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Upcoming School Events

Tuesday 7 th March	After School	Football Match
Wednesday 8 th March	8.45am	FoAS Meeting
Thursday 9 th March	3.30pm – 4.30pm	Swift Conservation Project Workshop
Friday 10 th March	9am	Sama Karate Demonstration in Assembly
Friday 10 th March	7pm	FoAS Race and Curry Night
Tuesday 14 th March	Morning	'Mr Broccoli' Cooking Workshops
Wednesday 15 th March	3.30pm – 4.30pm	Swift Conservation Project Workshop
Thursday 16 th March	All Day	Science Day
Thursday 16 th March	2.30pm	Science Day Assembly
Friday 17 th March	Afternoon	Cross Country Tournament – Years 4-6

Community Events

Tues 4 th – Fri 7 th April	10am – 12 noon	Seaford Baptist Church Holiday Club
3 rd , 10 th , 17 th 24 th March	10am – 1pm	Cookery Course, Hailsham

Dear Parents/Carers,

Attendance

Our target is 96%.

Week Beginning	Attendances	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Lates
20 th February 2017	94.35%	5.55%	0.10%	0.89%

World Book Day

This has been taking place today. The children who dressed up have looked wonderful in their costumes. Thank you for your help in organising their outfits! The children have also enjoyed sharing some of their favourite books in class this afternoon with their friends and some parents and governors.

After School English Session

Just a reminder that due to parents evening taking place today, Mrs Crystal's after school English session will be tomorrow.

Football Match

The Alfriston School football team will be playing a match against another local school on Tuesday 7th March at 3.30pm. A separate letter containing the details was sent home last week to all the football team members. Please ensure that the reply slip is returned to the school office by tomorrow if your child will be able to take part in the match.

Cricket Competition

A team of Year 5 and 6 children attended an indoor cricket tournament last Thursday at Hailsham Community College. Our team played brilliantly in all aspects of the game – bowling, batting and fielding – and won 2 out of the 4 matches they played. This was a fantastic result bearing in mind that all the other teams had been playing cricket longer than our new team. I attended the tournament with the children, and was incredibly proud of them all. They really enjoyed playing cricket and I hope that the team will be able to take part in matches in the future.

Term Dates Survey

The Local Authority is currently responsible for setting school term and holiday dates for all Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools. In the case of Foundation, Voluntary Aided Schools and Academies, Governing Bodies are responsible for setting their own term dates.

East Sussex County Council is consulting on three options for school term and holiday dates for the academic year 2018/19. The consultation commences on Friday 24 February. The council is inviting schools, parents/carers and other interested parties to tell us their preferred option. They hope that as many people as possible will respond. The consultation will run for two weeks and can be accessed online from Friday 24 February by using the following link

<https://consultation.eastsussex.gov.uk/>

Message From Mrs Ottaway - Science Day Poster Competition

We will be having a Science Day on Thursday 16th March to celebrate British Science Week. Children will be engaging in science themed activities in classes and sharing their results with each other and parents in an assembly at 2.30pm on this day. We would also like to launch a school competition to further engage children in science! For the competition we would like you to investigate or imagine the different types of changes occurring in science or the natural world around you. Choose a topic for your poster and do some research around the idea. For example:

What different types of change can we examine in nature?

Carry out a science experiment and investigate the changes.

How has our world changed over the years?

Think about how you might change the world in the future.

Once you have done your research, it's time to get creative! Your poster must be 2D and on either A4 or A3 paper as they will be going on display. You can use pencils, paint, pens, pop up pictures, pull out tabs...

Posters will be judged on how creative and well-researched the ideas are and how well the poster has been made or drawn. Once the poster is complete, write your name, class and house team on the back and hand it to your class teacher by Wednesday 15th March. Mrs Ottaway will be explaining more about this in tomorrow morning's assembly.

School Games Day

Please be aware that we have changed the date of the School Games Day from the morning of Tuesday 27th June to Wednesday 28th June. This also means that the Summer Fair, organised by Emerald Class with the FoAS, will now also take place on 28th June from 2pm – 4pm. The reserve date for Games Day and the Summer Fair remains as Thursday 29th June.

Comic Relief

As a school we will be taking part in Comic Relief Day on Friday 24th March. Red noses are now available each morning from Tanya on door duty or you can send the money to the office and we will put a red nose in the end of day tray for your child to bring home. Red noses are not to be worn in school until Comic Relief Day as we do not want the children to get upset if 'their nose' gets lost or damaged before the event.

Eliza, a Year 5 pupil, is raising money for the Comic Relief cause by organising a competition for the whole school as well as carrying out a sponsored event herself. The competition is to make a poster about Red Nose Day. Entrants will be given a piece of A4 paper with a red dot in the middle with the aim of making something with it that relates to Red Nose Day. It costs £1 to enter and all money will go to the Comic Relief charity. Eliza herself will be wearing all red for Red Nose Day on 24th March and she is looking to be sponsored for this. Please see Eliza directly if you wish to sponsor her or hand any sponsor money in to the school office in an envelope marked 'sponsor money for Eliza'.

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

Race and Curry Night – tickets for our Race and Curry night are now on sale, in the playground or from the school office. This event is an adult-only fundraiser, in the school hall next Friday, 10th March. Tickets cost £10 which includes a variety of lovely home-made curries. Please also bring extra money with you on the night for the cash bar and your betting money! If you would like to sponsor a race (to publicise your business, for example?) then this costs £15. Please see the office and we will get in contact with you to explain how it all works. We look forward to seeing you there: it will be a great night!

AGM - our AGM will be held on Thursday 23rd March in the school hall after morning drop-off. We'll be serving breakfast muffins, tea and coffee. Please try to come if you can, we want to be as open and inclusive as possible. Come and learn about our fundraising events, our ethos, and what our money will be spent on. See you there!

Yours sincerely,



Lindsey Hudson – Headteacher

Community Events

'Mega Movers' – Seaford Baptist Church are holding an Easter holiday club from 4th – 7th April from 10am -12 noon. Activities will include games, craft, drama and music and it will cost £16. Registration forms and further details are available from Seaford Baptist Church, Belgrave Road, Seaford or email office@seafordbaptistchurch.org.uk

Alfriston Parish Council – the council are looking to co-opt a councillor due to the sad death of Cllr Jacqui Fox. The appointment would be for the remaining term of this Parish Council which ends in May 2019. To be considered for this role you would need to meet at least one of the following criteria:

1. Be registered as a Local Government Elector for the Parish on the current Electoral Register.
2. Has during the whole of the previous 12 months occupied as a tenant or owner any land or other premises in the Parish.
3. Has had his/her principal or only place of work in the previous 12 months in the Parish of Alfriston.
4. Has resided either in the Parish or within 3 miles thereof during the previous 12 months.

If you would like more information about serving as a Parish Councillor or would like to register an interest, please contact the Clerk by 13th March. The Council wish to co-opt a new Councillor at their meeting on 20th March. To contact the clerk, Martha Lawes, please phone 01323 870212 or email alfristonpc01@btinternet.com

Cooking Course – a free 4 week course entitled 'One Pot Cooking' will be taking place at the Diplocks Hall, The Diplocks, Hailsham on Fridays, starting tomorrow, from 10am – 1pm. The course will provide the opportunity to learn to create some tasty one-pot dishes and is ideal for people who want to learn new skills and get ideas for cooking everyday meals at home. It will be led by an experienced cookery instructor and no previous cooking experience is required. Places are limited so please contact Zoe or Becky on 030 300 38212 or email community.info@sussexdowns.ac.uk