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Upcoming School Events

Friday 16 th September	Afternoon	Recorder and Trumpet Lessons Re-start
Monday 19 th September	All Day	INSET Day – School Closed to Children
Thursday 22 nd September	3.30pm	Tennis Club Starts
Tuesday 27 th September	4.30pm	Full Governing Body Meeting
Thursday 29 th September	9am	Harvest Assembly by Sapphire Class

Dear Parents/Carers,

Attendance

Week Beginning	Attendances	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Lates
5 th September 2016	95.31%	0.99%	3.69%	0.57%

INSET Day – Reminder

Just a reminder that we have an INSET day on Monday, 19th September. The school will be closed to the children on this day.

School Games Mark

We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded a Gold Mark in the Sainsbury's School Games for 2015/16. This is a Government led awards scheme launched in 2012 to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community. We were thrilled to receive the silver mark for our efforts in the 2014/15 year, but are very pleased to have improved this to a gold mark for last year. Our aim now is to maintain this! The school will receive a pennant and plaque later in the year and we will let you know as soon as we are given a date for this.

Harvest Assembly

On Thursday 29th September at 9am we will be having our Harvest Assembly which will be led by Sapphire Class. Parents, carers, family and friends are all most welcome to join us for this event. We would like children to bring into school a donation of a non-perishable item for the harvest collection which we will then distribute to a local charity or foodbank. Please can you ensure that any items donated are unopened and within date. We would be grateful if items can be brought into school on Tuesday 27th or Wednesday 28th September to allow time for setting up the display.

Garden Thanks

We are very grateful to Sylvia Daw and her friend for coming into school and filling up the pond in the wildlife garden when it ran very dry in the summer holidays. Mr Hughes, a member of our local community and a grandparent of ex-pupils, has kindly decided to continue volunteering at school. He will now regularly maintain our wildlife garden on Thursday afternoons from September 22nd, enabling this resource to be used by the children for their studies. If anyone can help him out occasionally, then please do let the school office know. If you don't have a current Alfriston School DBS, then we can arrange for this to be applied for.

Choir Club

Choir club will now take place on a Friday lunchtime rather than a Tuesday, starting from Friday 23rd September. Any children who would like to join that might previously have been unable to are very welcome. Please see the office for a form if your child/children would like to join choir club. It's open to children in Years 2 – 6.

Keyboard Lessons

Sue Whitehead has some spaces if anyone is interested in their child/children learning the keyboard. Lessons cost £60 per term (10 weeks) and they will start on Thursday 22nd September, taking place within the school day. Please advise the school office if you are interested by Monday 19th September.

News From The Friends of Alfriston School (FoAS) Email foaschool@gmail.com

We had our first FoAS meeting earlier this week, to start planning events for the 2016/17 academic year. We are trying to find a balance between a mixture of community fundraisers, school fundraisers, and general fun events for the parents/carers and children of Alfriston School. We'll send out a specific FoAS newsletter in a week or so.

Camping - thank you to everyone who came and stayed at the Foxhole Campsite by Cuckmere Haven beach last week. We had a wonderful time, and agreed that we'll definitely do it again next year. It was very rainy on the Saturday, but we woke up to glorious sunshine on the Sunday, and the kids loved every minute.

100 Club - 100 Club letters will go out in the children's book bags tomorrow. Please buy a number.

Textile Collection - we are delighted to announce that we have organised a textile collection with Bags2School in order to raise funds for the school and to help the environment by diverting unwanted textiles away from landfill. Bags2School will pay £400 per tonne that we collect. Our collection date will be **Tuesday 11th October.** All children will bring home a Bags2School bin-liner in their book-bags over the next few days. Please fill this bag (extra bags are available from the school office, or just use a normal bin liner) and bring it to school on the collection date above. There will be also be a note in book-bags to explain the scheme in more detail. Bags2School CAN accept the following: adults' clothing, children's clothing, shoes (tied together), hats, belts, and handbags. Sorry, but Bags2School CANNOT accept: bedding, curtains, household linen, or any wet items. Please also ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a clear out as well. Thank you so much in advance.

"Teas & Tables" - we are planning a tea and cake stall at Alfriston village church on **Saturday 15th October** to raise funds for the school. If you would like to help (on the day, or bake a cake in advance) please let us know. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



Lindsey Hudson – Headteacher

Community Notices

Ringmer Community College Open Evening will be held tonight, 15th September, from 6.30pm. They will also be holding open mornings on 20th, 23rd, 27th and 28th September and 3rd and 7th October, between 9am and 11am. Further details are available from the College on 01273 812220.

Seaford Head School Open Evening and Mornings

Seaford Head School will be holding an open morning for prospective parents and students on Wednesday 5th October. There will be a formal presentation by the headteacher and senior staff at 6pm in the hall of the Arundel Road site and between 7pm and 8.30pm there will be guided tours of the Steyne Road site.

On Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th October the Steyne Road site will be open for guided tours between 9.15am and 10.45am. For further details please contact the school on 01323 891623 or reception@seafordhead.org

Willingdon Community School Open Evening – Willingdon School will be holding their open evening on Wednesday 5th October from 5.30pm - 8.30pm. The headteacher's address will take place at 6.45pm and again at 7.30pm and tours of the school will be available from 5.30pm – 7.45pm. The school is having open mornings on Tuesday 11th, Wednesday 12th and Thursday 20th October, all from 9am. Please phone the school office on 01323 485254 to book your place for an open morning. Many Year 6 parents have requested a copy of their prospectus throughout the summer. With the recent appointment of their new Headteacher, Miss Emily Beer, they have launched their new prospectus which is now available on their website and will be available in print very shortly. Year 6 parents will also be able to access a hard copy on the Open Evening. The prospectus is available via this link <http://willingdonschool.org.uk/public/data/file/d/f/Prospectus%2016-17.pdf>

Moir House Open Morning will be taking place on Saturday 24th September from 10am -12.30pm. There will be the opportunity to view the school, meet staff and students and find out about scholarship and exhibition opportunities. If you would like to attend, please book a place by contacting the admissions team on 01323 644144 or admissions@moirshouse.co.uk

Astronomy Event – Jane Green will be presenting an evening all about astronomy in St Andrew's Church on Friday 25th November at 7.30pm. It's the first time she's presented in a church and she's really looking forward to the event. It will be raising funds for the Church Restoration Fund. More details will follow in the near future but we wanted to let you know the date of this event as soon as possible so you could put it in your diaries!

Church Reader – St Andrews Church, Alfriston, is currently looking for a young person to occasionally carry out a reading at their church services. The young person and their family do not need to be church members as the church would like to give someone the opportunity to practice reading aloud in public. Please contact the parish office on 01323 871093 for further details.

Seaford Martello Rotary Club Proms Night 2016 performed by Seaford Silver Band, Moira House Junior Choir and guest artists will take place on Saturday 8th October at Seaford Head School at 7.30pm. Admission is by ticket only, which costs £10 per person in advance, or £12 on the door. This price includes a programme. Tickets are available from Newberry Tully Estate Agents, Church Street, Seaford.