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Upcoming School Events

Tuesday 4 th October	Morning	Family and Individual Photos
Wednesday 5 th October	9am	Pearl Class Phonics Information Meeting for Parents
Tuesday 11 th October	3.45pm–5pm & 6pm–8pm	Parent Consultations
Thursday 13 th October	3.45pm – 6pm	Parent Consultations

Community Dates

Friday 30 th September	10am	Coffee Morning, Yew Tree Pub, Arlington
Sunday 9 th October	11am	Harvest Festival, St Andrew's Church

Dear Parents/Carers,

Attendance

Week Beginning	Attendances	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Lates
19 th September 2016	97.75%	1.13%	1.13%	1.88%

Globe Theatre Trip

Yesterday Emerald Class had an amazing day at the Globe Theatre. They had a tour of the theatre and took part in a workshop. Various other adults commented on their enthusiasm in the workshop as well as on their excellent behaviour. Well done Emerald Class!

Harvest Assembly

Thank you to everyone who contributed items for the Harvest Festival collection. The items are now going to be taken to a local Foodbank. The presentation that Sapphire Class performed today for the Harvest Assembly was superb and our thanks go to the children for their efforts and to the staff team in Sapphire Class for the preparation.

Family and Individual Photos

The children will be having their individual and family group photo taken within school on Tuesday, 4th October. If you would like to have a family photo including pre-school siblings, please arrive at school at 8.30am and make your way to the school hall via the playground entrance. Sibling group photos of children at our school will take place during the course of the morning.

Phonics Information Meeting - Reminder

On Wednesday 5th October, Mrs Ottaway will be holding a phonics information meeting for parents/carers of children in Pearl Class, starting at 9am. Please see the letter which was sent out earlier this week for more details.

Data Collection Sheets

Please can parents ensure they have returned their child/children's data collection sheets, having made any amendments, to the school office by Friday 7th October.

Charity Sponsored Silence

Please do join us for Celebration Assembly tomorrow, 30th September, at 9am, when Rosie, in Year 5, will be making a presentation about her reasons for taking part in a 24 hour sponsored silence which will take place on Wednesday 5th October, raising funds for the Eastbourne Winter Shelter.

Lunches

If your child has a packed lunch, please can you remember to include a drink with their lunch. If they don't have a drink we can only provide them with water.

Next Thursday, 6th October, Chartwells are providing a 'Fun Favourite' lunch. The menu will be crispy battered fish or a BBQ bean wrap served with chips, sweetcorn and baked beans, followed by an oat cookie with fruit slices as dessert. A school lunch costs £2.10 for children in Sapphire and Emerald Classes or it's free if they are in Pearl and Ruby Classes. If your child does not usually have a school lunch and you would like them to on this day as a one off, please complete the reply slip below. Please note that if your child usually has a school lunch on a Wednesday and/or Friday only, for next week they will have lunch on Thursday instead of Friday and you will need to provide them with a packed lunch on Friday, 7th October.

Parent Consultations

These will take place on Tuesday 11th and Thursday 13th October in the school hall. A separate letter about this will follow in the next few days.

Absences Reminder

If your child/children are unwell and are unable to attend school, please notify the school office before 9am on **each** day they are absent, ideally by phone rather than email. On their return to school please confirm in writing the reason for the absence. A reminder: when any child suffers from sickness and/or diarrhoea, they must be kept off school for 48 hours following the final episode. This is a County directive and is to try and reduce the spread of germs.

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

100 Club - if you would like to buy a number and haven't done so yet, please see Eleanor Farror at the start of the day tomorrow as the first draw will take place tomorrow.

'Tea and Tables' - our "Tea & Tables" fundraiser at Alfriston Church has been changed to Saturday 8th October. If you are able to bake a cake for this, or would like to volunteer to help run the café in the church, please contact Yvonne or Sylvia.

Textile Collection - please remember to fill up your Bags2School bags which came home in the book bags last week. Collection will be on Tuesday 11th October from the school hall. If you need more bags, please see the school reception, or just use bin liners, that's fine too. If you can't get to the school on the collection day, please text Yvonne on 07967 108 130 to organise collection from your home. Thank you.

Christmas Cards - we will be taking part in a Christmas card fundraiser in October. Over the next couple of weeks, your child will design his/her own Christmas card at school. The card will then be sent home in the book bags, and you can decide if you would like to have it turned into a set of Xmas cards to send to friends and family. More details to follow in next week's newsletter.

Christmas Wreath - we're delighted to be holding a Christmas wreath making workshop on Wednesday 7th December. Tickets will cost £15 and you will be able to make 2 wreaths. More details to follow next week.

Yours sincerely,



Lindsey Hudson – Headteacher

Community Notices

Coffee Morning - one of our school Mums, Tina Deane, is organising a coffee morning at the Yew Tree pub, Arlington, tomorrow, 30th September, from 10am. This will be in aid of Macmillian Cancer Support. Everyone is welcome (even more welcome if you bring a cake with you!).

Harvest Festival - everyone is invited to the Harvest Festival this Sunday, 9th October, at 11am at St Andrew's Church, Alfriston, with singing from villagers, a music group and local children. Please bring along any non-perishable produce that you would like to donate and they will be distributed to families in need.

Sunday School - starts at St Andrew's, Alfriston, on Sunday 20th November from 11am to 12 noon. The session will include singing, stories and fun. Everyone is welcome.

Remembrance Service – there will be a special service at St Andrews Church, Alfriston, on Sunday 13th November. More details will follow later.

Headache and Migraine Support Group - Migraine Action is a registered national charity which, for over 50 years, has been providing support to those affected by migraine, whether individuals, families, employers or employees and medical professionals. They are currently working with a local migraine sufferer from Eastbourne who is looking to start running a support group for migraine sufferers, as coping with migraine can be an extremely difficult and isolating experience. Therefore, being able to meet people in a similar situation is extremely important, as they can help provide understanding and support. If you would like to join the group, please contact Rachel at Migraine Action on info@migraine.org.uk or 08456 011 033.

Families for Autism have joined a FareShare FoodCloud project, linking with Tesco in Hampden Park, Eastbourne. This means that at the end of the each week, food items which have been unsold by the store will be donated to FFA, for use by their families. On each Saturday Club and Youth Club morning they will have a Saturday Morning Superstore open for one hour, at the club venue. Any donated goods will be laid out on tables, and members can come and collect what they feel that they can use. Items will be free of charge and will be available on a first come, first served basis. Youth Club take place on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month at Community Wise, Ocklynge Road, Eastbourne, from 10am – 11am, and Saturday Club occurs on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month at Hazel Court School, Larkspur Drive, Eastbourne, from 11am – 12 noon. Further details are available from www.familiesforautism.com or by phoning their Eastbourne office on 07415 137887.

Sussex Traditions is concerned with the traditional heritage of Sussex, the shared everyday culture of ordinary people, past and present, which is passed on from person to person and down the ages. They will be at Much Ado Books, Alfriston, on the afternoon of Sunday 23rd October with some crafts and folk music, and hopefully teaching the children some traditional folk songs. They will be also be talking about, and demonstrating (depending on the weather!), stoolball, a traditional Sussex strike and field game. For further details visit www.sussextraditions.org or phone 01825 890773.

REPLY SLIP – School Lunch

I would like my child/children to have school lunch on Thursday 6th October. They will make their choice from the menu on the day.

Child/Children's Names.....

Class(es).....

For children in Pearl and Ruby Classes, the meal is free.

I enclose £2.10 per meal (Sapphire and Emerald Classes)

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

Print Name.....