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Newsletter 20, 5th July 2024

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

Dear Parents/Carers

As we are nearing the end of the school year, the children are starting to get to know their new teachers. We are very pleased that all of the current teachers will be remaining in the school as we go into the new school year.

Staffing update – After more than three decades at the school, Mrs Gee (HLTA) will be hanging up her pencil case and retiring at the end of the school year. Mrs Gee has been a valuable member of the team and will be missed by us all.

Summer Fair – Congratulations to our wonderful Friends of AHS for putting on a great summer fair. A great time was had everyone and the Friends raised a significant amount of money to provide further experiences and resources for the school. Thank you.

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.

Have a lovely weekend. Kind regards, Mrs Williams

Dates for your diary:

Week 6 (8-12th July)

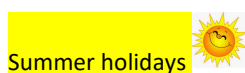
9th July – Assembly with Yate Library - summer challenge
9th July Crystal class local walk
10th July Y6 dress rehearsal to the school
12th July – Reports home (see opposite)

Week 7 (15th – 19th July)

15th July – Pearl class sports leader training
15th July – Y6 performance to parents (outside if dry weather)
16th July – Topaz to Slimbridge
16th July – Friends end of year disco: **Infants 4.45-5.30pm**
Juniors 5.45-6.45pm
17th Opal – sports leader training
18th July – Jet project outcome in hall

Week 8 22nd & 23rd July – 2 days only

22nd July -Golf experience
22nd July – Cup assembly
23rd July – Y6 leavers' assembly



Week 1 (2nd-6th September)

2nd Sept – INSET day – school closed to pupils
3rd-6th – New Reception children home visits

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.

Reports Friday 12th July

As you will be aware from previous correspondence, our reports will be in two parts this year.

Part 1

Your child will bring home an envelope which contains:

- a school report, with the main teacher comments about how your child got on this year.
- a letter from your child.
- a letter from Mrs Williams (with a parent feedback form at the back).
- Y6 will also have their SATs results on a separate sheet too.

Part 2

Parents will also receive an email directly from our assessment system – INSIGHT. This will contain:

- attendance data
- an attainment report on English and Maths, along with key achievements from this term and any remaining key targets for the current year's objectives.
- Y1 children (and any Y2 children who retook the screening) will receive their phonics report.
- Y4 children will receive their MTC – Multiplication Tables Check results report.

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@sgmail.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.

HAF summer programme

Find out what children and parents love about the South Glos Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF) in this short video https://youtu.be/UUa_t2HLncY.

Bookings are open for summer holiday clubs covering sports, arts and crafts, drama, theatre, science clubs and forest schools.

Places are **FREE** (fully funded) for your children aged 5-16 if you have successfully applied for benefits-related free school meals. They will also be given a free healthy lunch.

Visit www.southglos.gov.uk/HAF for full details of the clubs by area and booking details.



If you are in receipt of benefits, please apply for Pupil Premium to support your child's education.

www.southglos.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals



Friends of Alexander Hosea School

committee@friendsofahs.org

A massive thank you to everyone that supported the Summer Fair! A tremendous **£1662.60** profit was raised which will all go towards enriching the children's experiences at school throughout the next academic year. We are still waiting for two payments to be received so expect this figure to increase!

If you have any feedback or suggestions of events that you would like to see next year, please get in touch via email.

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



SCHOOL DISCO

Tuesday 16th July 2024

£2
Entry

R-Y2 4:45-5:30pm
Y3-6 5:45-6:45pm

Tuck shop
outside

Featuring:

- * DJ Bridge'o Entertainment
- * Quiet room with activities
- * Tuck shop with glo toys on arrival
- * Squash included

Please bring water bottles and cash for entry and tuck shop!

Thank you to Po Charles for the time she has taken to collect, sort and advertise the second hand uniform this year. We are very, very grateful. ☺

Sun safety

On warmer days, please make sure that your child has sunscreen applied before school and come to school with a sun hat and water bottle.

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.

This flier explains more about applying for benefits-related free school meals and the extra help it offers your child and family. Or visit

www.southglos.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals



Free School Meals

Government funding for universal infant free school meals for pupils in reception, Y1 and Y2 will stop when your child starts Y3.

We would encourage you to apply for benefits-related free school meals if you're on a qualifying benefit. **This is a simple process and will only take a couple of minutes.**

You could be one of thousands of families across South Gloucestershire qualifying to save over £400 each year, per child.

If you apply successfully to receive benefits-related free school meals, your child will get a hot, healthy, freshly prepared meal at lunchtime. Extra help will also be available through funded HAF holiday club places in the main school holidays and help towards school uniform and school trips.

You will also be helping our school, as we get extra funding that's called Pupil Premium Funding, to improve educational outcomes.

Please visit:

www.southglos.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals for more information about applying for benefits-related free school meals and the extra help it offers your child and family.

The Hive – new mural

Mrs Hathaway (Y6 parent and illustrator) has been beavering away in the Hive to create a beautiful mural. She has taken inspiration from the hexagons in the values; plants in the Hive and insects and creatures that she has photographed in Wickwar.



The mural is almost complete now and looks superb. Thank you very much, Mrs Hathaway.



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 6) 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.



All children are invited to have a special meal to celebrate with the Y6. Please book in the usual way on Scopay.