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Upcoming School Events

Thursday 8 th June	All Day	Election Day – Kate Greenaway Medal
Monday 12 th June	2.45pm	Violin Lessons Information Meeting
Tuesday 13 th June	After School	Netball Match
Tuesday 13 th June	4.30pm	Governing Body Meeting
Wednesday 14 th June	6pm	Musical Cabaret Evening
Monday 19 th June	All Day	INSET Day – School Closed to Children
Thursday 22 nd June	Morning	Violin Lessons (instead of INSET Day)

Community Events

7 th June – 26 th July		'Beat the Street'
Saturday 10 th June	12 noon – 4pm	Sussex Day, The Tye, Alfriston
Fri 16 th – Mon 19 th June		Alfriston & Lullington Churches Flower Festival
Saturday 17 th June	All Day	'The Great Get Together' at Drusillas
Sunday 25 th June	10.30am	Families For Autism Cinema Screening

Dear Parents/Carers,

Attendance

Our target is 96%.

Week Beginning	Attendances	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Lates
22 nd May 2017	95.71%	1.73%	2.45%	1.12%

Election Day

Today, here in school, we have been holding our own election. Emerald Class have been making presentations and campaigning this week on behalf of the nominated books for the Kate Greenaway Medal 2017. This is an annual award for an outstanding book in terms of illustration for children and young people. The short-listed books the children have been considering and have today voted for their favourite are:

Wild Animals of the North – Dieter Braun

Tidy - Emily Gravett

The Wolves of Currumpaw – William Grill

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone - Jim Kay (illustrator) J.K.Rowling (author)

A Great Big Cuddle - Chris Riddell (illustrator) Michael Rosen (author)

The Journey – Francesca Sanna

The Marvels – Brian Selznick

There Is a Tribe of Kids – Lane Smith

Counting is due to start shortly and the winner of the election will be announced tomorrow.

Clubs

A separate letter regarding clubs for this term was sent out as we broke up for the May holiday. We still have space in most clubs so please do contact the office if you are interested in signing your child/children up to join any of the clubs on offer. Please note that the after school swimming club is full. With regards to Start Active and the Multi Sports Clubs, if any child would like to take part in these clubs, please sign up by 9am on Monday as a decision will then be taken as to whether there is enough interest to allow these clubs to continue for this term.

Uniform

We would like to remind you that all children must wear socks or tights and that this also applies if they are wearing sandals. These should be white, black, red or grey ankle or knee length socks or tights (no trainer socks).

Leaving

Brian, our caretaker, is retiring at the end of this school year having worked at the school for many years. He will be greatly missed by everyone; his DIY and maintenance skills are amazing and he has been key in keeping the pool up and running. If you would like to contribute towards Brian's leaving gift this can be handed in to the school office.

Swimming

A number of children have this week forgotten all or part of their swimming kit. Swimming is part of the National Curriculum and for May to July will be one of the PE lessons we teach each week for all classes. It is therefore compulsory for children to take part in the lessons, so they should ensure they have their kit in school. As well as their swimming costume and towel they must have a swimming hat. If your child/children wear earrings, please can you ensure these aren't worn on their swimming day as earrings should not be worn in the pool.

Sun Safety

This morning the school health team came to visit us and gave the whole school an assembly on sun safety which reinforces our sun protection strategy. The children were told about the five S's:

Slip on a T-shirt

Slop on suncream

Slap on a hat

Wear **sunglasses**

Find **shade**

And drink water.

'Beat the Street'

This free programme has now arrived in East Sussex; it started yesterday and continues until 26th July 2017. The project is funded by ESCC Public Health, NHS Hastings and Rother CCG and NHS Eastbourne, Hailsham and Seaford CCG, forming part of their comprehensive programme of activity to improve health. 'Beat the Street' is designed to get kids and communities moving by inspiring people to make small changes, such as walking or cycling to school every day, to improve their health. The idea of 'Beat the Street' is that 'Beat Boxes' have been placed on lamp posts throughout East Sussex and players tap on the 'Beat Boxes' with their key fob or card as they walk, cycle, or scoot around town, earning points for themselves and their team. Players can view their progress online. There will be prizes for winning schools and teams, whilst there will also be plenty of lucky tap prizes, which could be won by any player taking part in the project. You can find out more about the competition by visiting www.beatthestreet.me/eatsussex. All the children were sent home yesterday with a key fob, a map showing where the 'Beat Boxes' are located, and a letter to parents/carers explaining the idea of the game. We look forward to seeing lots of the children taking part in this activity as it appears to be great fun.

