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Upcoming School Events

Friday 6 th October	8.45am	FoAS Meeting
Friday 6 th October	9am	House Team Name Presentation in Assembly
Monday 9 th October	After School	Football Match
Tuesday 10 th October	After School 3.45pm – 5pm 6pm – 8pm	No Netball or Karate Club Parent Consultations
Thursday 12 th October	After School 3.45pm - 6pm	No RSPB Bird Club or Dance Club Parent Consultations
Tuesday 17 th October	Morning	Firefighters & Fire Engine to Visit Pearl Class
Friday 20 th October	All Day	FoAS Pyjama & Onesie Day

Community Events

Thursday 5 th October	6pm	Seaford Head School Open Evening
10 th & 11 th October	9.15am	Seaford Head School Open Mornings
10 th , 11 th & 16 th October	9am	Willington Community School Open Mornings

Dear Parents/Carers,

Attendance

As per our attendance policy, we will be publishing attendance and punctuality figures each week in the newsletter now for each class as well as for the whole school. Each class will use a traffic light system for attendance where green is for 100% - 98%, yellow for 98% - 96% and red for less than 96%.

Our whole school target is 96%. Figures for the whole school:

Week Beginning	Attendances	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Lates
25 th September 2017	97.90%	2.10%	0.00%	0.48%

Week Beginning	Class	Attendance	Late	Traffic Light
25 th September 2017	Pearl	96.25%	1.25%	
	Ruby	96.77%	0.00%	
	Sapphire	99.33%	0.33%	
	Emerald	98.57%	0.71%	

Clubs

Please be aware that on Tuesday, 10th October, there won't be netball or karate club due to parent consultations. The same happens on Thursday, 12th October, so there will be no RSPB Bird club or dance club. They will all resume the following week.

Choir

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Maralyn Streeter has kindly offered to run choir club for us. This will take place on Monday lunchtimes, starting on Monday 9th October. If your child signed up to take part in choir at the start of this term, then they will attend choir when it starts on Monday. We are very grateful to Mrs Streeter for volunteering to run choir for us and we are looking forward to hearing them all sing.

School Lunches

Please note that if your child usually has a school lunch on a Wednesday and/or Friday only, they will need a packed lunch tomorrow, Friday 6th October, as Chartwells swapped tomorrow's lunch around with today as a 'Fun Favourite' lunch, as explained in last week's newsletter.

After the October holiday, baguettes will no longer be offered as a menu choice until they return again in the spring. There will still be a daily choice of a main or vegetarian dish as well as jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings.

House Team Presentations

Tomorrow, Friday 6th October, two of our Year 6 students will be making a presentation in celebration assembly explaining the meaning of the House Team names (Cuckmere, Exceat and Windover), which is a project that they worked on towards the end of last year. We do hope that you will be able to come along to the assembly at 9am and see their presentation as they share what they have found out.

Pearl Class

Pearl Class have now started to attend assembly with the rest of the school so they will now be at celebration assembly on Fridays. During this assembly a member of their year group will be announced as Star of the Week and any certificates for good work and demonstration of the life values of the school will be presented. If your child/children is going to be receiving the Star of the Week award or a certificate you will receive an email and a text during Thursday afternoon to advise you of this, but please do keep it a secret as the children do not know until it's announced in assembly! As usual, all parents/carers and members of the community are welcome to attend assembly on Fridays, which starts at 9am.

Football Match

After school on Monday, 9th October, the football team will be playing a match against another local school. A separate letter with all the details was sent home with the team members earlier this week.

Parent Consultations

These will take place next week on Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th October in the school hall. The noticeboard will be out by the entrance gate to the playground from Monday to remind parents of which time slot they have signed up for. Teachers have allowed a 10 minute slot for each consultation, if they require extra time they will ask for another appointment to be made on an alternative day to continue the discussions.

