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Upcoming School Events

Friday 10 th November	11am onwards	Emerald Class Trip
Tuesday 14 th November	9am – 10am	Parent Forum
Tuesday 14 th November	3.30pm	Football Match
Wednesday 15 th November	9am – 10.30am	Open Morning for Prospective Parents
Wednesday 15 th November	6.30pm – 7.30pm	Open Evening for Prospective Parents
Mon 20 th Nov – Fri 1 st Dec	Fortnight	Eco School Switch Off Fortnight

Community Events

Friday 17 th November	6pm	Deans Place Christmas Lights Switch On
Sunday 19 th November	4.30pm – 7pm	Alfriston Pre-School Bonfire Celebration at Berwick Inn
Tuesday 28 th November	7pm – 9pm	Icontact Autism Workshop for Parents

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
30 th October 2017	97.88%	0.96%	1.15%	0.29%

Week Beginning	Class	Attendance	Late	Traffic Light
30 th October 2017	Pearl	99.38%	0.63%	
	Ruby	98.67%	0.00%	
	Sapphire	98.33%	0.33%	
	Emerald	95.71%	0.36%	

Trips

Please remember that children in Emerald Class, Year 2 and 'Group B' of Year 1 require a packed lunch tomorrow for their school trips. Please refer to letters sent home previously for full details regarding the trips.

Celebration Assembly

Please note that due to school trips there won't be any Star of the Week or certificates for Ruby Class children this week in tomorrow's celebration assembly.

Football

Earlier this week the school team attended a football tournament at Firle. They came second having been beaten rather unluckily by a combined team from Blackboys & Framfield in a game that could have gone either way. They won their other matches 5-0 and 4-0! The children all played very well and enjoyed themselves. Well done to all who took part and many thanks to Mr Gratwick for coaching the team. The team will be playing a friendly match against another local school next week. A letter with all the details was sent home to team members yesterday.

House Talent Show

On Tuesday we held our latest house competition: a house talent show. There was a great variety of acts, including singing, dancing and magic, which the children had worked very hard on. It was lovely to see a good audience of parents, carers and friends who were able to come along and watch the show. The Cuckmere House team was the overall winner. Congratulations to all who took part.

Eschools

We have decided to try an online appointment booking system for the next parent consultation session in term 4 which will be done via Eschools. We have now sent out parents' logins for Eschools. If you have not received yours, please let the office know.

Parent Forum

All parents are welcome to attend our next parent forum which will take place on Tuesday 14th November from 9am – 10am in the school hall. A letter with all the details was sent home last week and we would appreciate the reply slip to be returned to us by 9am on Monday 13th November to advise us if you would like to attend, or if you are unable to attend but have a question you would like to ask regarding this forum's topic of Equality Information and Objectives Review.

School Open Day

We are holding our open day next Wednesday, 15th November, which is aimed at prospective parents for September 2018 Reception Class intake. The school will be open for tours between 9am and 10.30am and then again from 6.30pm – 7.30pm. I will be giving a talk to prospective parents in the hall at 9.45am and repeat it again at 7pm.

Christmas Card Competitions

I am looking for some help again this year with our school Christmas card. If your child would like to design a card, it needs to be A4 or A5 size and a 'flat' design that can be photocopied in school; they also need to remember to put their name on the back. All designs will be displayed in school and the chosen design will be used to produce this year's card. All cards should be handed in to the office by Friday 17th November, with the winning design being announced in assembly on 24th November. Deans Place Hotel has asked the children to design their Christmas card this year as well.

They are having a special Christmas Light Switch On event on Friday 17th November from 6pm (see community notices at the end of the newsletter for details) where they will announce the winner of the Christmas card competition. If you would like your card design to be considered for both the school and the Deans Place competition, please ensure that designs are handed to the school office by Monday 14th November.

News From The Friends of Alfriston School (FoAS)

Email friendsofalfristonschool@gmail.com

Thank you for your support with the **Halloween Disco** last Friday. Over 70 children attended and it was a wonderful evening. Jenny, Nina, Yvonne and I would like to thank all the wonderful school staff and mums and dads that helped with the evening... Ursula, Sharon and Tanya for sorting out and selling all the tickets; Bonamy McDonald, Jane Evans, Michaela Madgwick, Sally Lane, Lora Porter, Karen Leonard, Charlie McKenna, Lucy Harmer, and Gail and Ian Cockburn for either preparing and decorating the hall or running the stalls or policing the door or packing away & tidying up every last skeleton bone and sweet wrapper afterwards (or for ALL of the ₂ aforementioned) and to Susan Masini for lending

us her Halloween decorations. All this extra help makes such a huge difference – many hands really do make light work...THANK YOU! Another super big, big, BIG thank you goes to Peter Leonard for being our most wonderful DJ and to Mrs Hudson for giving up her Friday evening to enable us to host the event at school. We made a fabulous £260.69 and all hope that the children had a lovely time – they were ALL brilliantly behaved and such fun to be with!

We have now sold all of the tickets for the **Christmas Wreath Making** evening on Monday 4th December and, once again, thank Tara Begley (Tara owns Flowers by Tara Jane in the High Street, Seaford) for hosting this event for us.

Thank you for your generous contributions of bottles of wine, beer or prosecco this week which, together with the other items which have been donated and which we are requesting over the next few weeks, will become the contents of some fabulous **Christmas Hampers**. These will be made up and raffled off at the Christmas Fair. Next week we are requesting donations of **pampering items and toiletries** such as bubble bath, lovely smellies and nail varnish (new/unopened) please. Other **raffle prizes** are coming in thick and fast from near and far and we will be sending home raffle tickets soon...A big thank you to Hannah Young for organising all this for us.

Don't forget if you have a surplus of **teddy bears and/or cuddly toys** then please donate them to us for the Christmas Fair Teddy Bear Tombola! Please leave them at the school office where they will be well looked after!

Do get in touch via our **Facebook page or email** – our address is friendsofalfristonschool@gmail.com

Our next **meeting** is Friday 17th November when we will be firming up plans for the Christmas Fair. We hope you can join us in the library at 8.45am.

We will also be running a stall at the **Deans Place Hotel Christmas Tree Lighting Evening** on Friday 17th November at 6pm. We hope to see you there!

Love Eleanor and the FoAS committee 😊

Yours sincerely,



Lindsey Hudson – Headteacher

Community Events

Deans Place Hotel Christmas Light Switch On – this event will take place on Friday 17th November from 6.00pm. There will be complimentary hot chocolate or mulled wine on arrival whilst enjoying the festive sounds of Seaford's 'Archway Choir', with roasted chestnuts and mince pies available for a nominal fee. There will be also be a raffle and donations will be accepted on behalf of St Andrew's Church, Alfriston, and Chestnut Tree House. This year the Deans Place Hotel Christmas card will be designed by a pupil from Alfriston School – the winner of this competition will be announced on the night. Weather permitting the event will be outside so wrap up warm! Please RSVP by Friday 10th November to Deans Place Hotel on 01323 870248.

Alfriston Pre-School Event - The Pre-School is holding a bonfire night celebration on Sunday 19th November 4.30pm - 7pm at The Berwick Inn. All are welcome to attend.

Icontact Autism Workshop – on Tuesday 28th November from 7pm – 9pm, there will be a workshop for parents looking at supporting sensory processing difficulties lead by Fiona Middlemass, a Profession Lead Occupation Therapist. It will take place at the Phoenix Centre, 26 Malling Street, Lewes BN7 2RD. Tickets cost £4 and are available from <http://buytickets.at/icontact/126765>

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