

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>

From the Headteacher...

We hope that everyone had a lovely half term and enjoyed the fireworks. We are looking forward to the term ahead, which will be action-packed with Christmas events just around the corner. As this is a busy term, please keep a special eye on the school calendar (on our website) and we will flag up forthcoming events in fortnightly newsletters.

Celebrations and latest news

- If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2019, you are invited to attend one of our open afternoons on **Friday 23rd November 2-3pm**. We would be delighted to show you around our wonderful school. This event will be hosted by Mrs Moncrieff and Mrs Windmill, as Mrs Williams will be visiting 3 outstanding schools in the North East with a group of South Glos headteachers to find out about their inspiring maths curriculums.
- Thank you to Mrs Gregory, Mrs Murray and Mrs Hathaway who have been beaver away with their green fingers in **Shaun's Garden** and the FoAHS who have replaced some of the bedding in this area. Each class has been assigned a planting bed and the cohort will keep this as they go through the school.
- Our Y4 children are continuing their sessions with their coach for the **Prince William Award**. See item below
- We tried a tweaked arrangement for **parents' evening** recently. This worked well on the nights and enabled parents to view the children's books in the classroom environment.
- This week Y1-6 children attended a **remembrance service** at Holy Trinity Church. The children laid their poppies of remembrance at the front of the church – photo on the back page.
- Year 6 visited the **Lifescills Centre**, Bristol. This is an annual visit that we make and the children really enjoy the experience.
- Reception visited **Redwood Outdoor Centre** for the first of their visits this year. The children came back muddy and tired, so we think they must have had a great time!

INSET day reminder: The school is closed to children on **Friday 21st December 2018, 23rd April 2019 and 8th July 2019.**

Infant Winner:
Meredith – Y2



Junior Winner:
Will – Y5

Supersonic Citizen Awards

We are very proud of our first group of nominees for the Supersonic Citizen Award. To be selected they must have exemplary behaviour at all times (4 Bs: be responsible, be respectful, be safe and be kind) and apply themselves consistently well in their learning. All nominees received a 'Supersonic' certificate and an enamel 'Citizen Award' badge. The two winners can keep their cup in pride of place at home until the 7th December (at which point it is returned to school in readiness for the next Celebration Assembly). Congratulations to all the children who were nominated. Their peers gave some great reasons for them being worthy winners.

School Cleaning Operative Required

Direct Cleaning Services are looking to recruit a new operative to join our team at Alexander Hosea Primary School.

The Position is 10 hours per week Monday to Friday 3.15pm to 5.15pm term time only at a rate of £8.25 per hour.

The ideal candidate will be hardworking, reliable and committed to providing high standards. If you would like any further information regarding this position or are interested in applying, please contact either Erin or Tina on 01225 812496 or e-mail: e.walsh@direct-cleaning.com

Year of the Arts

Do you have a particular skill or expertise in the arts? We would love to hear from keen artists, musicians or drama specialists in our community.

Contact laura.cleverley@sgmail.org.uk

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BATTLES OVER A NATIONS TRIBUTE



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ON Sunday 11th November at 7pm, the beacon at King George V playing fields will be lit to commemorate the Armistice that halted the First World War hostilities. It will be one of over 1,200 that will be lit all over the Country, in various forms, to honour those involved in combat, many of whom did not return to their loved ones.

At 7.05pm, there will then be a peal of bells from Holy Trinity Church.

All are welcome to congregate near the Beacon. Refreshments will be available.

Prince William Award

We are delighted to be the first school in South Gloucestershire to engage with the PWA. Our Year 4 children will receive training throughout the year from a coach from the PWA and at the end of the programme, the children will complete a community project. We hope that all Y4 Pupils will achieve the PWA by the end of the year.

Comments from children...

'I definitely enjoy PWA because I have a great time with our instructor, George. Also it is really fun and you get to play games. All of your teamwork, resilience and kindness goes into the games'. Isabella

'I love PWA because you do learning whilst having fun at the exact same time. I also like the journals and flip charts to remind us of what we did'. Ben C

'I feel very excited every week to do PWA. The instructor comes in and teaches us new fun skills and lets us do fun activities. I am very happy having the opportunity to be joining in with PWA'. Naomi

'The PWA is so good because you do loads of active sports and it is really inclusive of everyone'. Lewis

Forthcoming Events

Next week W/C 12th November:

- Life Bus. Donations for Christmas Jumper Day on 20th Dec will go towards the cost of this.
- Speech and language drop in session for parents.
- FoAHS meeting.
- Netball tournament – team with Mrs Brooks.
- 'Holding Hands' road safety session for Reception.
- Children in Need – wear own clothes (including a spotty item).

w/2 19th November:

- Inclusive sporting session for all children.
- Open afternoon for prospective pupils – Reception in 2019.
- FoAHS Christmas Shopping Event.

