



Newsletter 21, 19th July 2024

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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to our fantastic children, staff, parents and governors for making this another very successful year for Alexander Hosea. Have a lovely summer holiday. We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Tuesday 3rd July.

Pupil premium - If you are in receipt of benefits, please apply for Pupil Premium to support your child's education in the new school year. www.southglos.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals. **Contact** the office if you would like help to apply.

Clerk to Governors – We have a vacancy for a Clerk to Governors. Please see email sent on 10th May. We are keen to fill this vacancy as soon as possible, ready for the new school year. This is a paid role.

Reception places for September 2024 – We still have a few places in the cohort, if you know of anyone who may be interested in a school place at our wonderful school. Tours for prospective parents are open all year round by contacting the school office. We continue to be full and oversubscribed in Y2-6 for next year.

We wish all our Year 6 leavers a very happy and successful future. They have achieved so much during their time at Alexander Hosea and made positive contributions, showing our values: be kind, be responsible, be respectful, be curious, be a team player, be unique & be resilient. They have bright futures ahead and we will miss them.

Kind regards, Mrs Williams

Dates for your diary:

Week 8 22nd & 23rd July – 2 days only

22nd July -Golf experience

22nd July – Cup assembly

23rd July – Y6 leavers' assembly

Summer holidays



Week 1 (2nd-6th September)

2nd Sept – INSET day – school closed to pupils

3rd Sept – first day of new school year

3rd-6th – New Reception children home visits

Yate library summer challenge

Summer Reading Challenge 2024 - Marvellous Makers!

South Gloucestershire Council Library service is inviting all primary school aged children to visit their local library this summer and take part in the Summer Reading Challenge.

Libraries and The Reading Agency have partnered with leading arts charity 'Create' for this year's challenge, named 'Marvellous Makers', to celebrate kids' creativity and storytelling abilities. Children will be encouraged to explore new books, stories and complete the creative activities provided.

The free challenge runs from 6 July to 14 September and supports children to become more independent readers, improving reading confidence over the summer break from school. It also supports positive mental wellbeing and boosts self-esteem.



Online Safety for parents

We have arranged for the police cyber safety team to host an online safety session for parents on **19th 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 end of term) 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.

Please see teachers' weekly newsletters for more information about class-specific events and activities.

Diary dates will be emailed to parents for the coming week on alternate weeks.

Lunch break Supervisors

We are very pleased to inform you that we now have been able to increase our team of lunchbreak supervisors, so that we can run our preferred model again from September. If you know of anyone who may be interested in occasional (bank) work, please ask them to contact Taralou.Price@gmail.org.uk for further details and an application form. All applicants will need safeguarding checks, including DBS check and 2 fully supportive references.

At Alexander Hosea, we are proud to...



Our value for the term is:

Be resilient.

We know that growth mindset and the 'power of yet' helps us to bounce back and achieve our goals.

Art competition – KLB

We are delighted that three of our Y6 children have won an art competition (for the hundreds of new Year 7 starters). Their designs of Berkeley the KLB dog have been used as part of a 10-piece art trail to be displayed on the new building at KLB. Congratulations to Connie, Sam and Alex, who are thrilled to have won this competition - they will see their designs on the wall for years to come.



How to get help for safeguarding concerns over holidays

The safeguarding teams at South Glos continue their work over the summer, so if you are concerned about the safety of a child, call Access and Response team on 01454 866000.

Home/school communication

- First port of call is to contact the school office, they will be able to pass on information to the teacher, ELSA or other members of staff as needed.
- Inform the admin team (by phone or email) about any absences. They will let teachers know.
- Please communicate respectfully.
- We aim to respond to emails in 3 school days.
- To support wellbeing, staff are encouraged not to check their emails after 5pm, at weekends and during holidays.
- Please address emails to one member of staff (rather than copying to multiple staff). They can pass information on to other staff as needed.
- For safeguarding matters, email Mrs Williams (Designated Safeguarding Lead) or Mrs Windmill or Miss Edgar (deputy Designated Safeguarding leads) in her absence.

Swimming gala

Congratulations to our fantastic swimming teams which took part in a swimming gala at Wotton Pool this week.

Alexander Hosea came 1st overall for Year 5/6 and 2nd overall for Year 3/4.

The children represented the school very well and showed super sportsmanship behaviour.

Music Lessons – all classes

We have committed to providing as many classes as possible with specialist musical instrument tuition each year. This can be a challenge with school budgets tightening, but these sessions are of great value to the children's learning in music and helping to prepare them for the music curriculum at secondary school too.

For the new financial year, we are delighted to tell you that **all classes** will be experiencing this offer, thanks to the Friends of AHS, who have agreed to fund 100% of the costs this year.