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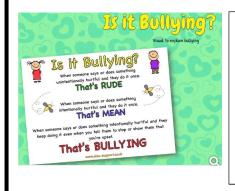
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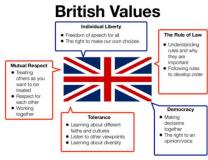
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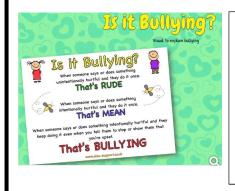
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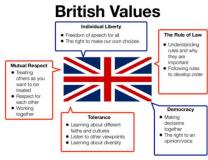
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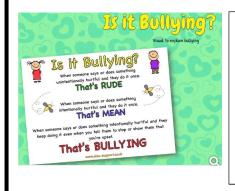
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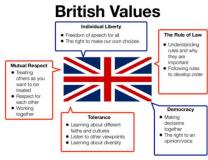
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Newsletter 6, 17th November 2023

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

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a busy and productive fortnight with Remembrance, Anti-bullying week, Multi-Faith Day, Odd Socks/Children in Need Day, flu vaccines and several class trips.

Black History Month – Message from the visitor for all children: 'I just want to say a big thank you and well done! You were all amazing during the Black History Month workshops, you were respectful, contributed well and were a joy to teach! Thank you again and all the best, Meg!'

Poppy sale for remembrance – Thank you for supporting the Royal British Legion's poppy appeal. The Y5/6 children enjoyed being responsible for sales in the playground and the collection pot was very weighty by the end!

Catering – We are pleased to inform you that the Catering team have retained their 5 Star Food hygiene rating from the Food Standard Agency. We are grateful to have our experienced, competent and dedicated catering team, who have transferred over from Integra to our new providers – Edwards & Ward. Kind regards, Mrs Deb Williams - Headteacher

Dates for your diary:

Weekly tours for prospective Reception parents continue until 12th January. Week 4

- 20th Nov Netball tournament with Bluecoat 20th Nov – Assembly by Charfield Christian Centre 22nd Nov – Netball tournament at KLB 24th Nov Non-uniform for chocolate donation FoAHS
- $24^{\mathrm{th}}\,\mathrm{Nov}-\mathrm{Mrs}$ Newcombe leaves for maternity leave

Week 5

29th Nov Y3 trip to Puxton Park 30th Nov FoAHS Christmas Gift Sale 30th Jet Journal Share 1st Dec Christmas Fair 4-6pm

Week 6

 5^{th} Dec – Infant Christmas performance to parents - am 5^{th} Dec – Y3/4 Christmas performance to parents - pm 7^{th} Dec - Y3/4 Christmas performance to parents – am 7^{th} Dec – Infant Christmas performance to parents – pm

Week 7

11th Dec – Topaz Christmas performance for parents -am 11th Dec – Cup assembly 11th Dec – Y5/6 Christmas service at Holy Trinity – eve 12th Dec - Y5/6 Christmas service at Holy Trinity – pm 13th Dec – Children's Christmas lunch 14th Dec – Class parties with Party Peeps DJ 15th Dec – FoAHS coffee am and carols Please see teachers' weekly newsletters for more information about class-specific events and activities.

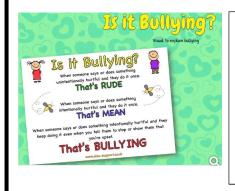
Diary Dates for Parents will be emailed on a Friday for the coming week (in the weeks when there is no school newsletter).



It was great to see the parents who attended the recent SEN coffee morning with South Glos Parents & Carers. We hope you found it a helpful experience. Our SENCo is Miss Edgar <u>Kimberley.Edgar@sgmail.org.uk</u>

Anti-bullying Week

This week has been anti-bullying week, with a focus on the importance of speaking up and supporting others to 'Make a Noise' and tell an adult if they are worried about bullying. The children enjoyed the official 2023 video <u>https://youtu.be/6UU_jOiway0</u>





Our **Non-uniform day** collecting donations for the Christmas Fair Chocolate Tombola is on **Friday 24 November**. Wear your own clothes and bring a chocolatey treat donation – no nuts or alcohol please.

