

20th October 2016

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Upcoming School Events

Thursday 20 th October	Afternoon	Emerald Class – Jane Green Visiting for Earth & Space Topic
Friday 21 st October	3.15pm	October Holiday Starts
Monday 31 st October	8.45am	Start of Term
Tuesday 8 th November	9am	SEN Parent Forum
Tuesday 8 th November	3.30pm	Football Match

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's amazing how quickly it seems that we have completed this term! I hope that you all have a wonderful week over the October holiday and everyone comes back to school refreshed and ready for a busy term starting on 31st October.

Attendance

Week Beginning	Attendances	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Lates
10 th October 2016	97.68%	2.12%	0.20%	2.12%

Photos

Please can all school photo orders be handed in to the school office by the end of school tomorrow, Friday. Orders received after this time will incur a late order charge from the photographer.

Swimming

This afternoon we had the last of the swimming lessons. From tomorrow the pool will be closed up for the winter and will re-open in May next year. Our thanks go to pool manager, Bruce McDonald, and caretaker Brian Gown, for all of their hard work in maintaining the pool throughout the season. We are also very grateful to Sally Hylands, our swimming teacher, for all of her efforts in helping the children to improve their swimming. Many thanks also go to the FoAS for their continued support in helping with the running costs of the pool.

Football Match & Practice

Mr Gratwick has organized another football match. This will take place on Tuesday 8th November against Park Mead School. A separate letter regarding this is being sent home to members of the football team. Please note that there is a change to football practice for the first week of next term; it will take place on Thursday 3rd instead of Tuesday 1st November. Please remember to bring in your kit for Thursday that week.

Cross Country Tournament

Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 have been invited to take part in a cross country tournament at Ringmer Community College on Friday 18th November. Full details regarding this event were given in a separate letter sent out yesterday. If your child is interested in participating in this activity, please return the reply slip to the office by Friday 4th November.

Violins

Please note that there will be no violin lessons on Monday 31st October. They will re-start for next term on Monday 7th November.

Charity Cake Sale

Louis, from Year 1, and Theo, from Year 3, will be holding a charity cake sale after school on Monday 31st October. This forms part of their efforts to raise funds for the charity War Child and to date on their Just Giving page they have raised £77. Please do support them on the 31st October if you can or you can make a donation via <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/TheoandLouis>

School Lunches

After the October holiday baguettes will no longer be offered as a meal choice but jacket potatoes, with a choice of filling of cheese, beans or tuna, will be offered on a daily basis alongside the main meal and vegetarian option. A copy of the new menu was emailed out earlier this week and we will be sending out hard copies today.

Emerald Class Residential Trip - Reminder

Please note that the next instalment of the payment for the residential trip for Emerald Class next summer, is now due. Please can you send in the payment of £50 to the school office, along with your payment card. If paying by cheque, please make it payable to Alfriston School. Please can these payments be in school by the end of tomorrow.

Clubs

Unfortunately there was very little interest in Tash from Sussex Cricket Club running an after school cricket club next term for children in Reception to Year 3, so this will not take place. A separate letter regarding clubs that will be running next term was sent home yesterday; please return all reply slips to the office as soon as possible.

Remembrance Events

We have been invited to take part in the village Remembrance Service at St Andrew's Church on Sunday 13th November. The children in Emerald Class have also been asked to join The Royal British Legion on Armistice Day. A separate letter was sent out earlier this week containing full details. If you/your child are interested in joining the Remembrance Service on the Sunday, please return the reply slip to the office by Wednesday 9th November. After the October holiday children will be able to support the Poppy Appeal as we will have a Poppy Collection Box here in school.

School Christmas Card Competition - Reminder

I am looking for some help again this year with our school Christmas card. We would like to give the children chance to start working on their designs over the October holiday. 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 18th November, with the winning design being announced in assembly on 25th November.

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

Textile Collection - thank you to everyone for donating your clothes for the Bags2School fundraiser last week. We raised £116 for the school. Thank you.

Christmas Card Fundraiser - the courier will be picking up the designs tomorrow (Friday 21st October), and your child's designs should now be at the school office if you want to take part. Please make sure you have a note of the unique ordering code on the label on the back of the Xmas card design, so you can make your online order: www.apfsorders.co.uk

Text Yvonne on 07967 108 130 if you would like a reminder to order over the half term (the website is working now, but we can only order during off-peak periods, our order deadline is 27th October).

Disco – we're holding a disco on Friday 4th November, fancy dress is optional. More details to follow.

Wine Bottles – over the October holiday, please can we ask parents to save any EMPTY screw top wine bottles in preparation for the Dickensian 'Is it wine or water' stall. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



Lindsey Hudson – Headteacher

Community Notices

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 favourite thing' or 'My favourite local view' depending on the age category. Entries must be accompanied by an official entry form and received at Seaford Library on Saturday 3rd 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

TV Programme – George Clarke's TV company, Amazing Productions, would like to hear from Alfriston families who are about to start doing up their homes. George has a new Channel 4 programme which focuses on transforming ugly properties into beautiful, contemporary homes. If you have the budget to renovate your ugly home and would like George to be involved in your project, please contact them by phone, 020 7819 0500, or email, info@amazingproductions.co.uk