

office@alfriston.e-sussex.sch.ukwww.alfriston.e-sussex.sch.uk30th March 2017

Issue: 140

Upcoming School Events

Friday 31 st March	2pm	Easter Service at St Andrew's Church
Friday 31 st March	3.15pm	Easter Holiday Starts
Tuesday 18 th April	8.45am	Children Return to School
Friday 21 st April	8.30am – 8.45am	FoAS Shake Up, Wake Up
Friday 28 th April	2pm	May Day Picnic

Community Events

5 th , 6 th , 12 th , 13 th , 19 th , 20 th April	9.30am – 3.30pm	Plumpton College Forest School
Thursday 6 th April	11am – 2pm	Easter Egg Hunt in Aid of Alfriston Pre-School
Monday 17 th April	7pm – 8pm	Girls Cricket Session, Sussex Cricket Foundation
Sunday 11 th June	9am	Seaford Martello Rotary Club Triple Challenge

Dear Parents/Carers,

Attendance

Our target is 96%.

Week Beginning	Attendances	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Lates
20 th March 2017	98.00%	0.80%	1.20%	0.70%

Fantastic attendance last week! Well done everybody.

Easter Church Service

Tomorrow our day will end with an Easter Service at St Andrew's Church, Alfriston, at 2pm. This will be led by the children in Sapphire Class but all classes will be involved in the service. Parents, family and friends are welcome to join us for this event. It has been assumed that all children will be collected from the church after the service, unless we have already received a reply slip asking for them to be returned to school for collection. This includes children who will be using the minibus or taxi that afternoon. Please note that children do not need to bring book bags to school tomorrow. Please can children who have packed lunch bring their lunch to school, for this day only, in a plastic bag that can then be thrown away at the end of lunch. This is to reduce the number of items that need to be taken to the church. The cloakroom areas will be cleared at the end of today and the children's PE bags will be sent home then as they will not be needed on the final day.

Celebration Assembly

Please note we will still be having celebration assembly tomorrow morning as well as the Easter Service at church in the afternoon.

Tissues

Quite a few children in school have colds at present. If your child has a cold and runny nose can you please send them to school with some tissues or a handkerchief.

Healthy Meal Ideas

To continue our work around being healthy we thought it would be a nice idea to publish a healthy meal or snack recipe in the newsletter each week that has been provided by the children. If your child has a recipe they would like to share can they please send it in to the school office. We hope to publish a new recipe each week, starting after the Easter holidays.

Clubs

A separate letter regarding clubs for next term will be sent out soon. Please note that football club with Lewes FC will take place on the last day of term, 31st March, as will art club.

Pearl Class

Please don't forget over the Easter break about the home learning that was sent home for Pearl Class in a letter earlier this week. We are looking forward to sharing the children's Easter celebrations news when we return on Tuesday 18th April.

Drusillas Trip

Last Friday Ruby Class went on a trip to Drusillas. They had a lovely day looking at the animals and they also had an animal encounter session based upon how animals are adapted to suit their environment. During this session they also had the opportunity to stroke a meerkat, a hissing cockroach, a chinchilla, and a snake. Of course they also had the chance to play in the mini playground too! Many thanks to the parents who came along to help with this trip.

Football Match

Our football team have played two matches during this last week. Last Thursday they played Firle School. Unfortunately they lost 3-0 but everybody played well. The first two goals were unlucky, and the third was the last kick of the match. Firle's goalkeeper was (and is) outstanding. Lorcan tried his best in goal; this was the first time he's played in this position. Molly and Josh were both very good, with Molly being our player of the match. The game was played in a very sporting spirit, and both teams were a credit to their schools. On Tuesday the team visited Park Mead and they won 2 – 1. The whole team played very well; their passing and tackling was excellent throughout. The goals scored were good ones and they could have scored more, with several shots missing narrowly. They defended well, mostly restricting the opposition to hopeful long-range shots which our stand-in keeper, Bo, dealt with well. This time there was no individual player of the match as they were all stars! We are immensely proud of you all. Many thanks to Mr Gratwick who organised these matches and accompanied the team.

Comic Relief

Last Friday was Comic Relief Day. Eliza, a Year 5 pupil, took part in raising money for the Comic Relief cause by wearing all red for Red Nose Day and was sponsored for this. She also held a Red Nose poster competition and sold after school snacks on the playground. She raised £70, which is fantastic! Well done! Eliza would like to pass on her thanks to everyone who supported her fundraising efforts. Lola, from Year 1, took part in a sponsored silence for a day last week. Ruby Class were very supportive in helping her stay quiet while at school and as a result she raised £36 for Comic Relief. This is an amazing achievement for one of our younger pupils. Well done, Lola!

