



# Friends of AHS Autumn Newsletter



## Welcome to the Friends of Alexander Hosea Newsletter!

**Welcome** to our first newsletter of the academic year! We all hope you had a great summer. We would also like to say "Welcome" to all the new children, parents and carers joining the school this year.

We'd like to start the year by saying a huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who supported us and attended our events last year. **Together we raised over £6,500 for our school!**



## Upcoming Events...

Our last big event of 2017 is the **Winter Fair** on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December**. A fun mix of FOAHS run stalls, small local businesses selling gifts and Christmas things, with fun activities for the children. Look out for the posters for more details.

On **2<sup>nd</sup> November**, at drop off time, we will be collecting your bags of good quality used clothing, paired shoes, and bags for our **Clothes for a Cause** event.

The Friends are also hosting the

With ever diminishing school budgets this money is valued by the school more now than ever before. Please see the "How is the Money Used?" section to find out how your money has helped your children at school.

## What's Been Happening...

The start of the term saw our first event, **Wickwar Craft & Produce Fair**. We hope you all enjoyed everything that was on offer. We raised **£380** from this event, some of which has been used to purchase waterproof clothing for Topaz class. We also recently held a **book sale** which raised **£115** for new books for the school library.

**Christmas Coffee Morning** on **15<sup>th</sup> December**. This is a lovely event where the children sing songs or recite poems to the parents, carers and grandparents. Refreshments and cake will also be on sale.

We usually hold a number of fund raising events throughout the year including Quiz Nights, Clothes-for-a-Cause, Art Projects, and Discos. We also help at a number of school events such as Open Days and the much loved Bedtime Stories.

## Upcoming Events

- **Clothes-for-a-Cause**  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November
- **100 Club Draw**  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December
- **Winter Fair**  
4:30 – 6:30pm  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December
- **Christmas Discos**  
Tues 5<sup>th</sup> December  
(TBC)
- **Christmas Coffee Morning**  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December



The Wickwar Winter Fair  
4:30 – 6:30pm  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017

## How is the money used?

Over the years the Friends have raised funds to purchase a wide variety of resources and equipment for the school.

During the last year the majority of the money has been spent on the shared areas of the school to create a more immersive learning environment. Most recently the money has been used to refurbish the library, with new carpet, furniture and furnishings to create a relaxing, welcoming space. The money raised from the sale of the old books, plus other events, will be used to purchase new books.

Other recent purchases include: waterproof clothing and learning resources, including illuminated writing boards & pens and make-n-go remote control floor robot, for Topaz class; plus book bags and Year 6 leaving gifts.



*Our newly refurbished library.*



**This year our school would like to make improvements to the IT equipment as part of our "Year of Computing"**

## How YOU can help...

As well as supporting the events we run throughout the year, there are a number of other ways in which you can help.

### EasyFundraising

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/alexanderhosea/](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/alexanderhosea/)

If you shop online at Amazon and other online shopping sites, or book holidays or insurance online, don't forget to sign up to EasyFundraising to raise extra funds as you shop! Over £300 has already been raised for the school through EasyFundraising so your support really does make a difference!

### 100 Club

For just £12 a year you could potentially win £75 a quarter (if 100 members). Email [friendsofahs100Club@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofahs100Club@gmail.com) or see our school website page for more details.

### My Nametags

For every order of personalised labels for children's clothing and equipment, My Nametags will contribute 20% to the school. To order, please go to [www.mynametags.com](http://www.mynametags.com) and make sure you quote our school reference number **29328** when you get to the checkout to ensure we benefit from your order.

### Would you like to help with an Event?

You don't have to be a committee member to help with an event. If there is an event you would like to help us organise or help out with, just let us know!

 [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk)  
feel good shopping

  

  

   

  

   

 



## The Committee:

Co-Chairs: Cat Lock and Katie Cheeseman  
Secretary: Sarah Gregory  
Treasurer: Gabrielle Hill

### Class Point of Contacts:

Topaz: Jane Daniel & Sarah Gregory  
Emerald: Lucy Lucas & Hannah Murray  
Jet: Emma Days  
Crystal: Cat Lock & Katie Cheeseman  
Diamond: Kerry Widera  
Pearl: Vicky Dummer  
Amethyst: Amy Norton & Sarah Howe

## How to Contact us:

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[www.alexanderhoseaprimary.co.uk](http://www.alexanderhoseaprimary.co.uk)

Click on the "Parents" tab

## Who are "The Friends"?

*Apologies to those who already know who we are and what we do, but for those who don't, please read on!*

The Friends are typically a group of parents (though grandparents, carers and anyone else who has an interest in the school is welcome), who work with teachers to raise extra funds for our children and the school. Over the years the money we have raised has helped to purchase a variety of resources for the school. Our focus for the last year was to provide fund to improve the learning environments. This year it is to help provide new IT equipment to help develop the computing curriculum.

We arrange a variety of events throughout the year so there should be something for everyone. We also provide small fun things for

the children such as crackers for their Christmas meal and hot chocolate and biscuits for the school's Bedtime Stories event.

We have a Facebook page and Twitter page which are kept updated with details of events and meetings, so please take a look!

We hold meetings at school, with the teachers on a regular basis. We also hold a number of "sub-meetings" which are usually to plan a specific event, and are typically held in The Buthay. Once a year, normally in October, we have an AGM where we vote for Committee Members. We also elect Class Point of Contacts. We do try to keep the meetings informal and there's always a drink and biscuits for everyone!



## Final Thank You!

*Finally, we, the Friends of Alexander Hosea School, would like to thank YOU for supporting us and our events!*

*Without such a supportive school community, our school and therefore our children would miss out on so many wonderful opportunities and experiences.*

*Thank you!*



Please return slip to:  
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Friends of AHS

## How are we doing? Do you have a suggestion?

Please write your comments below and return to school. Entries can anonymous if you wish. Alternatively please email us at [friendsofAHS@hotmail.com](mailto:friendsofAHS@hotmail.com)