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Upcoming School Events

Friday 26 th May	3.15pm	May Holiday Starts
Monday 5 th June	8.45am	Children Return to School
Thursday 8 th June	Morning	Y5 Arts Festival at SHCC
Thursday 8 th June	All Day	Election Day – Kate Greenaway Medal
Monday 12 th June	2.45pm	Violin Lessons Information Meeting
Tuesday 13 th June	After School	Netball Match
Tuesday 13 th June	4.30pm	Governing Body Meeting
Wednesday 14 th June	6pm	Musical Cabaret Evening

Community Events

7 th June – 26 th July		'Beat the Street'
Saturday 10 th June	12 noon – 4pm	Sussex Day, The Tye, Alfriston
Saturday 17 th June	All Day	'The Great Get Together' at Drusillas

Dear Parents/Carers,

Attendance

Our target is 96%.

Week Beginning	Attendances	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Lates
15 th May 2017	94.18%	4.29%	1.53%	0.30%

Whole School Trip

Today the whole school has been out on a trip to Berwick Church. They used the footpaths over the fields to walk there and back and this was lovely on such a beautiful day. Once over at the church there was lots of shade and the inside of the church provided a wonderfully cool refuge. The children took part in sketching activities, sang a hymn in church and discovered more about the swift conservation project that we have been involved in. Many thanks to Reverend Peter Blee from Berwick Church for helping to organise this trip and to all the parent volunteers who assisted on the day.

Notices & Beginning and End of Day

Unfortunately we have recently had toddlers and children who are in the care of their parents or carers rubbing the messages off of the A-frame whiteboard. This is used to provide parents with important messages so can you please ensure your children refrain from doing this.

Please can we remind parents and carers that children remain the responsibility of the adult bringing them to school in the mornings until the bell rings at 8.42am and that at the end of the day, once the member of staff has handed the children over, they are then the responsibility of the adult collecting them from school. Thank you.

Clubs

A separate letter regarding clubs for next term will be sent out in the next couple of days.

Hot Weather

As a school the children's safety is always of paramount importance. With the hotter weather we would like to remind you of our sun protection strategy and how parents/carers need to contribute to this:

Suncream

Parents should ensure a high factor suncream is applied **before** school. Children should also bring suncream with them to apply at school, ensuring the bottle is labelled with their name. Please note staff are not allowed to apply the cream, children must do it themselves.

Hats

Children are required to wear wide brimmed hats that protect their face, neck and ears, such as legionnaire or bucket hats, when they are outside. Parents should ensure their child/children bring a named hat to school **every** day.

Sunglasses

Children are allowed to bring sunglasses to school if they have UV protection (look for BS EN 1836:1997 on the label). Please note these remain the responsibility of the child.

Shade

We are lucky enough to have some lovely shaded areas outside. On sunny days children are encouraged to spend part of their breaktimes in the shade.

Water

Parents should ensure their children bring a clear water bottle with a sports lid to school every day.

'Beat the Street'

A free programme is coming to East Sussex called 'Beat the Street', which takes place between 7th June to 26th July 2017. This project is funded by ESCC Public Health, NHS Hastings and Rother CCG and NHS Eastbourne, Hailsham and Seaford CCG, forming part of their comprehensive programme of activity to improve health. 'Beat the Street' is designed to get kids and communities moving by inspiring people to make small changes, such as walking or cycling to school every day, to improve their health. In 2016, 865 schools played the game and more than 300,000 people took part, bringing children, staff and families together to have the opportunity to win prizes and top leaderboards! The idea of 'Beat the Street' is that 'Beat Boxes' will be positioned throughout East Sussex. Players receive a card or fob which they tap on the 'Beat Boxes' as they walk, cycle, or scoot around town, earning points for themselves and their team. Players can view their progress online. There will be prizes for winning schools and teams, whilst there will also be plenty of lucky tap prizes, which could be won by any player taking part in the project. You can find out more about the competition by visiting <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2E4K2JkwU4E>. Once we return from the May holiday we will be provided with all the items required to play the game including fobs for pupils, cards for parents/staff and maps detailing where boxes can be found. We look forward to seeing lots of the children taking part in this activity as it appears to be great fun.

Musical Cabaret Evening

To celebrate the end of another year of brilliant music here at Alfriston, Sue Whitehead is organising a musical cabaret evening on Wednesday 14th June at 6pm in the school hall. All of the children who Sue teaches will be taking part as well as the trumpet group, violins and the choir. The concert is expected to last approximately an hour and a half. It will be a relaxed evening with chairs dotted around tables and the audience will have the opportunity to listen to the performances while enjoying wine, fruit juice and cheese sharing platters. Everyone is welcome to attend the evening and support and enjoy our young performers. If you would like to attend, tickets cost £1 per person and are available from the school office. If you would like to pre-order a cheese sharing platter (a chunk of Cheddar cheese, a chunk of Brie, pickles, bread and butter and salad – enough for two to share), they cost £6 each and can be ordered from the school office by 8th June. If paying by cheque, please make them payable to Sue Whitehead. All profits from this evening will be going to our school.

Violin Meeting

On Monday 5th June, Mrs Cane-Hardy, our violin teacher from the East Sussex Music Service, will be giving a short concert and demonstration of the violin to the children in Pearl and Ruby Classes. The following week, 12th June, at 2.45pm, she will be holding an information meeting in the school hall for parents of any child across the school who is interested in learning the violin from September.

Year 5 Arts Festival

Children in Year 5 have been invited to attend the Arts Festival at Seaford Head Community College. A separate letter with all the details was sent home earlier this week. Please note that the reply slip must be returned to the school office by Monday 5th June.

Wigwam, Watering Cans and Bird Food

We are very grateful to Pete Leonard and Geraldine Page for kindly donating watering cans and bird food following our recent requests for these items in the newsletter.

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

Sussex Day – we will be attending the village's Sussex Day celebrations on Saturday 10th June. Thank you to everyone who donated bottles of wine at the mufti day last Friday, which will be used for our stall.

Forest School - thank you to everyone who has enjoyed Forest School this term. Do you want to do it again? Please let the school know if you would like to do Forest School on Fridays after May break, and we'll see if we can organise another block. We need 15 children to make this viable (the cost is £5 per session per child).

Lost Property - please remember to check the lost property box. Any unnamed items that are left in here after half term will be washed, ironed and made available to purchase at the summer fair second hand uniform sale.

Flapjack Fridays - would you like to help with Flapjack Fridays? We always offer flapjacks and sausage rolls on Fridays after school, plus one other choice. If you would like to be a guest baker (e.g. fairy cakes, muffins...) please speak with Yvonne in the playground.

Finally may I take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful May holiday; let's hope we continue to have some wonderful weather to enjoy!

Yours sincerely,



Lindsey Hudson – Headteacher

Community Events

East Sussex Music Summer School – Children in Years 3 and above can take part in the East Sussex Music Service's Summer School for young musicians. Summer School takes place on various dates between 10th and 21st July. You apply online at www.eastsussex.gov.uk/music. Email music@eastsussex.gov.uk if you have any queries or call 01273 336770. The closing date for applications is 9th June.