

# Alexander Hosea Primary School *`Roots to grow, wings to fly'*

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# Newsletter 6, 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024

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

# Dear Parents/Carers

We have enjoyed a great fortnight at school and there are definite signs of festivity. The trees are up and the children have started to practice for their Christmas performances. It is always a joy to hear the children sing. The diary dates for Christmas events are on this newsletter.

Next Friday (6<sup>th</sup> December), the staff will run stalls in the playground at the end of school (until 4pm), so that parents/carers can purchase the children's items for sale. There will also be a chocolate tombola with the donated chocolate from today and a few other stalls. We hope families will be able to join us.

# Reception applications for Sept 2025 - Primary school admissions

If your child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021, you must apply for them to start primary school in September 2025. This is a very important decision and it is important that you read the <u>South Gloucestershire Primary school admission guide</u> before you apply. Applications for primary school admission must be submitted no later than **15 January 2025**.

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

Kind regards - Mrs Deb Williams - Headteacher

#### Dates for your diary

#### Week 5

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec Y5 visiting KLB
- 3rd Dec Y4 ukulele concert to parents
- 5<sup>th</sup> Dec Y5 at Techniquest
- 6<sup>th</sup> Dec Class stalls in playground after school

#### Week 6

- $10^{th}$  Dec Y1/2 performance to parents am  $10^{th}$  Dec Y3/4 performance to parents pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> Dec Y6 nurse visit height & measure programme
- 12<sup>th</sup> Dec Y3/4 performance to parents am
- $12^{th}$  Dec Y1/2 performance to parents pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> Dec Newsletter

#### Week 7

- 16<sup>th</sup> Dec Reception performance to parents am 16<sup>th</sup> Dec – Cup assembly 16<sup>th</sup> Dec – Y1 pirate day 16<sup>th</sup> Dec – Y5/6 service at church for parents - eve
- $17^{\text{th}}$  Dec Y5/6 service at church for parents pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas meal for children
- 20<sup>th</sup> Dec Coffee and carols for parents am

*Please see teachers' weekly newsletters for more information about specific class activities.* 

#### **Parent Council**

Parent Council met last week. The minutes will be circulated soon and saved on the website.

#### Visits and visitors

The Y6 children were inspired by dissection sessions with students from Y12 at KLB. They learned fascinating information about the heart.

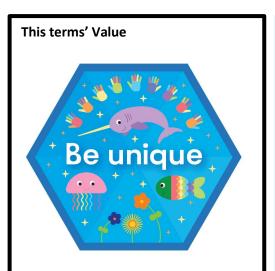
Y6 also visited the Lifeskills Centre in Bristol, where they took part in simulated real-life experiences.

Y1 visited the aquarium today as part of their project.

#### Pupil premium

If you are in receipt of benefits, your child may benefit from additional funding through the school. Please complete a short application online or call Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

https://find-information-for-adults-childrenfamilies.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice. page?id=yp4evwg7Duw#apply



# Uniform reminders

**Jewellery** – children are allowed to wear a (non-smart) watch to tell the time and one pair of stud earrings (no hoops). These must be able to be removed for PE, or covered with tape at home on PE days. No other jewellery is permitted.

**Hair** – all long hair (longer than shoulder length) must be tied up with a plain black, white, grey or blue band.

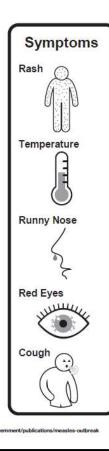
**School shoes** – all children are expected to wear school shoes on days when they do not have PE. On PE days, children need to wear trainers (preferably black, navy or white) – these should be sports-style rather than fashion-style.

UK Health Security Agency

# Measles is circulating

- measles is extremely infectious and can be serious
- Make sure your children get two MMR vaccines on time; the first at 1 year of age and the second at 3 years, 4 months
- If you or your children missed these vaccines, it's not too late. Ask for the <u>free</u> vaccine from your family doctor (GP) if you or your children aren't up-to-date
- if you have symptoms of measles, stay at home and phone your GP or NHS 111 for advice. STAY AWAY from GP surgeries and A&E departments – you could spread the illness to others
- symptoms include: high fever; sore red, watery eyes; coughing; aching and feeling generally unwell; a blotchy red brown rash, which usually appears after the first symptoms
- go to nhs.uk for more measles information

UK Health Security Agency gateway number: 2023004. Download only resource w





# Allergies

As we have a number of children on site with nut allergies, we are a nut-free school. Please do not bring any items into school with nuts in them (this includes spreads like Nutella). Thank you.

# **Christmas events**

I know it is very early to be thinking about Christmas, but Parent Council suggested that it would be helpful to have the dates for events as soon as possible to help working parents. Parents are invited to all the events below (except parties and Christmas lunch).

	Performances to	Project outcomes/	Other dates for diaries
	parents	journal shares	
Topaz - Reception	Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec 9:30am	Journal share at	
		performance on 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	
Ruby – Y1	Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec 9:30am	Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2:45pm	Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec pm KS1 parties in hall
	Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2:30pm	Pirate event and journal	– children bring small plate of food
		share	for themselves
Jet – Y2		Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2:45pm –	
		fruit salad and journal	
		share	
Crystal – Y3	Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2pm		
	Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec 9:30pm		
Diamond – Y4			Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec 9:30am Ukulele
			concert to parents
Opal – Y5	At Trinity Church:		
	Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec 6pm		
Pearl & Amethyst – Y6	Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2pm		
Whole school		Many classes will be	Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas class sales
		selling items they have	3.30-4.00pm
		made in class in the	Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec 9:15am Coffee morning
		playground after school on 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	with songs from all classes
			Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas lunch



# **Friends of Alexander Hosea School**

committee@friendsofahs.org

COFFEE AND CAROLS Please bring a lidded cup to 'Coffee and Carols' on Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December for hot drinks.
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