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Upcoming School Events

14 th –18 th November	All Week	Friendship Week
Tuesday 15 th November	All Day	NSPCC Assembly and Workshop
Tuesday 15 th November	7.30pm	Phonics & Spelling Information Evening
Wed 16 th November	9.15–11am & 6.30-7.30pm	School Open Day
Thursday 17 th November	1.30pm	House Talent Competition
Friday 18 th November	Afternoon	Cross Country Tournament

Dear Parents/Carers,

Attendance

Week Beginning	Attendances	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Lates
31 st October 2016	95.56%	3.23%	1.21%	2.02%

Thanks

We would like to thank the Alfriston Emergency Group, especially David Lewis and Vernon Reynolds, for their help on Friday evening last week. In torrential rain North Road started to flood with the water lapping over the pavements just before the FoAS disco was due to take place. The Emergency Group sent out some volunteers to the area and they cleared the drains which had become blocked with leaves, and the water soon flowed away and the disco was able to go ahead without a hitch.

Football Match

On Tuesday our school football team took part in a match, organised by Mr Gratwick, against Park Mead School. It was a hard fought match against a good team with the final score 3-2 to Park Mead. All of the team played well and Mr Gratwick would like to give a special mention to Charlie who pulled off some excellent saves in goal.

Launch of 'Golden Mile'

Please can you ensure that your child has their PE kit in school tomorrow as Premier Sports will be here to launch the 'Golden Mile'. This is the start of a joint project between us to help improve the health and well-being of the children and to increase their participation in physical activity. Premier Sports will be in Celebration Assembly tomorrow morning at 9am to tell everyone more it.

Fence

As you are aware the children's safety is always of utmost importance to us. Our boundary fence has been there since the school opened and its height no longer meets the minimum height requirements so we will be replacing parts of the current fence before Christmas. We are lucky to have a fair amount of foliage around the boundary; this will remain and the fence replaced where it is open. As well as a new fence we will also be having a new entry gate which will be at the perimeter; this will prevent any unauthorised access to the playground and Early Years/KS1 outdoor area.

Residential Trip

The November payment of £50 for the residential trip is now due. Please can this be handed in to the school office by 18th November, along with your payment card.

School Open Day

We are holding our open day next Wednesday, 16th November, aimed at prospective parents for September 2017 Reception Class intake. The school will be open for tours between 9.15am and 11am and then again from 6.30pm – 7.30pm. I will be giving a talk to prospective parents in the hall at 9.45am and repeat it again at 7pm.

Annual Consent Form for School Trips

Last week we sent out the annual consent form for school trips which East Sussex County Council require. A form needs to be completed for **every** child, except for children in Pearl Class as they completed this form as part of their starter pack. We still have some forms outstanding, please can they be returned to the office by Monday 14th November.

Phonics and Spelling Information Evening - Reminder

We are holding a phonics and spelling Parents' Information Evening on Tuesday 15th November at 7.30pm. All class teachers will be presenting and showing how we teach the children in this area across the school and ways in which you can help to support your child/children with their learning at home. Please complete the reply slip below if you will be attending and return it to the school office by tomorrow, 11th November.

School Christmas Card Competition - Reminder

I am looking for some help again this year with our school Christmas card. If your child would like to design a card, it needs to be A4 or A5 size and a 'flat' design that can be photocopied in school; they also need to remember to put their name on the back. All designs will be displayed in school and the chosen design will be used to produce this year's card. We have extended the deadline for entries and they should now be handed in to the office by Wednesday 30th November, with the winning design being announced in assembly on Friday 2nd December.

School Christmas Lunch - Reminder

We will be having our school Christmas lunch on Wednesday 14th December. As is our long tradition, we would like as many children as possible to have the cooked school meal on this day so that we can all enjoy the occasion together. The children will be served roast turkey, cocktail sausage wrapped in bacon, sage and onion stuffing, roast potatoes, peas and carrots topped off with gravy. Alternatively the vegetarian option of Quorn roast is available. The main meal will be followed by chocolate and vanilla Christmas ice-cream log and fresh fruit. The children are invited to bring in Christmas hats to wear during lunch. Parents of children who already have school meals on a Wednesday will have the Christmas lunch included on their normal termly bill, if in Sapphire or Emerald Classes. For those who normally have a packed lunch, please send in the reply slip at the end of the newsletter along with payment of £2.10, in a clearly marked envelope, by Friday 25th November. All children in Pearl and Ruby Classes can have the lunch free of charge under the universal infant free school meal scheme. Please note that we will require a reply slip for **every** child, whether they normally have a school lunch or not, recording their meal choice so that Alison, our cook, knows quantities to order.

Giving a Bit

We have now registered on 'Giving a Bit', <http://www.givingabit.com>. If you are making purchases online from everyday companies and go through the Giving a Bit website, we as a school get some money, at no additional cost to you. This idea was recently suggested to us so we are giving it a try! Thank you if you buy anything through them.

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

Dickensian Event - it's Alfriston's Dickensian next weekend, Saturday 19th November. We will be in St Andrew's Church this year, from 3pm - 6pm, with a cafe, wine tombola and a raffle. We are looking for bakers for the café. Please let Yvonne know if you can bake a cake for us to sell. Thank you.

100 Club - congratulations to Suzanne Taylor for winning the 100 Club this month, with number 78.

Non – Uniform Day - thank you to everyone who donated wine, chocolates, mugs and Christmas craft materials during mufti day this week.

School Disco - thank you to everyone who came to the school disco last Friday, the children were wonderful, and we raised £166 for the school.

Christmas Wreath Making - on Wednesday 7th December we will be holding a Christmas wreath-making course in the school hall, from 7pm onwards. The cost is £20 per person. Please pre-book by 2nd December by contacting Carol on Carol@hindover.demon.co.uk or text her on 07712 765 508, or simply leave your details with the school office.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lindsey Hudson".

Lindsey Hudson – Headteacher

REPLY SLIP – Phonics and Spelling Parents’ Information Evening – Tuesday 15th November 7.30pm

I/We will be attending the parents’ information evening on phonics and spelling.

Name(s).....

Signed.....Date.....

REPLY SLIP – Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 14th December 2016

Please return to the school office by Friday 25th November.

Either

My child/children.....usually have a packed lunch but would like the school Christmas lunch on Wednesday 14th December.

Roast turkey

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or

Quorn roast

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I enclose £2.10 per meal

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Or

My child/children.....usually have a school lunch on Wednesday and would like to choose the following for their school Christmas lunch on Wednesday 14th December. I will be invoiced on my termly bill so no payment is enclosed now.

Roast Turkey

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or

Quorn roast

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Signed.....Date.....

Print Name.....