Old Vic in Bristol. He has achieved amazingly well getting into the last 140 out of 600 children auditioned. Well done, Charlie!

If your child has achieved something special outside school, please make sure they let us know so we can celebrate this in school.

COMMUNITY LINKS

Marling School

The Open evening for Y5 boys at Marling is on Monday 17th October and open mornings are on 31st March and 28th June 2017. Full details are available from their website

Girls' football – Y4-Y7

This week is FA National Girls' Football Week.

The main aim of this week is to raise the profile of Women's & Girls' Football across the country, open up opportunities for girls to try the game out, and increase the opportunity for girls to gain an interest in or continue with their football.

In support of this football coaches are running a session **TODAY** (Friday 14th October) from 6-8pm at KLB School. Astro Trainers required please!

DIARY DATES FOR TERM 2 2016-17

October	Monday 17th	Kumon evening
	Wednesday 19 th	Parents' Evening 4.00pm – 7.30pm
	Thursday 20 th	Parents' Evening 4.00pm – 7.30pm
	Thursday 20th	School photos, family and individuals
	Friday 21st	End of Term 1 for pupils
	Monday 31st	Start of Term 2
	Monday 31st	Life Bus
November	Tuesday 1st	Life Bus
	Tuesday 1st	Swimming starts forclass
	Tuesday 1st	Parents and carers are invited for a drop in session - 3.15pm
	Tuesday 1st	Friends AGM
	Monday 7 th	'Aspirations week' (7 th – 11 th) 'Big to be Me' (Action Aid) (7 th – 11 th)
	Monday 7 th	'Growth Mindset' for parents – led by Tom Robson.
	Tuesday 8 th	'The Art of Brilliance' Years 5 & 6 – Andy Cope.
	Friday 11 th	Remembrance Day
	Sunday 13 th	Remembrance Sunday – House Captains representation at church
	Tuesday 15 th	Flu Vaccinations for Yr 1,2 & 3 (for pupils who have returned a permission form only) - pm
	Friday 18 th	Parent Council Meeting – 2.00 pm
	Tuesday 22 nd	Jet class – cineworld trip
	Friday 25 th	Clubs run by staff end for term 1 and 2
December	Friday 2 nd	Y6 - Clifton Cathedral Carol Concert
	Wednesday 7 th	Sapphire and Crystal Christmas Performance – 9.30am Jet Christmas Performance -2.45pm
	Thursday 8 th	Sapphire and Crystal Christmas Performance – 2.15pm
	Thursday 8 th	Jet Christmas Performance –9.30am – afternoon, times to be confirmed
	Friday 9 th	Friends Christmas Fair
	Monday 12 th	Pearl/Diamond & Amethyst Christmas Performance in Church - 6.30pm
	Tuesday 13 th	School Christmas Lunch Choir to Old People's home
	Wednesday 14 th	Sapphire & Crystal Christmas party - pm
	Wednesday 14 th	Pearl/Diamond & Amethyst Christmas Performance in Church – 2pm
	Thursday 15 th	Topaz Christmas party – am
	Friday 16 th	Friends Coffee morning
	Friday 16 th	KS1 party pm Pearl/Diamond & Amethyst Christmas Party pm
	Friday 16 th	End of Term 2

I wish you all an enjoyable half term holiday (when we get there) and look forward to seeing your children back in school on Monday 31st October.

Yours sincerely

Ms. V. Quest

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School Photographs - This form is only applicable to families with more than one child in school.

The following children require individual photographs:

.....(Name of child) (Class)

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.....(Name of child) (Class)

Instead of a family portrait **(please tick as applicable)**

As well as a family portrait

Signed:

Date: