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Upcoming School Events

Thursday 19 th January	6.30pm	Astronomy Evening with Jane Green & Friends
Friday 20 th January	All Day	INSET Day – School Closed to Children
Tuesday 31 st January	Morning	Forest School for Sapphire Class
Tuesday 31 st January	9am	SEN Parent Forum

Community Events

Friday 23 rd February	7.30pm	Greek Literature Event at Much Ado Bookshop
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Attendance

Our target is 96%.

Week Beginning	Attendances	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Lates
9 th January 2017	98.10%	1.90%	0.00%	1.30%

Thank you for everyone's efforts in working to improve these figures last week.

Healthy Schools

We are now at the end of the first week following introduction of our Healthy School Policy and would like to thank everyone for their fantastic support. We appreciate the efforts everyone is making to ensure these changes are successful. Following comments from a few parents we have updated the policy making some areas more specific to help prevent any confusion. The policy can be viewed on the school website under 'Policies'.

Astronomy Evening Tonight

We are really looking forward to our astronomy evening tonight with local astronomer, author and presenter Jane Green and some of her astronomy colleagues. It's exciting to hear that the skies appear to be working with us for tonight in that they should be clear! The event will start at 6.30pm with a presentation in the school about what constellations and planets you hopefully will be able to look out for when we go over to the rec. to observe the skies at 7pm; Venus should be high, Mars will be around and Orion should be up too. We are thrilled that recently we have been donated a telescope and this will be used tonight. Please do bring along any younger siblings, friends and relatives who would like to join us for this event and we look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible. Even if you haven't advised us in advance that you and your family will be coming, you will be more than welcome to come along and join us. Do remember to wrap up warm!

Art Club

It's fantastic to see how well the new art club has been received. Unfortunately we have been over-subscribed for this club so some children are on the waiting list. Please note that the club will start next Friday, 27th January, and not tomorrow as stated on the club letter due to tomorrow's INSET day.

INSET Day

Just a reminder that school will be closed to the children tomorrow due to an INSET day.

Sainsbury's Active Kids

Sainsbury's are launching their annual Active Kids campaign from 25th January. The aim of the scheme is to give schools and clubs the opportunity to acquire some new cooking and sports equipment in exchange for vouchers. Each time you shop at Sainsbury's from now next Wednesday until June, you will receive a voucher for every £10 you spend (in Sainsbury's Local stores you get a voucher for every £5 spent). This also applies to their online shopping too. From next week we will have a voucher collection box in the entrance lobby where you can place any vouchers that you receive. In due course we hope to be able to exchange these for some exciting new cooking and sports equipment for the children to use.

Cross Country Tournament

Children from Years 4, 5 and 6 have been invited to participate in a cross country tournament involving local schools on Friday 24th February. A separate letter regarding this was sent home at the end of last week. Please complete the reply slip and return it to the office by Monday 6th February if your child/children would like to attend.

Forest School

A letter regarding a Forest School trip for Sapphire Class was sent home recently. Please return the permission slip to the office by Monday 23rd January. We do still have several forms outstanding.

SEN Parent Forum

If you would like to attend the Forum on Tuesday 31st January regarding transition, please return the reply slip from the letter sent recently, by Monday 30th January. You can also use the slip to ask a question at the forum, whether you can attend or not.

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

Wake Up, Shake Up Friday – unfortunately our first 'Wake Up, Shake Up Friday' event that was planned to start last Friday, had to be cancelled due to the weather! So, we will be trying again from next Friday, 27th January, as the school is closed tomorrow with an INSET day. The aim of this event is to support the Healthy School Policy so we'll be playing some fun music and doing dance moves every Friday from 8.30am in the school playground. Please come along and support us, we hope as many children, parents and staff will join in as possible. Some weeks, we might also get the school skipping ropes out! If you have a background in fitness or PE teaching, and would like to help us develop this initiative (only 15 minutes every Friday morning!) please get in contact. Thank you!

Also, please note we will be selling teas and coffees after "Wake-Up-Shake-Up", before Friday morning assembly, to raise money for the school. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



Lindsey Hudson – Headteacher

Community Events

Greek Literature Event – Local resident and our ex-governor, David Soulsby is holding a Greek literature event, Exploring "Homer", at Much Ado Bookshop, Alfriston, on Friday 23rd February at 7.30pm. He will be presenting two epic poems, the Iliad and the Odyssey, the earliest works of Greek literature, with all profits coming to us at school. Tickets cost £10 and are available from Much Ado Bookshop.