

### Newsletter 4, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024

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

Dear Parents/Carers

**Parents evening** – Parents' evenings will be taking place next week (Tues and Thurs 4-7pm). The deadline for appointments is today, but call the admin team if you still need a space. All meetings will be in the hall, as in the spring term. Mrs Joyner will be running the creche in the library - this is open for Alexander Hosea children only.

**Bikes & scooters** – children are encouraged to walk or ride to school and we have a scooter/bike park just inside the gate. All riders are required to dismount and walk their bike/scooter from the wooden pedestrian gates. Children are not permitted to ride through the staff car park for their safety. They have been reminded of this in assembly.

**Snacks/drinks** – Children are encouraged to bring a bottle of water (not squash) with them every day. They have access to this throughout the day and at lunchtimes. Children can have 1-2 slices of toast (Y1-6) at morning break. Infants have fresh fruit provided for afternoon break. Juniors may bring a piece of fruit with them to have at breaktime if they want to have a snack. There are compost food recycling caddies in the playground.

**Uniform** – We pride ourselves for looking smart in our uniform. All children are expected to wear a school jumper/cardigan with the school logo. There are donated items in the school lobby, which parents can take as needed. Please can ALL items be named, so that they can be returned to their owners (this includes shoes, coats and any hats/gloves etc). Any found items with no names are put into the lost property drawers in the school entrance.

**Wear something yellow for world mental health day** – It was lovely to see the children in their sunshine colour last week. Thank you for your donations to the charity. 100% of these will go to the cause.

Kind regards - Mrs Deb Williams - Headteacher

#### Dates for your diary:

##### **Week 8 – Last week of Term 1**

- 21<sup>st</sup> Oct Cup awards assembly
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct – School photos (individual and siblings)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct - Prospective parent tour (for Reception 25)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> Oct – Parents' evening
- 25<sup>th</sup> Oct – End of Term 1

#### **HALF TERM**

##### **Term 2 - Week 1**

- 6<sup>th</sup> Nov - Prospective parent tour (for Reception 25)

##### **Week 2**

- 11-15<sup>th</sup> Nov – Anti-bullying week
- 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Nov - Anti-bullying workshops for children
- 13<sup>th</sup> Nov – Crystal parents invited for lunch
- 14<sup>th</sup> Nov - Prospective parent tour (for Reception 25)
- 14<sup>th</sup> Nov – Topaz Class at Westonbirt
- 15<sup>th</sup> Nov – Odd Socks day

##### **Week 3**

- 18<sup>th</sup> Nov – Y6 height and weight – NHS
- 19<sup>th</sup> Nov – Parent Council
- 19<sup>th</sup> Nov - Prospective parent tour (for Reception 25)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov – Y6 at Lifeskills Centre

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

#### **Prospective Parent tours for Reception 2025**

– We invite prospective parents to visit the school for a tour with the headteacher. Visit dates are in the diary and tours have already started. Please call to book a place and spread the word. We do have a few places in our current Reception class - if you know of anyone who may be interested, please ask them to contact the school office.

**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 <https://find-information-for-adults-children-families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=yp4evwg7Duw#apply> or call Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

#### **Emails**

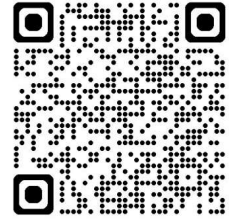
Thank you for following the new system of emailing teachers through the school office. Going forward, it would be very helpful if parents could add in the subject bar the name of the staff member you would like to see it, to help the office staff to forward onto the right colleague. Office staff pick up emails throughout the day and are able to triage all emails, so please do not send directly to teachers. Staff aim to respond within 3 working days. If you have not received a reply, please alert the admin team (as sometimes emails may go into staff clutter or are quarantined by South Glos IT) and they can follow up.

## This terms' Values



## School Aged Flu Immunisation 2024

Scan the QR code to complete your child's consent form for Winter 2024



### Cross Country at Dursley Rugby Club:

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October saw the first of four cross country events for KS2 children. A selection of children attended Dursley Rugby Club to represent the school. They all ran amazingly well, and all cheered each other on wonderfully.

