



5th January 2017

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Upcoming School Events

Wednesday 11 th January	3.30pm – 4.30pm	Phonics & Spelling Workshop
Tuesday 17 th January	4.30pm	Full Governing Body Meeting
Thursday 19 th January	6.30pm	Astronomy Evening with Jane Green & Friends
Friday 20 th January	All Day	INSET Day – School Closed to Children

Dear Parents/Carers,

Attendance

Our target is 96%.

Week Beginning	Attendances	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Lates
19 th December 2016	90.83%	4.50%	4.67%	2.00%

Unfortunately the attendance figure fell significantly at the end of last term and the number of 'lates' rose sharply. Hopefully with a fresh start to the New Year we will see these figures improve.

Christmas Thanks

On behalf of all the staff I would like to say thank you very much for the lovely cards and gifts you kindly gave us for Christmas. The carol service in the church at the end of term was a fitting start to the Christmas Holidays. Now we are looking forward to 2017 and to seeing the children continuing to work hard and experience success with their learning journeys.

Clubs

We have a variety of clubs on offer this term, most of which have a few spaces remaining. Please see the separate letter which was sent home at the end of last term, as well as yesterday's letter regarding Start Active and Multi Sports clubs.

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 if you would like to attend, and remember to wrap up warm! Here's hoping for clear skies!

INSET Day and Lunch

Just a reminder that school will be closed to the children on 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.

School Lunch

Invoices for this term's school lunches will be sent home in the next few days. We would really appreciate it if they could be paid promptly as lunches should be paid for in advance and recently the office staff have found that they are spending quite a lot of time chasing up late payments. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Spelling Workshop Reminder

The teachers will be running a workshop that will demonstrate how we are teaching spelling throughout the school and it would be lovely to have as many parents attend as possible to see what the children get up to in class! The session will be after school next Wednesday, 11th January. Children are welcome to come along with their parents and will be able to show them practical activities that support their learning. If you would like to attend, please complete the reply slip below, which needs to be returned to the office by tomorrow.

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

Flapjack Friday - this starts again this week, and all proceeds will now go to fund a daily fruit or vegetable snack for the KS2 children (Years 3 to 6). The government funds a snack for all the KS1 children, so we are delighted to now offer this healthy snack to the older pupils as well. Please remember your 50ps. Thank you.

100 Club - Vicky Cumming won the 100 club draw in December. Congratulations!

Future Events – we have lots of planned for this term, and we'll let you know as soon as we have some more details.

Yours sincerely,



Lindsey Hudson – Headteacher

REPLY SLIP – Spelling Workshop – Wednesday 11th January

Please return the reply slip to the school office by Friday 6th January.

I will attend the spelling workshop on Wednesday 11th January.

Child/Children’s Name(s).....

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

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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.....