Berwick Church Visit

In the final week of last term the whole school took part in a visit to Berwick Church. We heard from Reverend Peter Blee over the holidays and would like to share some of his comments with you:

I would like to tell the school how much I enjoyed your visit and to say how well behaved everyone was. The children were all delightful; I enjoyed meeting them and seeing their work. The relaxed atmosphere at the church with that number of children is a great reflection on the staff and helpers. I was happy to have everyone. There is a little display in the church with the children's shells to mark your visit. I thought you might like to know that when I came out of church on Sunday morning two swifts flew around the spire and later chased each other over our garden screeching loudly.

Musical Cabaret Evening

To celebrate the end of another year of brilliant music here at Alfriston, Sue Whitehead is organising a musical cabaret evening on Wednesday 14th June at 6pm in the school hall. All of the children who Sue teaches will be taking part as well as the trumpet group, violins and the choir. The concert is expected to last approximately an hour and a half. It will be a relaxed evening with chairs dotted around tables and the audience will have the opportunity to listen to the performances while enjoying wine, fruit juice and cheese sharing platters. Everyone is welcome to attend the evening and support and enjoy our young performers. If you would like to attend, tickets cost £1 per person and are available from the school office. If you would like to pre-order a cheese sharing platter (a chunk of Cheddar cheese, a chunk of Brie, pickles, bread and butter and salad – enough for two to share), they cost £6 each and can be ordered from the school office by the end of Monday. If paying by cheque, please make them payable to Sue Whitehead. All profits from this evening will be going to our school.

Violin Meeting

On Monday Mrs Cane-Hardy, our violin teacher from the East Sussex Music Service, gave a short concert and demonstration of the violin to the children in Pearl and Ruby Classes. This coming Monday, 12th June, at 2.45pm, she will be holding an information meeting in the school hall for parents of any child across the school who is interested in learning the violin from September.

Year 5 Arts Festival

This morning children in Year 5 attended an Arts Festival at Seaford Head Community College. They made pictures of themselves in a pop art style using bright colours and collage items. Thank you to SHCC for inviting them along to take part in this activity.

Active Kids Vouchers

If anyone has any remaining Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers lurking in the bottom of bags, we would be very grateful if they could be sent in to the school by the end of next week as we will then be organising our order of playground items via the scheme.

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

Sussex Day – we will be attending the village's Sussex Day celebrations on Saturday, 10th June, from 12 noon to 4pm on the Tye, Alfriston. It would be great to see you there.

Club 100 – congratulations to Andrew Lloyd who won the latest draw with number 14.

Flapjack Fridays - would you like to help with Flapjack Fridays? We always offer flapjacks and sausage rolls on Fridays after school, plus one other choice. If you would like to be a guest baker (e.g. fairy cakes, muffins...) please speak with Yvonne in the playground.

Yours sincerely,



Lindsey Hudson – Headteacher

Community Events

Flower Festival – Alfriston and Lullington Churches are holding a flower festival from 16th – 19th June with the theme 'Village Life'. The churches will be open from 10am – 5.30pm on Friday through to Sunday, and from 10am – 2pm on Monday. There will also be stalls, lunches and teas available. Children from Ruby Class have been invited to display some of their art work at the festival and we look forward to seeing this among the flower displays. For further details please visit www.alfriston-village.co.uk

Cinema Screening - Hailsham Pavilion Cinema is hosting an autism friendly screening of 'Beauty and the Beast' on Sunday 25th June. The film has a PG certificate and will start at 10.30am. Doors will open at 10am. Tickets will be £5 each and can be purchased on the door (cash only please). All family members are welcome to come and enjoy the film. This will be a private showing especially adapted to ensure it is suitable for these children's needs. For example, lighting and sound will be adjusted and it has been requested that there are no adverts or trailers. If you have any special requirements, please advise Families for Autism by phoning 01323 430369 or email Aimee Sadler, Deputy Chair Trustee of Families for Autism, aimee.sadler@familiesforautism.com