Upcoming School Events

Friday 24th February	9am	Swift Conservation Project in Assembly
Tuesday 28th February	3.45pm - 5pm & 6pm - 8pm	Parent Teacher Consultations
Thursday 2nd March	All Day	World Book Day
Thursday 2nd March	3.45pm – 6pm	Parent Teacher Consultations
Tuesday 7th March	After School	Football Match
Wednesday 8th March	8.45am	FoAS Meeting
Thursday 9th March	3.30pm – 4.30pm	Swift Conservation Project Workshop
Friday 10th March	9am	Sama Karate Demonstration in Assembly
Friday 10th March	7pm	FoAS Race and Curry Night

Dear Parents/Carers,

Attendance
Our target is 96%.

Week Beginning	Attendances	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Lates
6th February 2017	92.77%	6.83%	0.40%	0.69%

Swift Conservation Project
We will be holding 2 after school clubs for children and parents to help make swift nesting boxes which will be installed in the tower of Berwick Church along with a calling device to help attract the birds. The project will be introduced to everyone in an assembly tomorrow with the workshops taking place on Thursday 9th March and Wednesday 15th March. A separate letter with all the details was sent home towards the end of last term. Please return the reply slips to the office by tomorrow if you and your child/children would like to take part in the workshops. **Please note that due to the nature of the workshop, an adult must accompany the child/children**.

Hugo the Reading Dog
We were visited yesterday by Jo, a member of staff from a local school, and her dog Hugo, to listen to the children to read. She joined us for assembly and Hugo was introduced to the children and then they visited each class for a story time/reading session and the children had the opportunity to stroke Hugo and ask questions. The children really enjoyed this and Hugo loved spending time with the children too.

Healthy Workshop
Today we have had more visitors to our school. This time the School Health Service came along to Emerald Class to deliver a workshop about being healthy in general. They looked at the Change for Life programme, oral hygiene, exercise and drinking enough water, all of which contribute to having a healthy lifestyle.

World Book Day
This takes place next Thursday, 2nd March. A separate letter regarding this was sent home yesterday.

Parent Consultation Evenings

These take place next week on Tuesday and Thursday in the school hall. Please can parents enter the school via the ramped door in the playground by the school hall. We would also like to remind parents that children should not be brought to the consultations. The notice board will be out by the entrance gate to the playground from Monday to remind parents of which time slot they have signed up for. Teachers have allowed a 10 minute slot for each consultation; if they require extra time they will ask for another appointment to be made on an alternative day to continue the discussions. Unfortunately Mrs Hudson will not be in attendance at the parent consultations on Thursday as she now has to attend an urgent meeting elsewhere regarding the funding crisis in East Sussex schools. There will be no after school clubs taking place on either day. Mrs Crystal's after school English session will be on Friday 3rd March.

Football Match

The Alfriston School football team will be playing a match against another local school on Tuesday 7th March at 3.30pm. A separate letter containing the details has been sent home today to all the football team members.

Comic Relief

As a school we will be taking part in Comic Relief Day on Friday 24th March. From 1st March we will be selling red noses. They will be available from Tanya on door duty in the mornings or you can send the money to the office and we will put a red nose in the end of day tray for your child to bring home. Red noses are not to be worn in school until Comic Relief Day as we do not want the children to get upset if 'their nose' gets lost or damaged before the event.

Eliza, a Year 5 pupil, would like to raise money for the Comic Relief cause so has decided to organise a competition for the whole school as well as carrying out a sponsored event herself. The competition is to make a poster about Red Nose Day. Entrants will be given a piece of A4 paper with a red dot in the middle with the aim of making something with it that relates to Red Nose Day. It costs £1 to enter and all money will go to the Comic Relief charity. Eliza herself will be wearing all red for Red Nose Day on 24th March and she is looking to be sponsored for this. Please see Eliza directly if you wish to sponsor her or hand any sponsor money in to the school office in an envelope marked 'sponsor money for Eliza'. The Comic Relief charity helps millions of people every year in the UK and Africa and Eliza believes even our little school can make a huge difference.

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Race and Curry Night – tickets for our Race and Curry night will be on sale from this Friday onwards, in the playground or from the school office. This event is an adult-only fundraiser, in the school hall, on Friday 10th March. Tickets cost £10 which includes a variety of lovely home-made curries. Please also bring extra money with you on the night for the cash bar and your betting money! If you would like to sponsor a race (to publicise your business, for example?) then this costs £15. Please see the office and we will get in contact with you to explain how it all works. We look forward to seeing you there: it will be a great night!

AGM - our AGM will be held on Thursday 23rd March in the school hall after morning drop-off. We'll be serving breakfast muffins, tea and coffee. Please try to come if you can, we want to be as open and inclusive as possible. Come and learn about our fundraising events, our ethos, and what our money will be spent on. See you there!

Yours sincerely,

Lindsey Hudson – Headteacher