



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 and have settled back into school. We would also like to say a big "Welcome" to all the new children, parents and carers joining the school this year.

We'd like to start by saying a huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who supported us over the last year. It's been a difficult year for us all and unfortunately we will not be able to hold all our usual events in the coming

months. However, we are still hoping to do something fun which will help raise much needed funds for our school.

During the last academic year, we managed to raise almost £9,000 and donated over £9,400 back to school.

We are pleased to have recently funded IT Equipment, Rub-out Pens and Refills, Book-bags for the Reception children, the Easter Competition Prizes and contributed to the Yr6 Hoodies.



What's been happening...

It seems a long time ago now but back in February, before the lockdown, we held a fantastically fun **Quiz Night**. This popular event raised a whopping **£795!**

Since then we've held two **Rags2Riches Clothes Collection**, which together raised **£434** for our school.

In July, we were very lucky to be able to produce virtual **End of Year Class Photos**. This was achieved by parents providing photos of their children which

were then digitally put together to create the class photos. In the end we sold 134 photos, which raised **£642!**

To keep up to date with our latest news and future events, please like our [Facebook page](#) (search for Friends of AHS) or view our page on the [school website](#) (under the 'Parents' tab).



Events

- **Friends of AHS Annual General Meeting**
6:30 – 8:30pm
Tuesday 6th October
Please contact us for the link to this online meeting
- **Rags2Riches Clothes Collection**
Monday 5th October
Please leave clean good quality donations in any tightly-closed bag on the school roundabout by 9am
- **100 Club Draw**
1st December

Friends of Alexander Hosea School



Charity No: 102562

AGM

Annual General Meeting

Our school needs YOU!



Tuesday 6th October at 6:30pm

We need to elect a new Chair and Secretary, so this would be a great opportunity for a new core team to bring new fun ideas to the Friends of AHS!

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Tuesday 6th October

Contact us for meeting link

Could YOU and your friends be part of our new Core Team?

We are looking to elect a new **Chair** and **Secretary** this year. If you are interested or want to know more, please get in touch!

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/

You can help raise funds for our school whenever you shop online! Use easyfundraising to shop with over 4,100 big name retailers including Argos, Clarks, John Lewis, ASOS, and Booking.com – and when you shop, you'll raise a free donation for us every time. It's that easy! Over £700 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 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 24% to the school. To order, please go to 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.

AmazonSmile

If you shop with Amazon, shop with AmazonSmile instead and raise money for our school! It's operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organisation of your choice. So please choose us!

Simply go to <https://smile.amazon.co.uk> and search for Friends of Alexander Hosea School. If you're logged in you will only need to do it once and then every order will help us.

Want to help but don't want to join the committee?

Join Our Community Page!

Join our Friends of AHS Community Facebook page to be first to hear about our events and how you can help, without having to commit to anything!

How to Contact us:

Email: friendsofAHS@hotmail.com

Facebook: Search for [Friends of AHS](#)

Website: Click on the "Parents" tab on the [school website](#).



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 and experiences for the children of our school, including theatre trips, IT equipment, Play equipment, Sports equipment, and the immersive

Classroom Environments, plus everyday items such as book-bags and stationary. 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 usually arrange a variety of events throughout the year, but due to the pandemic the next few months will be different from previous years. We will, however, try to arrange something fun which will also raise much needed funds for our school.

Thank you for your support!