Parking

Unfortunately this week we have received some complaints from our neighbours regarding unreasonable parking. We really do urge parents/carers to park considerately when bringing and collecting children to and from school. Please do not park so that your vehicle is obstructing our neighbours' driveways, inconveniencing them as they are unable to access their property. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Raise the Flag

Last Friday the Year 6 children visited St Andrew's Church to Raise the Flag for Michaelmas Day and they also read out information about this special day. Many thanks go to Diana Monteath Wilson for organising this and for helping with accompanying the children.

Data Collection Sheets

The annual data collection sheets have been sent home with every child. Please can parents ensure they have returned their child/children's sheets, having made any amendments, to the school office by Friday 13th October.

Dressing Up Items

The children really enjoy playing with the dressing up items at lunch play. We currently have a selection of clothes but it would be fantastic to update the collection with some other items. If anyone has any dressing up bits that they no longer want, then we would be very grateful if you could donate them to us via the school office. On behalf of all the children, thank you.

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

Club 100 - Congratulations to Stevie Martin (Theodore's Grandma) who won the September '100 Club' draw when her number (no. 47) was pulled out of the tub just before Friday's Celebration Assembly. Following a last minute rush for numbers the monthly prize pot has increased to a princely sum of £31.50! Thank you again to everyone who has bought a number, with 63 numbers sold we have made £378 for the school! 😊 If you haven't got a number and would like one then it's not too late - please track me down. The next 100 Club Draw will be Friday 29th October.

Meeting - Our next FoAS meeting is tomorrow morning at 8.45am. We'll meet in the library and everyone is welcome. We have lots of exciting initiatives on the agenda and fresh ideas and help are always most welcome. We really hope to see you tomorrow.

Bags2School - We have a big fund raising week coming up the week after next.... On Wednesday 18th October we have the Bags2School collection so please, please, bring in any outgrown clothes and shoes to donate on that day. The more we send off then the more we earn for the school. We did really well with this last year and it would be great to do even better this year.

Pyjama/Onesie Day - On the final Friday of term - Friday 20th October - we are having our pyjama or onesie day... for a donation of £1 your child - or indeed yourself - can come to school wearing pyjamas or a onesie. Please join in 😊.

School Shopping Bag - Over the next few weeks we will be asking all of the children to draw a self-portrait and these will be used to design our very own Alfriston School cotton shopping bag which will be available to order in time for Christmas. Order forms will go out next week and a sample bag will be on display to show you what we expect the end result to look like. Again please support us by buying a bag - or two! - they should be wonderful, quite unique and an essential Christmas gift 😊.

Halloween Disco - Our Halloween Disco is fast approaching and tickets will be available soon. The disco is on Friday 3rd November from 6pm till 7.30pm and we can't wait!

Flapjack Friday - will be this Friday as usual. Please remember your purses 🍪

Love Eleanor and the FoAS Committee team.

Yours sincerely,



Lindsey Hudson – Headteacher

Community News

Seaford Head School Open Evening and Mornings - Seaford Head School will be holding an open evening for prospective parents and students tonight, Thursday 5th October. There will be a formal presentation by the headteacher at 6pm at the Arundel Road site and between 6.45pm and 8pm there will be guided tours of the Steyne Road site. No booking is required. On Tuesday 10th and Wednesday

11th October the Steyne Road site will be open for guided tours between 9.15am and 10.45am. Please contact Emma Gallagher on 01323 872727 to book your appointment.

Willingdon Community School - The school is having open mornings on Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th and Monday 16th October, all from 9am. Please phone the school office on 01323 485254 to book your place for an open morning.

Seaford Rotary Club Young Artist Competition – Seaford Rotary Club is organising a competition with the aim of engaging young people in a creative exercise which allows complete self-expression and supports their creativity and innovative ideas expressed through art. The competition is open to young people aged up to 18 years and is split into various age categories. The theme is 'My Holiday'. Entries must be accompanied by an official entry form and received at Seaford Library on Saturday 2nd December up to 1pm. There is no charge to enter. An information pack and entry form can be downloaded from the Seaford Rotary Club website www.seafordrotary.org.uk