

Alexander Hosea Primary School

'Roots to grow, wings to fly'

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

From the Headteacher...

We have had a very productive fortnight. The children have continued to work hard and are showing a growth mindset and determination to always give their very best. We are very proud of them. As this is the last newsletter for the term, may we wish all our families a happy and safe half term. We return to school on Monday 5th November.

Celebrations and latest news

- Miss Pursey got married last week! Congratulations to the new Mr and Mrs Rehman.
- We have already started showing around some **prospective parents for September 2019**. 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. If you have children already in school, we would love to know whether your younger child will be coming to us next September (so that we can start to draw up a provisional list of potential new starters).
- 'Be Bright Be Seen' assembly led by South Glos road safety team. The children were encouraged to think about how they can keep themselves safe as pedestrians. They have hidden a 'Be Safe, Be Seen' rock somewhere around Wickwar for families to find. If you find it, please look on the back of the rock to find out where to log it online before hiding it again.
- Most children in the school had their flu vaccinations this week.
- Our Y4 children have started their sessions with their coach for the Prince William Award.
- Fence update: we have updated two sections of fencing in the wooded areas of the school grounds to increase the height of areas of fence not covered by thick foliage.
- We have focussed on the school value of Adaptability in Wednesday assemblies this term. We talked about having a growth mindset and using the 'power of yet'. Next term we will be looking at the next value: Self-belief.

INSET day reminder: The school is closed to children on **Friday 26th October 2018, 21st December 2018, 23rd April 2019 and 8th July 2019**. See the bottom of the newsletter for terms dates for this year and next year, to help you with holiday planning. Holidays in term time are not authorised.

Football at KLB

The Y5/6 players from the football team played at KLB this week. They showed brilliant sportsmanship and resilience throughout the tournament and they really impressed Mrs Thompson (Progressive Sports coach) and Mrs Shrewsbury. We hope that the Y3/4 players will have chance to compete soon too.



On Wednesday 17th October we went to a football tournament at KLB. Unfortunately we lost all our games, but we tried our best and held our heads up high. We came back smiling!

By Will (Y5)

SPARE CLOTHING

If you have any spare PE t-shirts (any size) or waterproofs for Reception that your child has outgrown, please bring them to the school office. Thank you.

What to do if you are worried about the safety of a child

From time to time, members of our community might have concerns about the safety or wellbeing of a child in the community.

If you are worried it can be difficult to know what to do, but your action is vital in making sure that child gets the help they need.

Parents/carers are advised to speak to our Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Williams and Mrs Moncrieff (in her absence) or contact 'Access and Response Team' directly at South Gloucestershire on 01454 866000.

Who should I talk to if I'm worried about a child?

If you have any concerns about a child's welfare, please do contact your local children's social care duty team.

They're available 24 hours a day.

Whilst you may be concerned about involving social services, these teams do more than check up on children's welfare. If a family is struggling, they can organise early help and support for the children and parents, before any problems become advanced and harder to solve.

Facebook

The class Facebook pages are not operated by the school, but are set up by a parent from each class to aid communication with other parents in the class. The purpose of the pages is the share information (homework, forthcoming events etc), sharing offers of help/uniform etc. Members of FoAHS and Parent Council representatives may post items that may be of interest. Please use these pages in a respectful way that does not cause upset to others.

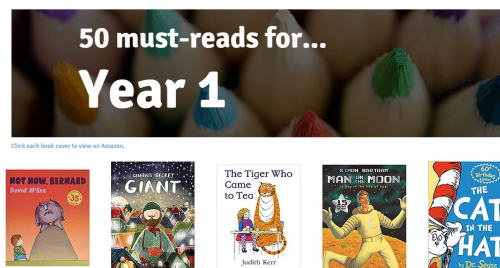
We recognise that not all parents choose to use Facebook and this is for each individual to decide.

All school information you might need will be sent out from the school on weekly class newsletters, fortnightly school newsletters, text or email. The school website is also an up-to-date source of information.

Reading lists

There are many websites with suggested reading lists that you might like to use to help your children to choose high quality texts to read (especially for free readers). We really like the '50 must-reads for ...' website below, as it shows a good selection of books and has a direct link to purchase them.

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/key-stage-book-lists>



Notices and Reminders

For safety reasons, can we remind parents not to walk through the staff car park on drop off or pick up.

Can we also ask that parents do not park in the staff car park unless they have special permission to use the disabled parking space.

Thank you for your co-operation.



Reach is a free and fun programme for families, children and young people who are above a healthy weight

Opportunities for group or 1:1 sessions including:

- ★ Activities to boost confidence and wellbeing
- ★ Physical activity
- ★ Ideas for healthy snacks and meals
- ★ A cooking session
- ★ Ideas to improve sleep and bedtime routines



