

### Newsletter 1, 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024

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

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back! We hope that everyone had a lovely summer break. It has been great to see everyone back at school and we look forward to another happy and successful year at Alexander Hosea. We warmly welcome all our new children, including those joining in Reception and look forward to getting to know all our new families in the coming days, weeks and months. Currently, we have a small number of places available in Reception and Year 1, if you know of anyone looking for a new school place.

**New boilers** - Our new boilers have been fitted over the summer. This upgrades the heating system in the junior part of the school. We hope that this will be more efficient, responsive and reliable than the old previous system, which seemed to have two settings – sauna or arctic!

**Attendance** – all children are expected to attend school well. As a school our children's attendance remains above national, which is fantastic. There is a strong link between academic outcomes and very good attendance and it also has a positive impact on friendships and developing good habits for life. We do not authorise holiday in term-time and where children are absent for more than 5 days in a 10-week period, this may incur a fine.

Kind regards - Mrs Deb Williams - Headteacher

#### Dates for your diary:

##### **Week 2 –**

Reception in for am or pm

Meet the Teacher – dates opposite

9<sup>th</sup> Sept – Jonathon's Jungle visitor – Diamond (Y4)

10<sup>th</sup> Sept – Sea Shanty visitors – Ruby Class (Y1)

12<sup>th</sup> Sept Astro scientist visitor – Opal Class (Y5)

##### **Week 3 –**

Reception in for am and lunch

17<sup>th</sup> Sept House Captains' Assembly

19<sup>th</sup> Sept - Prospective parent tour (for Reception 25)

19<sup>th</sup> Sept Online safety for parents – A&S Police

##### **Week 4 –**

Reception in full-time

Reception Baseline assessment starts

23<sup>rd</sup> Sept - Prospective parent tour (for Reception 25)

24<sup>th</sup> Sept – Parent Council 2:30pm

27<sup>th</sup> Sept – Fire drill (only one with advance notice)

##### **Week 5 –**

2<sup>nd</sup> Oct – Harvest at Trinity Church

3<sup>rd</sup> Oct – special menu for census day

4<sup>th</sup> Oct - Prospective parent tour (for Reception 25)

##### **Week 6 –**

8<sup>th</sup> Oct - Prospective parent tour (for Reception 25)

11<sup>th</sup> Oct – INSET – school closed to children

##### **Week 7 –**

17<sup>th</sup> Oct - Prospective parent tour (for Reception 25)

##### **Week 8 -**

21<sup>st</sup> Oct Cup awards assembly

22<sup>nd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> Oct – Parents' evening

#### **Meet the Teacher** (approx. 20 mins):

All parents are invited to attend our annual 'Meet the Teacher' sessions in your child's/children's classroom.

All of these sessions will take place immediately after the end of school. In a change to previous years, please wait at the door that your child's class exits from and the class teacher will collect you (you do not need to go around to the front door). You will leave via the playground after the session. A member of staff will be on the gate to let you out.

There is an opportunity for your Alexander Hosea child to be supervised by a member of staff, if this is helpful. Please keep pre-schoolers with you, if you are unable to make alternative arrangements.

Y1 Tues 10<sup>th</sup> September

Y2 Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> September

Y3 Tues 10<sup>th</sup> September

Y4 Mon 9<sup>th</sup> September

Y5 Weds 11<sup>th</sup> September

Y6 Fri 13<sup>th</sup> September

Teachers will discuss expectations for the year, arrangements and special events. It is also a good chance to put a face to a name. It would be lovely to see you, if you can make it.

## Values

We now have our visuals for our new values. Thank you so much to Mrs Hathaway (local illustrator) for the amazing job she did of combining the children's ideas into a final product. These are in classrooms and in the hall soon too. We have 7 values and focus on 1-2 a term in more detail. This term we focus on 2 of our 3 bees (also our school rules):



## Benefits related Free School Meals

If you are in receipt of benefits, please apply for benefits related free school meals (pupil premium). This is easy to do and we can help you in the office if you want assistance.

**If you think you may be eligible for benefits-related free school meals, please follow this link**

<https://find-information-for-adults-children-families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=yp4evwg7Duv#w#apply>

Applications take only a few minutes and could make a significant impact on the additional funding that could support your child throughout their primary school career.

## Supervision before school

For children in Reception to Year 4, parents are expected to supervise their child until they enter through the school gates (past Mrs Williams and Mrs Joyner).

Y5 & 6 children can be dropped at the roundabout or walk to school alone (please fill in the form to let us know that they will be walking alone as we call these parents first if a child does not arrive for morning register).

Please make sure your child arrives to school on time. The gate is open from 8:50- 8:59am.

## Considerate parking

Thank you for parking considerately around the school. The car park is for staff and parents with blue badges only. Cars should not be parked in the drop off zone – this is for swift drop off and pick up only. Do not park on the keep clear lines.

When parking around the village, please be respectful and keep residents' driveways clear and leave visibility space at junctions for the safety of other drivers and pedestrians.

## Reception 2025

If your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020, you must apply for them to start primary school in September 2024. This is a very important decision and it is important that you read the [South Gloucestershire Primary school admission guide](#) before you apply. Applications for primary school admission must be submitted no later than **15 January 2024**.

<https://find-information-for-adults-children-families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=GLu6GUIMkpw&familychannel=2-2&channel=family>

At Alexander Hosea, we run weekly tours for prospective parents of children due to start school in September 2025. See dates on front page.

If you would like to book a place, please contact the school office. We limit this to a maximum of 3 families, so that there is chance to talk about your child and ask questions.



### Online Safety for parents

We have arranged for the police cyber safety team to host an online safety session for parents on **19<sup>th</sup> September 2:15-3:15pm**.

