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Upcoming School Events

Tuesday 31 st January	Morning	Forest School for Sapphire Class
Tuesday 31 st January	9am – 10am	SEN Parent Forum
Monday 6 th February	Afternoon	Netball Tournament
Wednesday 8 th February	11am	Chartwells School Meals Meeting & Lunch
Thursday 9 th February	All Day	'Space Day' – Pearl Class
Friday 10 th February	3.30pm	End of Term – February Holiday Starts

Community Events

Thursday 23 rd February	7.30pm	Greek Literature Event, Much Ado Books
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Attendance

Our target is 96%.

Week Beginning	Attendances	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Lates
16 th January 2017	98.39%	0.62%	0.99%	1.86%

PE Kit Reminder

Can all children please ensure they have their full PE kit in school every day. PE is a compulsory part of the National Curriculum so unless there is a valid reason why a child is unable to participate, they are required to take part.

Below is a reminder of the full PE kit. We have made the decision to remove plimsolls from the list as children go barefoot for indoor PE and outdoors trainers provide more support and grip. If your child already has a pair of plimsolls they are welcome to continue to wear them until they outgrow them.

PE Kit

Trainers

Red shorts

White T-shirt with Alfriston logo

Pair of white, black, red or grey socks

Plain tracksuit trousers (optional during cold weather only)

Plain tracksuit top or sweatshirt

If your child takes part in lunchtime football training which is currently Years 5 and 6, they must bring a separate set of clothes. This should be a football top or t-shirt, shorts or jogging bottoms, a pair of football socks, shin pads and football boots. Children will not be allowed to take part in training in their PE kit or trainers.

Art Club

Don't forget that art club starts tomorrow, from 3.15pm – 4.15pm. The club is full and operating a waiting list. You have been advised if your child/children were allocated a place for this club or not.

Astronomy Evening Thanks

We had a wonderful time last Thursday when Jane Green and her astronomy friends, Geoff and Ashley, visited us at school for an astronomy evening. About 30 people in total; children and parents, came along and listened to Jane's presentation of what constellations and planets we might see before we all went over to the rec. It was amazing to be able to see Venus and Mars along with many lovely stars. We are very grateful to Jane, Geoff and Ashley for spending the evening with us and for sharing their wonderful expertise.

Forest School

We are looking forward to the Forest School trip takes place on Tuesday 31st January for children in Sapphire Class. A letter providing all the details was sent home recently. Please remember to provide your child/children with a hearty packed lunch, a water bottle and that they wear appropriate clothing and footwear (trainers or wellington boots are recommended) for taking part in forest activities. They will also need a pair of clean shoes to change into for wearing in school for the afternoon. Please can all items be in a suitable sized rucksack and not a plastic bag or over the shoulder bag, as they will need to have both hands free.

SEN Parent Forum

If you would like to attend the Forum on Tuesday 31st January regarding transition, please return the reply slip from the letter sent recently, by Monday 30th January. You can also use the slip to ask a question at the forum, whether you can attend or not. Please note that this forum is for **any** parent/carer who would like to know more about the schools approach to transition.

Hugo the Reading Dog

We are really looking forward to having some special visitors here at school during the morning of Wednesday 22nd February. Jo, a member of staff from a local school, will be visiting us with her dog Hugo, to listen to the children to read. She will be joining us in assembly when Hugo will be introduced to the children and they will be shown how to approach him in an appropriate and calm manner. Then Jo and Hugo will visit each class for a story time/reading session and the children will have the opportunity to stroke Hugo afterwards. At break time Jo and Hugo will be out on the playground with the children giving further opportunity for the children to interact with Hugo. If your child has any allergies to dogs, or a fear of dogs, please do let us know beforehand.

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

Wake Up, Shake Up Friday – apologies, but due to illness, "Wake-up-Shake-up" on Friday mornings has been delayed until after the February break (and hopefully the weather will be a bit nicer too!).

Race and Curry Night – we're delighted to announce "Race & Curry Night" on Friday 10th March at 7pm in the school hall. Tickets are £10 each (on sale soon), to include a lovely homemade curry, and there will also be a cash bar. Please come, it'll be a great night out! (Sorry, this is an adult only event).

Yours sincerely,



Lindsey Hudson – Headteacher

Community Events

Greek Literature Event – Local resident and our ex-governor, David Soulsby is holding a Greek literature event, Exploring "Homer", at Much Ado Books, Alfriston, on Thursday 23rd February at 7.30pm. He will be discussing the Greek classics, The Iliad and the Odyssey, the earliest works of Greek literature. Tickets cost £10, with all proceeds coming to us at school, and are available from Much Ado Bookshop <http://muchadobooks.com>