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Upcoming School Events

Thursday 12 th October	After School 3.45pm - 6pm	No RSPB Bird Club or Dance Club Parent Consultations
Tuesday 17 th October	Morning	Firefighters & Fire Engine to Visit Pearl Class
Friday 20 th October	All Day	FoAS Pyjama & Onesie Day
Friday 20 th October	3.15pm	October Holiday Starts
Monday 30 th October	8.45am	Children Return to School
Friday 3 rd November	8.45am	FoAS Meeting
Friday 3 rd November	6pm – 7.30pm	FoAS Halloween Disco

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
2 nd October 2017	97.79%	1.82%	0.38%	1.44%

Week Beginning	Class	Attendance	Late	Traffic Light
2 nd October 2017	Pearl	98.75%	2.50%	
	Ruby	98.01%	0.33%	
	Sapphire	96.33%	1.34%	
	Emerald	98.57%	2.14%	

We really appreciate the support we are receiving from many parents in ensuring their child is attending school regularly. We have also seen a decrease in children arriving late to school which is fantastic.

We would just like to remind you of the following;

We are not allowed to authorise requests for children to be taken out of school for a holiday during term time. We are only able to authorise other absences if there are exceptional circumstances.

- GP and dental appointments should be made out of school hours unless it is an emergency.
- Hospital appointments should be arranged for out of school hours or for the afternoons where possible.
- Where hospital appointments are given (e.g. for certain clinics which only run at given times) parents should request an appointment that will enable their child to be in school for as much of the day as possible. All children should be in school for the first part of the morning wherever possible.

Private or alternative health care appointments will not be allowed (authorised) in school hours unless supported by a GP letter and evidence that the practitioner only provides services in school hours. In the morning all children should arrive in the school playground by 8.42am, for when the bell rings so that children are actually in the building at 8.45am. If a child arrives after the playground door has been locked and enters school through the main entrance, they will be marked down as late. We really appreciate your support in helping your child to maximise their learning experience, helping them to reach their full potential.

Football Match

On Monday the football team played a match against Seaford Primary. Many thanks to Mr Gratwick our team coach who organised this match and accompanied the team. He reports that we conceded 2 early goals and then we played fantastically, winning 3-2, but it could quite easily have been 5 or 6! The entire team played brilliantly but special mention goes to Lola and Andrew who were awesome. The team will be out on other local pitches in the near future. Separate letters will follow when fixtures have been agreed.

Parent Consultations

These continue tonight, Thursday 12th October, in the school hall. Teachers have allowed a 10 minute slot for each consultation, if extra time is required then they will ask for another appointment to be made on an alternative day to continue the discussions.

Data Collection Sheets

The annual data collection sheets were sent home with every child last week. Please can parents ensure they have returned their child/children's sheets, having made any amendments, to the school office by tomorrow, Friday 13th October.

Talent Show

The House Captains have decided to organise a House Talent Competition which will take place on Tuesday 7th November. They sent home a letter at the end of last week with all the details. If your child/children are wishing to take part in the competition, please ensure that the reply slip is returned to either the school office or the House Captains by Monday 16th October.

Emerald Class Trip

A letter was sent home earlier this week to the children in Emerald Class regarding a trip next month. Please see the letter for full details and return the reply slip and monetary contribution to the school office by Friday 20th October.

Bus Travel

Letters regarding a bus behaviour code were sent home to all children who travel on the bus yesterday. Please can you return the signed code to the school office by Thursday 19th October.

News From The Friends of Alfriston School (FoAS)

Email friendsofalfristonschool@gmail.com

There is so much to tell you this week that we have our own newsletter which has come out today. Please do read it for details of all that is going on.

Love Eleanor and the FoAS Committee team.

Yours sincerely,



Lindsey Hudson – Headteacher