They ran a similar session for parents last year and parents said that it was very helpful and informative.

The session is open to all parents. Please let the office know (by 13<sup>th</sup> Sept) that you would like a seat, so that we know how many to put out in the hall.

If there is anything in particular that you would like to find out more about, please let the admin team know when you book your place.

### RHS School Gardening Awards

We are pleased to announce we have successfully received level 1 and level 2 of the RHS School Gardening Awards. With special thanks to WEAG, our Eco Council with Mrs Brooks and Mrs Price for entering us into the awards.

We will continue working our way through the awards, with level 5 being the highest.

Are you a keen gardener? Could you spare an hour a week after school? Would you be interested in running a gardening club? Please do speak to Mrs Packer.



### October 3<sup>rd</sup> Smile Day – Special Menu

# WORLD Smile DAY

**HAMBÜRGER**  
with or without cheese  
or  
**VEGGIE DOG**  
with  
**CHIPS, SLAW & SWEETCORN**  
  
**BROWNIE**

 **edwards and ward**  
a recipe for success

### Scopay

Please continue to pre book your child/ren's meal using Scopay.

Toast payments (years 1-6) have now closed for the term.

## Who should I contact about....?

Information	Who to contact	Contact details
Absence	School Office	<a href="mailto:Alexanderhoseaprimary@sgmail.org.uk">Alexanderhoseaprimary@sgmail.org.uk</a> or 01454 294239
Attendance	Mrs Brooks – Senior Leader	Via the school office
Clubs	Mrs Packer	<a href="mailto:Alexanderhoseaprimary@sgmail.org.uk">Alexanderhoseaprimary@sgmail.org.uk</a> or 01454 294239
Emotional Literacy Support team	Mrs Joyner and Mrs Scott	Via school office
Finance and Pupil Premium matters	Mrs Price - School Business Manager	<a href="mailto:Taralou.Price@sgmail.org.uk">Taralou.Price@sgmail.org.uk</a>
Learning (including homelearning)	Class teacher(s)	Please contact teachers via the school office- Topaz (Reception) Mrs Newcombe Ruby (Year 1) Mrs Grainger Jet (Year 2) Mrs Cleverley (Wed-Fri) & Mrs Dimery (Mon-Weds) Crystal (Year 3) Miss Hurford Diamond (Year 4) Miss Edgar Opal (Year 5) Miss Clark (Weds-Fri) and Mrs Hillier (Mon&Tues) Pearl (Year 5) Miss Williams Amethyst (Year 6) Mrs Brooks
Parent Council	Mrs Williams Headteacher	Via school office
Parent Support Worker	Mrs Scott	Via school office
Premises/site matters	Mrs Price (SBM) and Mr Walters (Caretaker)	Via school office
Safeguarding	Designated Safeguarding Lead	<a href="mailto:Debbie.Williams@sgmail.org.uk">Debbie.Williams@sgmail.org.uk</a> or in her absence, Deputy DSLs: <a href="mailto:Sally.Windmill@sgmail.org.uk">Sally.Windmill@sgmail.org.uk</a> <a href="mailto:Kimberley.Edgar@sgmail.org.uk">Kimberley.Edgar@sgmail.org.uk</a>
Scopay	Admin Team	<a href="mailto:AlexanderHoseaPrimary@sgmail.org.uk">AlexanderHoseaPrimary@sgmail.org.uk</a>
Special Educational Needs matters	Miss Edgar - SENCO	Via the school office
Subject Leaders	See opposite	Via the school office: Art – Mrs Cleverley & Miss Hurford Computing – Mrs Newcombe DT – Mrs Cleverley English – Miss Clark French – Mrs Dimery Geography – Mrs Windmill History – Mrs Dimery Maths – Miss Edgar Music – Mrs Hillier PE – Miss Williams PHSE & RE – Mrs Grainger Science – Mrs Brooks





# Friends of Alexander Hosea School

committee@friendsofahs.org

A warm welcome to all the new families joining our school community this year and a heartfelt welcome back to those who have shown their continued support for the Friends of Alexander Hosea School. We're excited for the year ahead and invite you to keep an eye out for the details of our next open meeting, as well as information on the many ways you can get involved and make a difference. Together, let's make this year a memorable one for our children!

## ROALD DAHL DAY – FRIDAY 13<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

JOIN THE FRIENDS OF ALEXANDER HOSEA IN CELEBRATING ROALD DAHL DAY AND BUYING ONE OF OUR WONDERLICIOUS BARS FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 3.30PM IN THE PLAYGROUND

WILL YOU FIND A GOLDEN TICKET?

PRIZES INCLUDE A CHILD'S TICKET TO CADBURY WORLD, A VOUCHER DONATED BY WICKWAR COFFEE SHOP, BOOK VOUCHERS AND MORE!



## RAGS2RICHES COLLECTION – THURSDAY 4<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

**RAISE FUNDS BY COLLECTING REUSABLE CLOTHES**

**WE ACCEPT CLEAN, GOOD QUALITY, DRY, REUSABLE CLOTHING**

- Adults, Childrens & Babies Clothing
- Jewellery and Accessories
- Paired Shoes and Footwear
- Belts and Handbags

**WE DO NOT ACCEPT**

POOR QUALITY ITEMS SUCH AS DIRTY, WET, RIPPED OR SOILED CLOTHES. PILLOWS, DUVETS, CURTAINS, BOOKS, CDs OR ANY UNIFORM

If you are unsure what to put in the bags **STOP AND THINK WOULD YOU WEAR IT?**

Please use the clothing bag provided. You can also use any additional bag if required.

Collection Date: **Thursday 3rd October 2024**

Please remember - NO UNIFORM

Please drop off bagged donations at the school roundabout by 9am.