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## Upcoming School Events

Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	9am	SEN Parent Forum
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	3.30pm	Football Match
14 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> November	All Week	Friendship Week
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	All Day	NSPCC Assembly and Workshop
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	7.30pm	Phonics & Spelling Information Evening
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> November	9.15–11am & 6.30-7.30pm	School Open Day
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	1.30pm	House Talent Competition
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Afternoon	Cross Country Tournament

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Attendance

Week Beginning	Attendances	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Lates
17 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	94.04%	5.86%	0.10%	1.31%

## SEN Parent Forum

Mr Gratwick, our SENCo, will be holding a Special Educational Needs parent forum on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 9am. Please can you complete the reply slip at the end of the newsletter if you would like to attend (if you have not advised us already) and also if you have any questions for the forum. Please note that booking is essential for attendance at this event. Please note that Mr Gratwick only works at Alfriston School on Tuesdays, but he could, if necessary, change his day if there is a parent who is unable to make a Tuesday time. If you would prefer a 1:1 appointment, then please see the school office who will arrange this for you.

## Football Match Reminder

Mr Gratwick has organised another football match. This will take place on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November against Park Mead School. A separate letter regarding this has been sent home to members of the football team. We will give you an update on how the match went in next week's newsletter.

## Cross Country Tournament

Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 have been invited to take part in a cross country tournament at Ringmer Community College on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November. Full details regarding this event were given in a separate letter sent out before the October holiday. If your child is interested in participating in this activity, please return the reply slip to the office by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

## House Talent Competition

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November we will be holding the latest house completion; a house talent show. There will be a variety of acts performing including singing, dancing and magic. Parents, carers and friends are welcome to come along and watch the show which will be in the school hall starting at 1.30pm.

## **Charity Fundraising**

Louis, from Year 1, and Theo, from Year 3, held a charity cake sale after school on Monday, which raised £50. This formed part of their fundraising efforts which took place over the October holiday to raise funds for the charity War Child. They have now raised the fantastic total of £261.75.

Rosie, in Year 5, has now advised us of the total she raised for Eastbourne Night Shelter by her 24 hour sponsored silence that she did last month. She raised the amazing amount of £263.

## **Residential Trip**

There are still a few people that have not yet paid the most recently required instalment for the residential trip. Please can these be paid by the end of Monday.

## **INSET Day**

Please be advised that we have set the date for an INSET day on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January. The school will be closed to the children on this day.

## **Clubs**

We still have spaces available for after school netball club on Tuesdays if anyone from Years 4 – 6 would like to join. It runs from 3.15pm – 4.30pm and costs £3.50 per session. We also have space for more children to join choir, which takes place on Friday lunchtimes, and is open to children in Years 2 – 6. Earlier this week we sent out a letter regarding the possibility of running an Active Play club before school on Tuesdays from 8am – 8.40am at the cost of £2 per session. This club would be open to all year groups but we would like to know if you are interested by the end of tomorrow, as the club is due to start on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> November, and we will need to know if there is sufficient interest for it to run.

## **Eco Team**

Mrs Ottaway and Sid in Year 5 have been recruiting for the Alfriston eco team. The children have been busy voting in class for their eco team representatives. The eco team members will be Harriet for Pearl Class, Jacob and Bella for Ruby Class, Jack and Indi for Sapphire Class and Rosie and Charlie for Emerald Class. More details of what the eco team are doing around the school will be advised in due course.

## **School Open Day**

We are holding our open day on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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**

Yesterday we sent out the annual consent form for school trips that 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. Please can the forms be returned to the office by Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November.

## **Remembrance Events**

We have been invited to take part in the village Remembrance Service at St Andrew's Church on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November. The children in Emerald Class have also been asked to join The Royal British Legion on Armistice Day. A separate letter was before the October holiday containing full details. If you/your child are interested in joining the Remembrance Service on the Sunday, please return the reply slip to the office by Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November. We now have a Poppy Collection Box here in school if children wish to support the Poppy Appeal.

## **Phonics and Spelling Information Evening**

We are holding a phonics and spelling parents' information evening on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November.

## **School Christmas Card Competition – Deadline Extended**

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 30<sup>th</sup> November, with the winning design being announced in assembly on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

## **School Christmas Lunch**

We will be having our school Christmas lunch on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Astronomy**

On the final Thursday afternoon of last term, we were very grateful to the local astronomer Jane Green for coming into school to visit Emerald Class. They made presentations in small groups to show her what they had learnt during their Earth and Space topic throughout the term. She was very impressed by their knowledge as well as their presentation and public speaking skills. Jane is holding an astronomy presentation, 'The Cathedral of the Stars', in St Andrew's Church, Alfriston, on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm. This is a free event but donations to the Church Restoration Fund will be much appreciated.

## **Mr Miller**


We wish to let you know that due to a mutual decision Mr Miller, our trainer teacher in Emerald Class, has decided not to continue with his training at the moment. He will however be continuing to support the tennis club.

## **News From The Friends of Alfriston School (FoAS)** Email [foaschool@gmail.com](mailto:foaschool@gmail.com)

**School Disco** – on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November there will be a school disco from 6pm - 8pm. Tickets cost £2 each from the school playground before and after school. Please bring extra cash with you on the night for refreshments.

**Non – Uniform Day** – on Tuesday 8th November we will be having a non-uniform day where the children can come to school breaking the rules (no uniform, fun hair, etc). In return for wearing no uniform, please bring can they bring in the following donations: unopened, full wine bottles for the “is-it-wine-or-water?” stall at Dickensian, and fun-sized Mars Bars and other wrapped chocolate and sweets. Also, if you have any old Xmas wrapping paper, decorations, glitter, glue, stickers, etc that we could use, we would love to receive them. Crates will be left outside the school gates on Tuesday for all your donations... thank you.

**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,  


Lindsey Hudson – Headteacher

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**REPLY SLIP – Phonics and Spelling Parents’ Information Evening – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm**

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

Name(s).....

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

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**REPLY SLIP – SEN Parent Forum – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

Please return to the school office by 9am on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November.

I/We would like to attend the SEN Parent Forum on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November.

Name(s).....

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I/We have the following question(s) to ask:

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

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**REPLY SLIP – Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

Please return to the school office by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November.

**Either**

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

Roast turkey ☐ or Quorn roast ☐

I enclose £2.10 per meal ☐

**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 14<sup>th</sup> December. I will be invoiced on my termly bill so no payment is enclosed now.

Roast Turkey ☐ or Quorn roast ☐

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

Print Name.....