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Upcoming School Events

Tuesday 26 th September	9am	Pearl Class Phonics Information Meeting for Parents
Tuesday 26 th September	4.30pm	Full Governing Body Meeting
Wednesday 27 th September	9am	Harvest Assembly – led by Sapphire Class
Thursday 28 th September	Morning	Football Tournament
Monday 2 nd October	Afternoon	No Violin Lessons
Tuesday 3 rd October	Morning	Individual & Family Photos
Tuesday 3 rd October	Afternoon	National Child Measurement Programme For Reception & Year 6
Friday 6 th October	8.45am	FoAS Meeting
Friday 6 th October	9am	House Team Name Presentation in Assembly

Community Events

Monday 25 th September	6pm – 8pm	Gildredge House Open Evening
25 th – 29 th September	9am – 11am	King's Academy Ringmer Open Mornings
27 th & 28 th September	9am – 12 noon	Gildredge House Open Mornings
Wednesday 4 th October	5.30pm	Willington Community School Open Evening
Thursday 5 th October	6pm	Seaford Head School Open Evening
Saturday 7 th October	11am – 4pm	WAVES Art & Photo Exhibition
Saturday 7 th October	7pm – 9.30pm	WAVES Evening Concert
Sunday 8 th October	12 noon – 3pm	WAVES Art & Photo Exhibition
10 th & 11 th October	9.15am	Seaford Head School Open Mornings
10 th , 11 th & 16 th October	9am	Willington Community School Open Mornings

Dear Parents/Carers,

Attendance

Our target is 96%.

Week Beginning	Attendances	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Lates
11 th September 2017	95.16%	3.48%	1.35%	0.19%

Stopping on Yellow Zig Zag Lines

As from the beginning of September there has been a change to the way penalty notices are issued for vehicles that stop or park on the yellow zig zag lines outside the school. Rather than tickets being placed on the vehicle or handed to the driver, penalty notices of £70 will be issued and sent to the vehicle owner in the post.

This change has been introduced to help prevent parents from stopping or parking on the zig zag lines, therefore improving the safety of the children and other parents.

Please support us by ensuring you do not stop or park on the zig zag lines to drop off your children.

Pearl Class

We are really pleased with how the new Reception children are coming into school and integrating with the rest of the school community. As a result, from tomorrow, we are reducing the window for them to arrive in the morning so all reception children should be at school by 8.50am. To progress this further, from next Wednesday, 27th September, Pearl Class will be lining up at the start of the day in the main playground with the rest of the school. Please can children be on site ready for the morning bell which is rung at 8.42am so that the children can then line up with the rest of their class to enter the building. At hometime, Pearl Class will continue to be collected from the garden door as usual.

Phonics Information Meeting

On Tuesday, 26th September, Mrs Ottaway will be holding a phonics information meeting for parents/carers of children in Pearl Class, starting at 9am. A letter with more details was sent home previously.

Harvest Assembly

On Wednesday 27th September at 9am we will be having our Harvest Assembly which will be led by Sapphire Class. Parents, carers, family and friends are all most welcome to join us for this event. We would like children to bring into school a donation of a non-perishable item for the harvest collection which we will then distribute to a local charity or foodbank. Please can you ensure that any items donated are unopened and within date. We would be grateful if items can be brought into school on Monday 25th or Tuesday 26th September to allow time for setting up the display. Please note that the children in Pearl Class will not be attending the Harvest Assembly with the rest of the school as they haven't attended a whole school assembly yet. Pearl Class will go to the hall and look at the food collection and have their own harvest celebration with stories and songs at some point later in the day.

Football Tournament

Mr Gratwick will be taking the school football team to a tournament on the morning of Thursday 28th September. A separate letter with all the details was sent home earlier this week.

House Team Presentations

On Friday 6th October, two of our Year 6 students will be making a presentation in celebration assembly explaining the meaning of the House Team names (Cuckmere, Exceat and Windover), which is a project that they worked on towards the end of last year. We do hope that you will be able to come along to the assembly at 9am and see their presentation as they share what they have found out.

