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Upcoming School Events

Friday 17 th November	8.45am	FoAS Meeting
Mon 20 th Nov – Fri 1 st Dec	Fortnight	Eco School Switch Off Fortnight
Monday 20 th November	All Day	Sapphire Class Trip
Friday 24 th November	All Day	Emerald Class Trip

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

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
6 th November 2017	96.35%	2.40%	1.25%	0.58%

Week Beginning	Class	Attendance	Late	Traffic Light
6 th November 2017	Pearl	94.38%	1.25%	
	Ruby	94.00%	0.00%	
	Sapphire	96.33%	1.00%	
	Emerald	100.00%	0.36%	

Football

I'm delighted to report another win for our school teams! On Tuesday we played a friendly fixture against Chyngton School where 2 matches were played. Our first team played against Chyngton's first team and won 6-1, and our reserves also won their match, 2-1. All the children played fantastically and we are thrilled with how well they are all doing. We are very grateful to Mr Gratwick for his coaching of the team and arranging the fixtures.

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.

School Christmas Lunch

We will be having our school Christmas lunch on Thursday 14th December. As is our long tradition, we would like as many children as possible to have the cooked school meal on this day so that we can all enjoy the occasion together. The children will be served roast turkey, cocktail sausage wrapped in bacon, sage and onion stuffing, roast potatoes, peas and carrots topped off with gravy. Alternatively the vegetarian option of Quorn roast is available. The main meal will be followed by a Christmas shortbread biscuit and fresh fruit. The children are invited to bring in Christmas hats to wear during lunch. Parents of children who already have school meals on a Thursday will have the Christmas lunch included on their normal termly bill, if in Sapphire or Emerald Classes. For those who normally have a packed lunch, please send in the reply slip at the end of the newsletter along with payment of £2.10, in a clearly marked envelope, by Friday 1st December. All children in Pearl and Ruby Classes can have the lunch free of charge under the universal infant free school meal scheme. Please note that we will require a reply slip for every child, whether they normally have a school lunch or not, recording their meal choice so that Alison, our cook, knows quantities to order.

School Open Day

We held our open day yesterday, which was aimed at prospective parents for September 2018 Reception Class intake. It was a busy morning with our Year 5 and 6 students giving tours of the school to the visitors and a presentation to prospective parents from myself, with representatives from the governors and the FoAS also present. It was lovely to hear many comments from the visitors on the confidence, friendly nature, helpfulness and attitude of the children who acted as tour guides. Well done to everyone involved.

Trips

It's a busy time at the moment for school trips. On Monday Sapphire Class will be out on a trip and will require a packed lunch. Please refer to the letter sent home at the start of this term for full details. Last Friday Emerald Class visited Glyndebourne and watched the opera 'Belongings', an opera which linked to their topic this term, as it tracks the journey of two groups of young people, one a group of evacuees escaping the Blitz and the other a group of refugee children re-building their recently demolished shelter while contemplating the final dangerous stage of their journey. They had a fantastic time and really enjoyed the performance. Eliza, from Year 6, went to the Royal Albert Hall on Sunday with the East Sussex Music Service Choir and took part in a performance of 'Messiah'. She was one of 150 children who went along from East Sussex to come together with others from across the country to create a 1500 strong children's choir. Also on Sunday, we had twelve children representing the school at the village Remembrance Service at St Andrew's Church following the memorial parade. Most of our children who attended were very young and everyone's behaviour was impeccable. They represented themselves and the school very well, showing respect and courtesy. Isobel and Nicole, from Year 2, became the prayer readers at the last moment and were amazing at managing a difficult prayer, reading it with clarity and fluency. We had many compliments from the community, saying what a credit the children were to the school. Thank you to everyone who came along and well done. On Tuesday this week the Year 3 children went along to the church to Raise the Flag for Prince Charles' birthday. While there they read out some information about the Prince and the charitable work that he is involved in. This week we have sent home to children in Emerald and Sapphire Classes more letters regarding future trips, so please return the forms by the relevant dates.

Christmas Card Competition – Final Reminder

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 tomorrow, 17th November, with the winning design being announced in assembly on 24th November.

Packed Lunches

Please can children who have packed lunches bring in a drink for lunchtime. We can supply water to drink with lunches if required.

News From The Friends of Alfriston School (FoAS)

Email friendsofalfristonschool@gmail.com

Preparations are well under way for the **Christmas Fair** which is on Friday December 8th. Raffle tickets went home this week (they are £1 per strip or 6 strips for £5 – please see the letter that accompanies the raffle tickets for more information) and we have some really rather wonderful prizes. Thank you for your generous contributions of chocolates/chocolate biscuits and bottles of wine, beer or prosecco and pampering items and toiletries which will form the contents of our Christmas Hampers. Next week – our final week for requests - we will be collecting savoury biscuits, chutneys, cheese straws and Christmas sundries and we hope you will contribute. Once again a big thank you to Hannah Young for organising all of this for us. Also don't forget if you can 'bear' it then please donate unwanted teddy bears and/or cuddly toys them to us for the Christmas Fair Teddy Bear Tombola!

I have been reminded that I forgot to let you know in the newsletter how much money the **Bags2School** collection raised...We received a cheque for £144 so a huge thank you for all your donations!

It's **Flapjack Friday** as usual this Friday and our next **100 Club** draw is next Friday 24th November.

Do get in touch via our **Facebook page or email** – our address is friendsofalfristonschool@gmail.com or find us selling 'Flapjacks' in the playground at the end of the school day every Friday. Our next **meeting** is tomorrow, 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 be running a stall at the **Deans Place Hotel Christmas Tree Lighting Evening** tomorrow, Friday 17th November at 6pm and 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 tomorrow, Friday 17th November from 6pm. 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! Further details are available by phoning 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.

Music – The Village Stores are having live music in the shop between 3pm and 4pm on Sunday 3rd December as part of the village Christmas celebrations. They are looking for children who play a musical instrument that are available to join in and play for 10 minutes or so. If your child/children are interested, please speak to Lucie Harmer in the playground.

REPLY SLIP – Christmas Lunch – Thursday 14th December 2017

Please return to the school office by Friday 1st December.

Either

My child/children.....usually have a packed lunch but would like the school Christmas lunch on Thursday 14th December.

Roast turkey or Quorn roast

I enclose £2.10 per meal
(payment only required if in Sapphire or Emerald Classes)

Or

My child/children.....usually have a school lunch on Thursday and would like to choose the following for their school Christmas lunch on Thursday 14th December. I will be invoiced on my termly bill so no payment is enclosed now.

Roast Turkey or Quorn roast

Signed.....Date.....

Print Name.....