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Upcoming School Events

Friday 28 th April	9am	Swift Conservation Project Update
Friday 28 th April	2pm	May Day Picnic
Monday 1 st May	All Day	School Closed – Bank Holiday
Mon 8 th – Fri 12 th May	All Week	End of KS2 SATs
Monday 15 th May	3.30pm	Year 2 Overnight Stay Meeting

Community Events

Saturday 10 th June	12noon – 4pm	Sussex Day on the Tye, Alfriston
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Attendance

Our target is 96%.

Week Beginning	Attendances	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Lates
17 th April 2017	96.94%	2.17%	0.89%	0.76%

Well done everyone for a great start to the attendance for this term.

Photo Orders Deadline

Please can we have all orders for the class photos by the end of tomorrow, Friday, as Tempest, the photographers are coming to collect the orders at the start of next week.

Swift Conservation Project

Tomorrow, 28th April, Reverend Peter Blee will be joining us for celebration assembly to update us on the swift conservation project. He has asked us to let you know that the swift boxes for Berwick Church tower, that some of our children helped to make in workshops recently, have now been completed and he will be showing these in the assembly tomorrow. In addition some of classes made and painted swifts to decorate the church. On Tuesday 2nd May at 4 pm the boxes will be fixed in position in the tower at Berwick Church and the swift decorations will have been put in the church for visitors to see - anyone is welcome to go along. Those who helped to make the boxes will, with adult supervision, be allowed up into the tower to see the boxes being fitted (one parent per family only due to limited space). The children's art work will on display in the church to celebrate the project for a couple of months and can be viewed at any time during the day (the church is open every day of the year). Reverend Blee is very grateful to everyone who supported and took part in the project; particularly to Rob Coleman who helped to lead the workshops and completed the construction of the boxes. There is no guarantee of success but it is hoped the project will be successful in attracting swifts. The swift bird call is going to be played from the tower at certain times during the day in the hope of increasing the chances. We will wait and see what happens!

End of the Day

Can we remind parents and carers that if a different adult is collecting your child/children from school, please can you let the office know. We cannot accept messages about this from the children.

May Day Picnic

Please note that the venue for tomorrow afternoon's May Day celebrations, organised by the FoAS has changed – it will now take place on the Rec and **not** the Tye. We will be taking the children to the Rec, where they will meet parents & carers to take part in the afternoon's activities. If anyone is able to bake a cake for the refreshment stall for this event, the FoAS would be very grateful. These can be dropped off to the school office in the morning or brought along to the event in the afternoon.

Wildlife Garden Tidy Up

A team of very kind volunteers has been helping John Hughes to tidy up and enhance our wildlife garden. We are very grateful to everyone involved for their efforts and donations ranging from bird food to well-rotted wood! We will now be able to take the children out to use this area.

Fishing and Rural Activities Day

The Year 5 students that attended this activities day organised by SE Water and Fishing for Schools had an enjoyable, but chilly, day by Arlington Reservoir yesterday. The hedge laying session was very interesting and the children loved the cooking demonstration. Pond dipping was probably the highlight for the children and, now that our wildlife garden has been given some tender loving care, making it a usable space, we will be able to take the children out to take part in this activity at school.

Healthy Meal Ideas

To continue our work around being healthy we thought it would be a nice idea to publish a healthy meal or snack recipe in the newsletter each week that has been provided by the children. Honey and Lola have sent us in a recipe, our first, so many thanks to them for sharing this with us.

Raw Chocolate Brownies

This recipe makes really fab raw chocolate brownies which are very low in calories, carbohydrates, fat and sodium. All the children love them and there's no sugar!



2 cups of Medjool dates

1 cup pecan nuts

2 tablespoons raw cocoa

2 tablespoons raw shredded coconut

- Whizz together in a blender.
- Flatten onto greaseproof paper into a tray, like a brownie mix.
- Put in the fridge for a few hours to harden.
- Cut up like brownies and eat! Yummy!

If your child has a recipe they would like to share can they please send it in to the school office.

Swimming Forms

Earlier this week we sent home a letter with all the details about this season's swimming. Please return the reply slip by next Friday, 5th May. Unfortunately we cannot allow a pupil to swim until we have received the reply slip.

Year 2 Overnight Stay

A letter was sent out to parents of children in Year 2 earlier this week regarding an overnight stay later in the school year. Please can the reply slip be returned to the office by Friday 12th May. We do require a slip to be returned for every child in Year 2. A meeting for parents and children will take place on Monday 15th May at 3.30pm.

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

100 Club – the winner of the March draw was Sam Brown with number 34 and April's winner is Mrs Nickalls with number 55. Congratulations to them!

Sussex Day – we will be attending the village's Sussex Day celebrations on Saturday 10th June. We will be holding a mufti day on Friday 19th May where the children can come to school in non-uniform for the day in return for a full bottle of wine for our stall.

Yours sincerely,



Lindsey Hudson – Headteacher

Community Events

Sussex Day – on Saturday 10th June from 12 noon to 4pm Sussex Day will be celebrated on the Tye in the village. There will be craft stalls, pony rides, refreshments, a family games area and a performance arena. Parking will be available on the recreation ground. If you are interested in having a stall, please contact 07788 743608.