Absences Reminder

If your child/children are unwell and are unable to attend school, please notify the school office before 9am on **each** day they are absent, ideally by phone rather than email. On their return to school please confirm in writing the reason for the absence. A reminder: when any child suffers from sickness and/or diarrhoea, they must be kept off school for 48 hours following the final episode. This is a County directive and is to try and reduce the spread of germs.

Music Lessons

Sue Whitehead, has spaces available for beginners in her flute, clarinet and keyboard lessons which take place within school on Wednesday afternoons and Thursday afternoons. If you are interested in your child/children taking part in these lessons, please email Sue at suzannewhitehead@hotmail.co.uk

Violin Lessons

Please note that there will not be any violin lessons with Mrs Cane Hardy on Monday 2nd October.

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

Thank you to the new parents who came along to our meeting on Friday. It was lovely to see some fresh faces full of great new ideas. We have lots of activities coming up....news to follow. Please see the school's Dates For Your Diary that was sent home yesterday for further information.

If you would like a 100 Club number, please return the form with payment ASAP as the first draw will take place next Friday, 29th September. Please see last week's newsletter for full details.

Don't forget, if you are on Facebook, but are not yet part of our Facebook group, please leave a message at the school office and we will sign you up with us.

'Flapjack Friday' takes place again this Friday after school in the playground. Please remember your 50ps! We would really appreciate some extra bakers though... if you could bake any nut-free cakes, cookies, biscuits or prepare something such as a fruit kebab then please get in touch via our Facebook page or speak directly to Yvonne.

Love, Eleanor and the FoAS committee members ☺

Yours sincerely,



Lindsey Hudson – Headteacher

Community News

Gildredge House Open Evening and Mornings – The school will be holding its open evening on Monday 25th September from 6pm – 8pm with open mornings on Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th September between 9am and 12 noon. To book, visit www.gildredgehouse.org.uk

King's Academy Ringmer Open Evening will be holding open mornings on 25th to 29th September between 9am and 11am (9am prompt start). Further details are available from the College on 01273 812220.

Seaford Head School Open Evening and Mornings - Seaford Head School will be holding an open evening for prospective parents and students on Thursday 5th October. There will be a formal presentation by the headteacher at 6pm at the Arundel Road site and between 6.45pm and 8pm there will be guided tours of the Steyne Road site. No booking is required. On Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th October the Steyne Road site will be open for guided tours between 9.15am and 10.45am. Please contact Emma Gallagher on 01323 872727 to book your appointment.

Willingdon Community School Open Evening – Willingdon School will be holding their open evening on Wednesday 4th October from 5.30pm - 8.30pm. The headteacher's address will take place at 6.45pm and again at 7.30pm and tours of the school will be available from 5.30pm – 7.45pm. The school is having open mornings on Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th and Monday 16th October, all from 9am. Please phone the school office on 01323 485254 to book your place for an open morning.

WAVES Art & Photo Exhibition & Concert – Local painters and photographers are holding an exhibition in support of WAVES Family Support on Saturday 7th October (11am – 4pm) and Sunday 8th October (12 noon – 3pm) at Seaford Baptist Church, Belgrave Road, Seaford. On the evening of Saturday 7th October, the Seaford Baptist Church Singers are also holding a concert in support of WAVES. This takes place between 7pm and 9.30pm. Refreshments will be available during the interval and there will be another opportunity to view the art.

Christmas Card Competition – our local MP, Maria Caulfield, is inviting children across her constituency to design her Christmas card for this year. Participants need to design a card based on this year's theme of the 'Twelve Days of Christmas'. The winning entry, as well as the four runners up, will feature on her Christmas card which will be sent out to constituents, Ministers and even the Prime Minister! All participants will receive a certificate for submitting their design. Entries need to be sent to Maria Caulfield MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA by the closing date of 18th October.