Lost Property

We have a large pile of lost property and we would urge parents to check if any pieces belong to their child before the end of term after which any remaining items will be donated to charity.

May Day Picnic

The FoAS are organising a May Day picnic on the Tye on the afternoon of Friday 28th April. It sounds like it will be a lovely afternoon with lots of activities to take part in including Maypole dancing and stoolball. We will be taking the children to the Tye, where they will meet parents & carers to take part in the afternoon's activities. A separate letter was sent home yesterday with all the details. Please return the reply slip to the school office by Wednesday 19th April.

Fishing and Rural Activities Day

Children in Year 5 have been given the opportunity to take part in a South East Water and Fishing for Schools fishing and rural activities day next term where they can participate in activities such as fly tying, pond dipping, hedge laying, fly casting and fly fishing, 'fish dish' cookery and an environmental art class. A letter with all the details was sent home earlier this week. There are a limited number of spaces available for this day on a first come first served basis and reply slips need to be in by the first day back next term, Tuesday 18th April, if your child would like to attend.

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

Film Night – thank you to everyone who came to Film Night last week, we managed to raise £130 for the school.

Flapjack Friday - will still take place this week, but at the church, after the service. Please remember your 50ps, and buy an Easter themed cup-cake. All proceeds of Flapjack Friday go towards buying a fruit/vegetable snack for the KS2 children at school.

Forest School - we're delighted to announce that together with the Sussex Wildlife Trust, we have organised 6 forest school sessions, after school on Fridays, starting after Easter from 3.45pm - 5pm. The cost will be £5 each session (i.e. £30 in total per child). The flyer was emailed out today and a copy is on the FoAS noticeboard in the playground.

Car Boot Sale - the car boot season is nearly upon us, so if you are having a spring clean over the Easter holidays, please consider donating your unwanted items to the Friends of Alfriston School. We are looking for books, DVDs, toys, clothes, unwanted presents ...anything that you think might sell at a car boot sale (children or adult items, doesn't matter which). Please bring donations to the school after Easter, or speak to Yvonne in the playground to arrange a collection from home. If you would like to volunteer as part of the car boot sale team, please let us know (Sunday mornings in Polegate). Thank you.

Wake Up, Shake Up – the first session for this will take place on the playground from 8.30am – 8.45am on Friday 21st April. We look forward to seeing you all join in.

Wishing you all a wonderful break over the Easter holidays.

Yours sincerely,



Lindsey Hudson – Headteacher

Community Events

Easter Egg Hunt - On Thursday 6th April there will be an Easter Egg Hunt taking place in Friston Forest (by the car park with the toilets) from 11am – 2pm. There will also be an Easter hat competition taking place at 12 noon. Prizes and refreshments will also be available. The cost is £3 per child. All are welcome and it's in aid of Alfriston Pre-School.

Forest School Holiday Club – Plumpton College are holding a forest school on the 5th, 6th, 12th, 13th, 19th and 20th April from 9.30am – 3.30pm. This is open to children aged 7 – 12 years old and they will have the opportunity to discover the secrets and wonders of the woods, play games and develop practical skills. The cost is £25 per child per day. Booking is essential and can be done by email to Lynn.clark@plumpton.ac.uk or by phoning 01273 892020.

Girls Cricket Sessions – The Sussex Cricket Foundation is holding some softball cricket sessions for girls in the Eastbourne and South Downs area on Monday evenings. These introduction to cricket sessions will take place between 7pm and 8pm for girls aged 8 – 12 years, at Gildredge House School, Eastbourne, starting on Monday 17th April. For more information please email jack.hyde@sussexcricket.co.uk

Martello Rotary Club of Seaford Triple Challenge – the Martello Rotary Club of Seaford invites you to take part in the Triple Challenge to raise money for the British Heart Foundation. They are challenging people to run a trail half marathon, or walk the half marathon course or ride a circular 20 mile or 30 mile off-road cycle route. The event starts at the seafront in Seaford and then goes onto the Downs to the north of the town. It has a mainly off-road route with stunning views but it is challenging in places and undulating, so participants must be fit and ensure they are able to complete the distance. The challenge takes place on Sunday 11th June starting at 9am. They would like to raise a total of £1000 for the BHF from this event so are asking if participants can raise/donate £30 each to this target. The cost to enter the event is £22 for adults and £12 for those under 18. For further details and to register apply online at triplechallenge.martellorotary.org.uk