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Upcoming School Events

Tuesday 17 th January	4.30pm	Full Governing Body Meeting
Wednesday 18 th January	Morning	East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service
		Visiting Ruby & Emerald Classes
Thursday 19 th January	Morning	Judaism Assemblies with Pamela Hartog
Thursday 19 th January	6.30pm	Astronomy Evening with Jane Green & Friends
Friday 20 th January	All Day	INSET Day – School Closed to Children
Tuesday 31 st January	Morning	Forest School for Sapphire Class
Tuesday 31 st January	9am	SEN Parent Forum

Community Events

Sunday 12 th January	11am	Sunday School, St Andrews Church
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Attendance

Our target is 96%.

Week Beginning	Attendances	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Lates
3 rd January 2017	92.88%	3.38%	3.75%	2.25%

Bad Weather Procedure

With the weather forecast suggesting snow may be imminent, we thought it would be useful to remind you of the procedure if bad weather does arrive. In the event of snow or flooding, the school will take a decision as early as possible about whether to open or not. Please be assured that the decision to close the school is never taken lightly, but is based on the health and safety of children, parents and staff travelling to and from the school, the ability to operate the school safely during the day and the conditions in Alfriston itself. If a decision is made to close the school, this is put on:

- the school website, <http://www.alfriston.e-sussex.sch.uk>
- the list of closed schools on the East Sussex website www.eastsussex.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/schoolclosures
- local radio, Heart FM on 102.4-103.5FM and at <http://www.heart.co.uk/sussex>
- an Eschools email or text is sent out
- a notice on the school gate/door (only possible if a member of staff can get to the school).

If the decision is made to open the school, children should come to school equipped to play in the snow – good coats, wellies, hats, gloves and scarves. If the school is open, but your particular circumstances make it unsafe to travel to school, please let us know. In this case absence is authorised. Please make sure the school has up to date contact details including mobile phone numbers and if possible an alternative local contact. Hopefully we will not have to close the school at short notice.

Spelling Workshop

Thank you very much to all the parents/carers who came along at the end of school yesterday to attend the spelling workshop that the teachers ran to demonstrate how we teach spelling throughout the school. It was lovely to see you all getting involved.

Healthy School Policy

We would like to remind everyone that our Healthy School Policy comes into effect from Monday. Hopefully you have received the policy and accompanying letter which was sent home earlier in the week. If not, please let us know and we will provide you with a copy. The policy is available to view on the school website under 'Policies'.

Water Bottles & Packed Lunches

Just a couple of reminders: please can the water bottles that the children have in class have a sports-style cap to help reduce spillages. If children have packed lunches, please can grapes and sausages be cut in half lengthways to reduce the possibility of choking.

Astronomy Evening

We are delighted to announce that local astronomer, author and presenter Jane Green will be joining us at school on Thursday 19th January for an astronomy evening, along with some of her astronomy colleagues. The event will start at 6.30pm with a presentation in the school about what constellations and planets you hopefully will be able to look out for when we go over to the rec. to observe the skies at 7pm; Venus should be high, Mars will be around and Orion should be up too. We are thrilled that recently we have been donated a telescope and this will be used on this evening. Please do bring along any younger siblings, friends and relatives who would like to join us for this event and we look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible. Please complete the reply slip below and return it to the school office by Monday if you would like to attend, and remember to wrap up warm! Here's hoping for clear skies!

INSET Day and Lunch Reminder

Just a reminder that school will be closed to the children next Friday, 20th January, due to an INSET day. As a result the school lunch due to be served on Friday will now be given to the children on Thursday 19th. The school lunch invoices for this term will reflect this change.

Forest School

A letter regarding a Forest School trip for Sapphire Class was sent home at the end of last week. Please return the permission slip to the office by Monday 23rd January.

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 home last week, by Monday 30th January. You can also use the slip to ask a question at the forum, whether you can attend or not.

School Lunch Reminder

Many thanks to those people who have paid their school lunch bill for this term promptly. If you haven't yet paid your invoice, we would appreciate payment to be made by the end of this week. Thank you.

Poppy Appeal

We have just received thanks from the local organiser of the Poppy Appeal who advised us that we collected £62.79. This amount has contributed to the total of over £3000 that was collected in the Alfriston District.

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

Wake Up, Shake Up Friday –to support the Healthy School Policy, we are delighted to introduce “Wake-Up-Shake-Up” in the playground on Friday mornings. We’ll be playing some fun music and doing dance moves every Friday from 8.30 am in the school playground. Please come along and support us, we hope as many children, parents and staff will join in as possible. Some weeks, we might also get the school skipping ropes out! If you have a background in fitness or PE teaching, and would like to help us develop this initiative (only 15 minutes every Friday morning!) please get in contact. Thank you!

Also, please note we will be selling teas and coffees after “Wake-Up-Shake-Up”, before Friday morning assembly, to raise money for the school. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



Lindsey Hudson – Headteacher

Community Events

Sunday School – St Andrew’s Church, Alfriston, are starting a Sunday School from this Sunday, 15th January, during their family service which starts at 11am. Young people will be invited to leave the service for about 30 minutes to join together in activities in the Old Chapel Centre. They will return to the church for the end of the service. This will be a regular event on the 3rd Sunday of every month.

Eat Well For Less? – the hit BBC One series ‘Eat Well For Less?’ is currently in production with a brand new series of the show. They are looking for applications from fun and lively families who would love to save some money on their weekly shop and eat more healthily. The show follows Masterchef’s Gregg Wallace & award winning greengrocer Chris Bavin on a mission to prove that it is possible for families to save money on their food budget without scrimping on taste and nutrition. They hope that by analysing the shopping habits of UK families, they can help to show where we can source the best and cheapest quality food. If you would like to apply email rdftelevision.com or call 0117 970 7635.

February Holiday Multi-Sports –Premier Sports are holding multi activity days during the February holiday, Monday 13th – Friday 17th, at Annecy School, Seaford. The days will consist of fun team games, outdoor activities, a choice of sports (these include football, tennis, athletics, gymnastics, hockey, tag rugby, dodgeball, archery, fencing and lacrosse), dance as well as arts and crafts and face painting. These days run from 9am – 3.30pm and cost £12 per child. They also offer extended days from 8am – 5.30pm for £16 per child and half days of 9am – 12 noon for £8 per child. To book, visit premier-education.com or phone 01424 223476. We also have leaflets in the school lobby.

REPLY SLIP – Astronomy Event – Thursday 19th January

To be returned to the school office by Monday 16th January.

We would like to attend the astronomy event on Thursday 19th January at 6.30pm. I understand that children of all ages are welcome at the event but they must be accompanied by an adult who is responsible for them at all times.

Child/children’s names.....

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Adult’s Names.....

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Signed.....

Print Name.....Date.....