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Upcoming School Events

Friday 14 th July	All Day	Pearl Class Pirate Day
Friday 14 th July	After School	No Art Club
Monday 17 th July	All Day	Whole School Transition Day
Monday 17 th July	3.30pm	Transition Meeting for Parents of Year 2
		Going to Sapphire Class
Tuesday 18 th July	All Day	Whole School Transition Day
Wednesday 19 th July	9am	End of Year Celebration Assembly
Thursday 20 th July	2pm	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
Thursday 20 th July	3.15pm	End of Term
Thursday 20 th July	3.15pm	Sal's Shoes Collection
Friday 21 st July	All Day	INSET Day – School Closed to Children
Monday 4 th September	All Day	INSET Day – School Closed to Children
Tuesday 5 th September	8.45am	Children Return to School

Dear Parents/Carers,

Attendance

Our target is 96%.

Week Beginning	Attendances	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Lates
3 rd July 2017	95.51%	2.04%	2.45%	0.82%

Start of Day and End of Day

Please can I remind all parents and carers that the children are your responsibility before the school bell goes in the morning and they should be closely supervised during this time. Also, once the members of staff have handed the children over to their adults at the end of the day, they must be supervised by their adult and are not allowed to play on the play equipment, the grass or in the gazebo. If adults other than yourself bring and collect your child/children, please can you ensure that they are aware of this too. Your help in this matter is appreciated.

Emerald Class Residential

Last week Emerald Class went on their residential trip to Hindleap Warren. They had a wonderful time, taking part in many different activities such as zip wire, obstacle courses, canoeing, archery, bush craft, and orienteering, all helped by wonderful weather! We are very grateful to Mrs Crystal, Mr Windsor and Mrs Fitzgerald who organised the trip and accompanied the children.

Ruby Class Trip

Ruby Class went on a trip to Cuckmere Haven yesterday as part of their seaside topic. They had a lovely day and took part in rock pooling, team games and beach crafts which included making necklaces, mobiles and pebble drawing.

Pearl Class

Tomorrow, 14th July, Pearl Class will be having a pirate day where they can come to school dressed as a pirate. Please see the separate letter sent to parents last week for full details.

Clubs Reminder

This week is the last week for all clubs as there will be no clubs during the last week of term. Please note that art club will not take place tomorrow, 14th July.

Football Match

On Tuesday the school football team played a match away against Firle. They played very well and won 4 - 1. The passing and movement was a joy to watch. Although everyone involved deserves much credit, Charlie earned the 'Player of the Match' award for his running, passing, tackling and general enthusiasm, as well as an outstanding goal. Mr Gratwick is sorry to see the Year 6 players go, and he hopes they keep on enjoying their football. It was great to see several new players join the squad in preparation for next season which the team is looking forward to. Congratulations go to the entire team for their efforts and many thanks to Mr Gratwick for organising and coaching the team.

Football Team Fundraising

As you may be aware, Mr Gratwick has been running a school football team this year, with training on Tuesday lunchtimes. He would like to raise a little money to buy some training equipment for next season. To that end, we will be holding a sale of second-hand sports clothing, sports equipment, football kits, football boots/astros, sporting books, etc. early next term. If you are able to donate items that your children (or you) have outgrown or no longer want, please give them to the school office or send it in to school with your child. Many thanks – the football team.

Transition

The children will experience two days with their new class on Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th July. In addition, you are invited to come in to the classroom where your child/children will be based for the new academic year at 2.45pm on Monday, 17th. This is an opportunity to see your child's room for next year and then within it; it will not be a time to discuss your child with the teacher as they will be occupied with the class. The children will then line up in their 'new class' for September on the playground when they come into school on Tuesday.

Transition Meeting

On Monday 17th July, at 3.30pm, there will be a transition meeting for parents whose children are currently in Year 2 and will be moving on to Sapphire Class in September. This meeting will be with Mrs Golding and Miss Foster and will take place in the school hall.