'Bank' lunchtime staff required

We are currently looking to expand the number of people we have on our books as 'bank' lunchtime staff (i.e. lunchtime supervisors who are available to come in and cover on an ad hoc basis when our permanent lunchtime supervisors are absent for any reason).

If you would be interested in applying to be a member of 'bank' lunchtime staff, please contact the School Business Manager Allie Hall on (01454) 294239 or allison.hall@sgmail.org.uk

Whole School Trip

Our Student Council are still deciding the options for a whole school trip which will have an art focus to tie in with our 'Year of the Arts'. If you are in receipt of pupil premium for your child, the trip will be paid for by the school.

We are hoping that the trip will take place just before the Easter break.

Watch this space!

Parent Council

The Parent Council meet 3 times a year to talk about various aspects of the day-to-day running of the school. A representative from each class bring ideas about what is going well and talking points for consideration. This is complimented by the contribution of a member of the senior leadership team (usually Mrs Williams), who bring reflections/actions from previous meeting and possible ideas for future school development. The next meeting is **8th January 2:45-3:30pm**. We are looking for representatives for Crystal and Pearl Classes this year (please contact the school office, if you would like to get involved). Our current representatives are:

Infants: Mrs Hall (Ruby), Mrs Mason (Topaz), Mrs Heffernan (Emerald), Mrs Leighton (Jet).

Juniors: Vacancy (Crystal), Mrs Hathaway (Diamond), Vacancy (Pearl) and Ms Days (Amethyst).



Friends of AHS

8th November – Clothes for a Cause

13th November – Friends of AHS Committee Meeting (6:30pm at school)

23rd November – Christmas Shopping Evening

18th December – Christmas Discos

Clothes for a Cause - 9am

Please can you leave your bags of clean unwanted clothes, paired shoes, hand bags and belts at the "Duck" gates on 8th November at drop off time. We earn 40p for every kilogramme we collect so please donate as much as possible to raise money for our school.

Christmas Shopping Evening - 7:30-10:00pm

Tickets now available online... please go to www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsfafhs

Join us for a lovely evening and get your Christmas Shopping off to a flying start! Tickets are only £5 each and include a glass of wine or soft drink and a sweet treat. Plus, the first 25 people through the door will be given a gift bag.

Christmas Discos - Infants 4:45-5:45pm, Juniors 6:00-7:00pm

Entry is £1, plus £1 for a sweet cup and glow stick. Help Needed! We need parents to help both in the hall and with drinks. If possible, we would like to have a parent helper from each junior class, and two from each infant class. Please contact us if you can help – thank you!

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Speech and Language Therapy

Drop in session

Speech and Language Therapy

Alexander Hosea



Date	Time	Location
12 th November 2018	2.30pm	Alexander Hosea

- Informal drop in sessions for anyone with a child attending the school.
- Pop in to chat about your child's speech and language development.
- We can talk about any concerns and answer your questions
- We can also give you tips and ideas to support speech and language development.
- Free service to anyone with children at the school.

Name Holly Wheatley



Children in Need - 16th November 2018

The children are invited to wear something spotty for Children in Need next Friday in exchange for a £1 donation to the charity.



Remembrance display at Holy Trinity Church

Y1 – 6 children visited Holy Trinity Church for a remembrance service this week. They laid their poppies at the front of the church and these will be used as part of a display for the service this Sunday. Our Y6 children have been learning about WW1 and wrote some thought-provoking poems about it. Hannah, Jack, Naomi and Jasmine shared theirs in church.



PE hoodies and jogging bottoms

As the colder weather is around the corner, we have been thinking about our PE kits. Children are very welcome to bring in plain navy blue or black tracksuits/jogging bottoms to wear instead of or on top of PE shorts.

Currently the children tend to pop their school jumper/cardigan over the top of their PE t-shirt or wear a plain black jumper (we are happy for them to continue to wear these this year, if the child already has one). In addition, Parents/Carers now have the option to purchase a smart school PE hoodie through Initially Yours, for PE in the cooler months. The hoodies cost £14 each and are available to order from Initially Yours now.

See image above.