



Friends of AHS Spring Newsletter



Welcome to the Friends of Alexander Hosea Newsletter!

Welcome to our spring newsletter! We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas holiday.

We hosted a number of events last term which we hope you all enjoyed. Our biggest event was our **Winter Fair**, which raised a brilliant **£790** for the school. The class stalls made over **£900!** The children of each class will decide how to spend the money they made. A huge thank you to everyone who came, and also to the organisers.

At the beginning of the October term, we held our first ever Meet the Friends Breakfast was very well received – don't miss the next one.

The children loved our **Polar Express Movie Night** and we raised **£125**.

We also held a **Christmas Coffee Morning** at the end of term which raised **£420**. We hope you enjoyed listening to the children sing.

Despite problems with ordering, the **Christmas Card Art Project** raised **£250**.

The children loved the **Christmas Discos** which raised **£230**.

Since the October Half Term, we have raised almost £2000 !! Thank you to everyone who supported our events.



What's Happening...



We have a number of fun events being planned for the next academic year, including one **big VERY exciting family event** on **Thursday 20th July**, so please put it in your diary! An announcement will be made soon.

The Friends provided refreshments for the children at this year's **Bedtime Stories**. This is lovely event which all the children enjoyed.

On 20th January we invite to join us for a free **Breakfast**. This is a great opportunity for you to meet the Friends and ask us any questions you may have. There will also be 100 Club application forms available.

On Friday 10th February we are hosting a **Valentines Disco** for the whole family.

There will be a licensed Bar, tuck shop and glow sticks on sale. The tickets are £2.50 per person (under 2's go free) and will be available from the Friends in the playgrounds or online from PTA-events. More details to follow.

BTR Ltd will be returning on 23rd February to collect your unwanted clothes, paired shoes and bags for **Clothes for a Cause**. So now is a great time to sort out your spring wardrobe.

The 10th March is **Quiz Night!** We plan to open the doors at 7pm with the quiz starting at 7:30m. This year we will also have the bar open 'til late so you can have a drink (or two!) after the quiz has finished.

Upcoming Events

- **Meet the Friends for Breakfast**
9:00 – 9:30am
Friday 20th January
- **Family Valentines Disco**
6:30 – 8:30pm
Friday 10th February
- **Clothes for a Cause**
8:30 – 9:30am
Thursday 23rd February
- **100 Club Draw**
Wednesday 1st March
- **Quiz Night**
7:00pm - late!
Friday 10th March
- **Big Family Event**
Thursday 20th July



Family Valentines Disco
Friday 10th February

The Committee:

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

Class Representatives:

Topaz: Katie Cheeseman
Emerald: Emma Days
Jet: Sarah Gregory
Crystal: Kerry Widera
Diamond: Vicky Dummer
Pearl: Stacey Sady and Sarah Howe
Amethyst: Vicky Dummer

Next Meeting:

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 28th February at 8pm at the school.

Our New Committee

During our AGM in November we elected a new Board of Committee Members and Class Representatives.

We are looking forward to arranging a variety of fun events for 2017. Please like our Facebook page, follow us on Twitter, or check our webpage for all our latest news and events!

Keep in touch!

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Facebook: facebook.com/FriendsOfAHS

Twitter: @FriendsAHS

Website: www.alexanderhoseaprimary.co.uk
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100 Club



Congratulations to winners of the first draw of the new 100 Club: **Mary Griffin, Nicola Wood and Po Charles.**

If you'd like to be in with a chance to win in our next draw please email friendsofahs100Club@gmail.com or see our [100 Club page](#) on the school website for an application form.

EasyFundraising

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 £240 has already been raised for the school. *One AHS parent raised £35 for school just by booking a holiday via EasyFundraising!*

How is the money used?



Over the years the Friends have raised funds to purchase a wide variety of resources and equipment. Just recently the school has purchased a new reading scheme called **Bug Club**, which the Friends have partially funded. We hope the children enjoy reading their books online as well having them in their book bags. We also purchased the Christmas Crackers for the children's Christmas school dinner.

We are currently looking into making improvements to the school library.

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!

Help! Sponsors Needed!

We are looking for local businesses to sponsor our big family event in July. If you know of a local business who would be interested in sponsoring our event, in return for advertising their business, please let us know!



Please return slip to:
Sarah Gregory
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