Christmas Gift Shop Voucher sales have now CLOSED – thank you for supporting us by buying over 300! The Gift Shop will be in school on 30 November. If you have bought vouchers please send your child in with a bag so they can carry their selected gifts home safely. Some gifts do contain GLASS or CHOCOLATE items so they will need to be stored away from small children and pets.

The **Christmas Fair** is on **Friday 1 December** from 4-6pm (**Pearl** class to donate cakes please). Our signup sheet for event helpers is now live – go to <u>https://tinyurl.com/xmashelp23</u> to sign up. We welcome signups from responsible Year 6 pupils on the Friends game stalls but we do ask that a parent signs them up so we have your contact details and we know that you consent to them helping.

Don't forget to check our <u>Facebook page</u> and <u>webpage</u> for the latest news!

Lifeskills Centre

'Personally I had a wonderful time at the Lifeskills Centre. We learnt many skills that I will use later on in my life. We also got to call 999 and answer to tell them the situation' Ralph

'I really enjoyed the Lifeskills trip! My absolute favourite and what I learned the most about was the train and how serious the yellow line is' Mia

'I think it was a great experience and some things I learned were shocking. Did you know a car going 30mph takes 23 m to stop and electricity can jump 3m high and across? It will help me in the future as well and I won't touch fences around electricity boxes. There is a difference between 999 and 105 (105 is for electrical problems and 999 is for an ambulance, police or fire)'. Reuben

'I learnt a lot and it was really fun – my favourite was the electricity, the houses and the road/shop. I will use the skills in later life' Hollie

Cotswold Orchestra

Last week a group of children joined the local Cotswold Orchestra for their 1st rehearsal. The next session is at St John's Mead Primary on 21st November. See email from 9th October for more information.

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If you have bought vouchers please send in a bag with your child so they can bring their gifts home safely!

Primary schools' admissions

The Parent Council met this week. Please see minutes circulated by email and saved on the school website.

We had a brilliant turn out with the vast majority of classes represented. This is great as the meeting then includes a wider range of topics to discuss. The main items we discussed were:

- 1. Catering how it is going with the new company.
- 2. Christmas cards
- 3. Clubs
- 4. Communication including feedback from parents in the recent questionnaire.
- 5. Learning
- 6. Photos
- 7. Thanking staff
- 8. Uniform
- 9. Values

Thank you for parental feedback for the meeting. The next meeting is on 16th January 2024, so please share your comments to your Parent Council Rep before 9th January.

The Class Reps are: Topaz (Reception) – Ms Spreadbury Ruby (Y1) – Mrs Heffernan Jet (Y2) – Ms Thomas Crystal (Y3) – Mrs Goodwin Diamond (Y4) – Mrs Ganesh Opal and Pearl (Y5) – Mrs Charles Amethyst (Y6) - TBC

Thanking a member of staff

We are very proud to have a talented and committed team of staff. If you would like to thank a member of staff, please do contact the member of staff directly and/or contact Mrs Williams.

Parents and Carers can also use the 'Thank a Teacher' website to send a card to any member of staff.



https://thankateacher.co.uk/

Pedestrian safety

As you will be aware, we have new red markings on the kerb edge at the entrance to the staff car park to indicate clearly to children where to stop to check that it is safe to cross. Please remind your children to stop at this point to await their adults and encourage children to stay close to their adults near the roundabout, where the heaviest traffic occurs during drop off and pick up times.

Access is needed at all times for staff and disabled drivers to use the staff car park. Please can parents with parking passes, who have permission to use the car park, be vigilant for pedestrians as they are entering and departing the car park.

If you are able to walk to school or park a bit further out, to minimise congestion at the front of the school, this would be much appreciated.

Please do not park in the drop off zone, this is for dropping off children and driving away, rather than as parking spaces.

Our local PCSO stops by schools to look at safety matters and is expected to come this term.



The DfE have asked schools to remind parents to check that their children's vaccines are up to date.

You can catch up on your MMR vaccine through your GP whatever your age.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mmrfor-all-general-leaflet/mmr-for-all-general-guide



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



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