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Upcoming School Events

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| Monday 19 th June | All Day |
| Thursday 22 nd June | Morning |
| Thursday 22 nd June | After School |
| Monday 26 th June | Morning |
| Tuesday 27 th June | 2.45pm |
| Wednesday 28 th June | Morning |
| Wednesday 28 th June | 2pm |
| Thursday 29 th June | Morning |
| Thursday 29 th June | 2pm |
| Friday 30 th June | 2.45pm |

INSET Day – School Closed to Children
Violin Lessons (instead of INSET Day)
Football Match
Sussex Wildlife Rescue Visit
Netball Match – Classes & Parents to Watch
School Games Day
FoAS Summer Fair
Reserve School Games Day
Reserve FoAS Summer Fair
Brass Instrument Concert to Classes & Parents

Community Events

7th June – 26th July
Fri 16th – Mon 19th June

Saturday 17th June All Day
Thursday 14th September 6.15pm

‘Beat the Street’
Alfriston & Lullington Churches Flower Festival
‘The Great Get Together’ at Drusillas
Ringmer Community College Open Evening

Dear Parents/Carers,

Attendance

Our target is 96%.

| Week Beginning | Attendances | Authorised Absences | Unauthorised Absences | Lates |
|---------------------------|-------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------|
| 5 th June 2017 | 93.78% | 3.27% | 2.96% | 1.53% |

INSET Day

Please note that we have an INSET day on Monday so the school will be closed to the children.

Netball Match

The Alfriston All Stars played against several matches against Ringmer Primary School earlier this week. The team showed great effort and a good team spirit even if the final score didn't go our way! Our thanks go to our netball coach, Ros Hannan, for organising this fixture.

The netball team will be showcasing their talents in a match at 2.45pm on Tuesday 27th June to the whole school, to which parents are invited to come along and watch as well.

Football Match

The school team will be playing another match after school next Thursday. A letter with all the details was sent home to members of the team yesterday. Please return the reply slip by tomorrow if you would like your child to attend.

Sussex Wildlife Rescue Visit

On Monday 26th June, we will be visited by the East Sussex Wildlife Rescue and Ambulance Service when the children in Sapphire and Emerald Classes will be given a talk by the Service's founder, Trevor Weeks, before visiting the Service's trailer that will be coming along to school as well. We are very grateful to a relative of our school community for the donation that enabled this visit to happen.

School Games Day

This will take place on Wednesday 28th June, with the reserve day on Thursday 29th June. To celebrate School Games Day, Alison in the kitchen has kindly organised a themed lunch – American Day. Instead of roast dinner, the menu offered on this day will be burgers or veggie hot dogs served with potato wedges, sweetcorn and coleslaw, along with the usual side salad. Jacket potatoes and baguettes will be offered as well. Dessert will be a choice of ice cream, fresh fruit or yogurt. If we have to postpone School Games Day due to poor weather, the American-themed menu will still be served on Wednesday and the regular menu will be offered on reserve School Games Day on the Thursday.

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.

Sun Safety

Please can all the children bring a water bottle and a sun hat to school everyday as well as having suncream applied before school. Children can bring in suncream (please labelled it with their name) and then top up their suncream themselves later in the day. We continue to remind children of the sun safety message that the school health team promote alongside our sun protection strategy:

Slip on a T-shirt

Slop on suncream

Slap on a hat

Wear **sunglasses**

Find **shade**

And drink water.

Musical Cabaret Evening

A huge well done to all of our musicians who performed brilliantly in our musical cabaret evening last night. Children from reception to Year 6 took part in the informal, relaxed concert. They all produced lovely music, whilst the audience enjoyed cheese ploughmans and wine. The evening raised the fantastic amount of £220.49, plus £61 in the raffle, which is going to the FoAS who will use the funds to buy resources for the school. We are extremely grateful to Sue Whitehead for organising this event and to all the other music teachers for helping the students with their music lessons all year.

Violin Lessons

Due to the school being closed on Monday with an INSET day, Mrs Cane Hardy will be coming to school to give the violin lessons on Thursday morning instead.

Parking

We have received a few complaints recently from concerned parents regarding people parking on the zig zags outside school and also stopping on them to drop off and/or collect children. Please can everyone help keep our children safe by keeping this area clear at all times. Thank you.

Swimming Hats

We now have fabric swimming hats available to buy at £3 each as well as the latex ones we usually sell, which cost £1.50 each. Please see the school office if you would like to purchase swimming hats.

Election Day

Last Thursday, here in school, we held our own election. Emerald Class made presentations and carried out campaigning on behalf of some 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 considered and then voted for their favourite were:

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

We are pleased to announce that The Marvels was the winning book here in the Alfriston Election.

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

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 this weekend, 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

The 'Great Get Together' – This Saturday sees Drusillas hold their 'Great Get Together' as part of a nationwide event to celebrate the life of the late MP, Jo Cox. If you obtained tickets for this event from the school, which Drusillas kindly gave us, please don't forget to meet on the lawn by the Explorers Restaurant at 3pm for tea and cake. Drusillas would like to take a photo of the event at this point and will be asking for parental consent to do this at the tea at 3pm. Please note that there is no obligation to take part in the photo.

Technology Showcase – Seaford Head Community College are holding a Technology showcase to recognise and celebrate the work of their students in this area of learning on Thursday 22nd June from 4pm – 5pm at the Steyne Road site. All are welcome to go along and see the work on display.

Ringmer Community College Open Evening and Mornings – their open evening will take place on Thursday 14th September from 6.15pm and the open mornings will start promptly at 9am and finish at 11am on the mornings of the week commencing 25th September. The evening session will include a presentation by the Principal and the Head Boy and Head Girl, displays of work done by the students, demonstrations by students and staff, details concerning transport to and from the college from outlying areas, tours of the college site and opportunities to ask questions. During the open mornings you can have a tour of the college on a normal working day and meet with the Principal and senior staff. Please contact the College on 01273 812220 for further information.