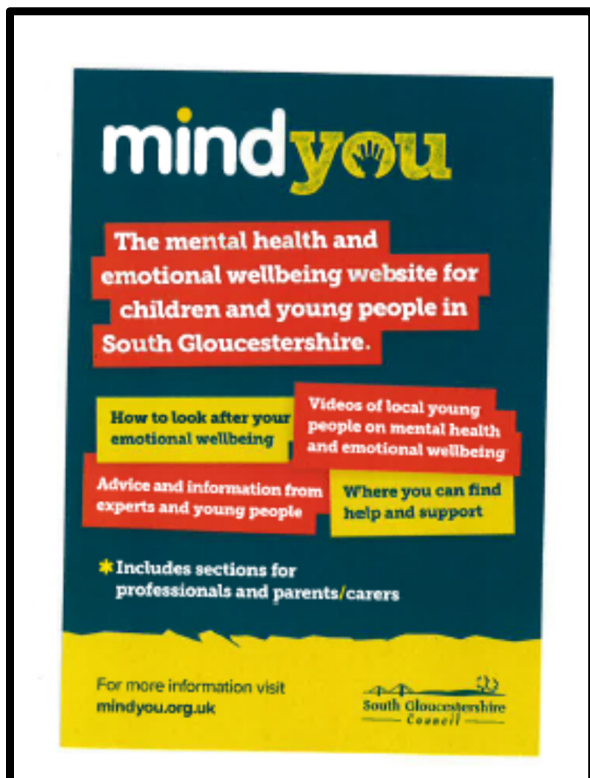
To book a place or find out more contact:

- ☎ 01454 864005
- ✉ publichealthcyp@southglos.gcsx.gov.uk
- 🌐 www.southglos.gov.uk/reach



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Supersonic Citizen Award – next week!

As mentioned in Newsletter 1, we have updated our ‘Supersonic’ awards so that it is more consistent across the school. With this in mind the teachers are currently deciding which child they will nominate from their class.

To be nominated the child 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 will receive a ‘Supersonic’ certificate and an enamel ‘Citizen Award’ badge. In each phase (infants and juniors) the staff will choose a worthy winner of the Citizenship Cup to take home for the term.

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.

Walking Home from Clubs

As the darker nights will be drawing in soon, particularly after half term, we would advise parents/carers of Y5/6 children to keep their club provider informed of any changes in walk home consent (especially where the club ends at 4:30pm or beyond).

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@gmail.org.uk

Safety reminder

Please do not allow children to play on the school play equipment, ride scooters/bikes in the playground or paths at the front of the building after school. Thank you.

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



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/friendsofahs

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!

friendsofahs@hotmail.com

www.facebook.com/FriendsOfAHS

Term dates for this
year and next year.

BONFIRE DAY MENU

MONDAY 5TH NOVEMBER

JUMBO HOTDOGS-"SKY ROCKETS"

VEGGIE HOTDOGS- "BIG BANGS"

HOMEMADE POTATO WEDGES-
"JUMPING JACKS"

CORN ON THE COB-"CATHERINE
WHEELS"

TOFFEE APPLE MUFFINS

2018/19

Term	Starts	Ends
Term 1	Monday 3 September 2018	Friday 26 October 2018
Term 2	Monday 5 November 2018	Friday 21 December 2018
Term 3	Monday 7 January 2019	Friday 15 February 2019
Term 4	Monday 25 February 2019	Friday 5 April 2019
Term 5	Tuesday 23 April 2019	Friday 24 May 2019
Term 6	Monday 3 June 2019	Tuesday 23 July 2019

2019/2020

Term	Starts	Ends
Term 1	Monday 02 September 2019	Friday 25 October 2019
Term 2	Monday 04 November 2019	Friday 20 December 2019
Term 3	Monday 06 January 2020	Friday 14 February 2020
Term 4	Monday 24 February 2020	Friday 03 April 2020
Term 5	Monday 20 April 2020	Friday 22 May 2020

Message from Celia Rogers (Chair of Governors)

The first Full Governing Body meeting of the school year has just taken place. The first item on the agenda was from the School Improvement Adviser (SIA). She confirmed the very good results in the EYFS, KS1 and KS2 statutory assessments for 2018 and the good progress made between KS1 and KS2. She also alerted us to local and national issues including problems with school budgets.

We discussed the results of the annual parent survey and were delighted to see that all parents who responded strongly agreed that their child made good progress at this school and were well taught. A few parents commented about homework and Mrs Williams talked to us about the discussions in school about homework expectations.

Some parents were 'not sure' about how bullying is dealt with at school. Last year the Pupil Council designed their own leaflet about bullying which will be published shortly. We hope this will help both pupils' and parents' understanding.

At different times during the year the SIA, Mrs Windmill and two governors, talked to children about being safe in school. From these conversations it was evident that across the school children did indeed feel safe.

Parents' Evening Arrangements

We have reflected on our arrangements for parents' evening and considered the way the other schools organise theirs. In many schools, they host their parents' evenings in their school halls to allow parents to view their child's learning in the classroom environment in which they learn. Our learning environments are outstanding and so would like to adopt this practice.

As a trial, from Year 1-6 we will host 2 classes parents' evenings together in a shared space, so that parents can use the classroom environments to view books.

Topaz and Ruby – in their own rooms

Emerald and Jet – Forest Room

Crystal and Diamond – Library

Pearl and Amethyst – Opal Room

Parents will be able to look at their child's books in the classroom in which they are taught. If we could ask that Parents then bring their child's tray with them to the meeting room, so that books may be referred to where useful.

Please wait outside the room until your appointment time.

Parents' evening appointments are scheduled as 10 minutes each (as usual) and it is helpful to other parents if timings can be maintained.

PE jumpers and joggers

As the colder weather is around the corner, we have been thinking about our PE kits. Children are very welcome to bring in navy blue or black tracksuits/joggers 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). In addition we are looking into the possibility of being able to provide the option to purchase a smart school PE hoodie through Initially Yours, for parents who wish to purchase one for PE in the cooler months. This is likely to cost around £15. We will let you know when these are 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.