A special mention to Sam (Year 6) for coming 1<sup>st</sup> and Harry (Year 5) for coming 3<sup>rd</sup> in the senior boy's race. Sophie (Year 6) for coming 14<sup>th</sup> in the senior girl's race. Well done to Anabel (Year 3) for coming 8<sup>th</sup> in the Juniors girls and Jack (Year 3) coming 11<sup>th</sup> in the Junior boy's race.

A big thank you to Mrs Brooks and Mrs Price for supporting the children, but also to the parents who attended and supported the children as well. A very successful day and I look forward to seeing the children in action again soon!

Miss Williams – PE Leader



A couple of parents mentioned that it would be great to have a cross country club again at school. In the past this was run by 3 parents (including 2 who were teachers in other schools) and took place one after school a week for 30 mins. If you would be interested in getting involved in running this club, please contact Mrs Packer in the school office. Parents would need a DBS check and preferably have up to date first aid training.

### Secondary school admissions

If your child is in year 6 and was born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2024 (inclusive), they must attend a secondary school in September 2025 unless you decide to educate your child at home. This is a very important decision and you are strongly advised to read the [South Gloucestershire Secondary school admissions guide](#) before making any decisions and completing your application. Applications for secondary school admission must be submitted by the **31 October 2024**.

<https://find-information-for-adults-children-families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=12VIUICdFLs&familychannel=2-2&channel=family>

### 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.



**Black History Month : 'Ganda Boys' whole school Musical Performance – 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

The children (and staff) were treated to a very uplifting musical performance organised through the Rockhampton Music Festival. The Ganda Boys are a duo from Uganda Africa, who performed songs from their homeland – which involved a lot of audience participation. The children were fully engaged- clapping and singing along. They also asked some fantastic questions to our visitors.

Thank you to our Music Leader (Mrs Hillier) for organising this experience.

**Parent lunch invitations**

As you will have seen in the Parent Council minutes, we will be inviting parents to visit to try a school dinner with their child. The purpose of this is to try the meal with your child. Meals will cost £ payable on Scopay in advance.

Crystal Class parents are invited to sample a school dinner on Weds 13<sup>th</sup> November 12:00.

In spring term, we will invite parents/carers from Y2 and Y6 parents for the leavers' lunch in summer term. Dates to follow when confirmed.

**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).

	<b>Performances to parents</b>	<b>Project outcomes/ journal shares</b>	<b>Other dates for diaries</b>
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 Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2:30pm	Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2:45pm Pirate event and journal share	Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec pm KS1 parties in hall – children bring small plate of food 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 selling items they have made in class at the Christmas fair on 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Fair  Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec 9:15am Coffee morning with songs from all classes  TBC Christmas lunch



# Friends of Alexander Hosea School

committee@friendsofahs.org

## RAGS 2 RICHES

Thank you for your generous donations! We collected an impressive 471kg, raising £188.40. A special thanks to Mrs Hillier for her organisation and support.

## TONIGHT!

LICENCED BAR  
7PM-11PM

FRIENDS OF AHS  
PRESENTS

£12\*  
ENTRY

# Halloween Quiz

WICKWAR COMMUNITY ROOMS

TICKET INCLUDES BUFFET AND DRINK ON ARRIVAL  
\*£12 IN ADVANCE, £15 ON THE DOOR, 16-17s £6  
7PM FOR 7:30PM QUIZ START

FRIDAY  
18TH OCTOBER

BOOK: WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/FRIENDSOFAHS

## FRIDAY 25<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

HELP US FUNDRAISE!

ORDER YOUR  
CHRISTMAS CARDS ONLINE BY  
**25-10-24**

Art projects  
by schools

## TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

Brought to you by the Friends of AHS,  
please join us for...

# SCHOOL DISCO

Tuesday 12th November

R - Yr2: 4.15-5pm  
Yr3 - Yr6: 5.15-6.15pm

£3 entry includes disco, bag  
of sweets and squash!

Featuring:  
\*DJ Bridgee'o Entertainment  
\*Quiet room with activities

## ASDA - CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

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