End of Year Celebration Assembly and Leavers' Assembly

On Wednesday 19th July at 9am, we will be having an extended celebration assembly as we mark the end of this school year. We will be awarding the annual trophies, recognising academic and personal achievements. Please note that the Year 6 leavers' assembly is on Thursday 20th July at 2pm. All parents, carers, family and friends are welcome to attend these assemblies.

Uniform

As the school holidays approach, I thought I would remind everyone of the school uniform requirements in case you need to organise items ready for the new school year. Children should always be neatly and tidily dressed and should be encouraged to take a pride in their appearance.

The uniform is based on the colours scarlet and grey and all items can be purchased from local chain stores. Sweatshirts, cardigans, polo shirts, PE t-shirts and shorts, fleeces and waterproof jackets, all with the school badge on (except PE shorts), along with PE and book bags, can be purchased from the school office.

- Red jumper, cardigan or school sweatshirt
- White shirt, or red or white polo shirt with collar
- Red or white polo neck
- Grey skirt, pinafore dress, culottes, plain school trousers or shorts – no jeans, tracksuits, combat style trousers, sports shorts or leggings
- School fleece for outdoor wear (optional)
- White, black, red or grey ankle or knee length socks or tights (no trainer socks)
- Plain dark coloured shoes with low heels; these should be fastened by means of buckles, velcro or laces to ensure a good fit (no trainers). Sandals may be worn in the summer during hot weather but should have a secure back strap and not have open toes.
- Red and white check/stripe school dress
- Sun hat

Children also need an art overall; an old large shirt is ideal.

PE Kit

- Black or white plain trainers with either laces or velcro fastening to ensure a secure and safe fit
- Red shorts
- White T-shirt with Alfriston logo
- Pair of white, black, red or grey socks (trainer socks may be worn for PE only)
- Track suit is optional during cold weather

These items are best kept in a drawstring bag, which should be brought to school on the first day each week and taken home at the end of the week for washing.

Shoe Collection

On the final day of term we will be supporting the charity Sal's Shoes who collect and distribute used, loved and outgrown children's shoes to those who need them. There are 300 million barefoot children worldwide for whom walking with shoes is a rarity. This makes them extremely vulnerable to infection by parasites, such as hookworm; while injuries to the feet and ankles can lead to ulcers and other conditions which are almost always left untreated. Without shoes, many children are not permitted to attend school. We would love it if your child/children could take part by handing in, at the end of the school day next Thursday, a pair of shoes that they no longer need. This can be school shoes or even a pair of flip flops! Shoes can be handed to Mrs Ellis (Harriet's Mum) who will be on the playground at the end of the day. Please don't forget to bring in a spare pair of shoes for your child/children to go home in if they are taking part in donating shoes! Please visit www.salsshoes.com for more details.

Free School Meals

Just a reminder that if your child will be entering Year 3 in September, they will no longer be entitled to a free school meal as part of the government Universal Free School Meal Scheme. However, if they are entitled to Pupil Premium funding, then they will continue to qualify for a free school meal. Please speak to a member of the office staff if you think your child/children may qualify for Pupil Premium.

Newsletter

Next week we will issue the final newsletter of the school year on Wednesday.

Music Lessons

Sue Whitehead, our visiting keyboard, flute and clarinet teacher, has room to start two new music groups in September. If you are interested in finding out more, or would like your child to start music lessons in September, please either see the school office or email Sue directly on suzannewhitehead@hotmail.co.uk for further information.

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

Thank You – not much news this week other than a big thank you to our wonderful volunteers who organised and ran the parking at ALFEST on Saturday and made £70 for the school.

Raffle Prizes – there are still some unclaimed raffle prizes from the summer fair. Please check your tickets as the outstanding winning ones are: 231, 890, 957 and 983. Please see the school office if you have these ticket numbers.

Flapjack Friday – tomorrow is our last Flapjack Friday of the school year so please remember your 50ps.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lindsey Hudson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Lindsey Hudson – Headteacher