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Upcoming School Events

Monday 26 th June	Morning	Sussex Wildlife Rescue Visit
Tuesday 27 th June	2.45pm	Netball Match – Classes & Parents to Watch
Wednesday 28 th June	Morning	School Games Day
Wednesday 28 th June	2pm	FoAS Summer Fair
Thursday 29 th June	Morning	Reserve School Games Day
Thursday 29 th June	2pm	Reserve FoAS Summer Fair
Friday 30 th June	9am	Update on the Swift Conservation Project
Friday 30 th June	2.45pm	Brass Instrument Concert to Classes & Parents

Community Events

Wednesday 5 th July	12.30pm – 5.30pm	St Mary's 'One Stop Support Afternoon'
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Attendance

Our target is 96%.

Week Beginning	Attendances	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Lates
12 th June 2017	96.63%	2.76%	0.61%	1.63%

School Games Day

We are looking forward to our annual school games day next Wednesday, 28th June. If the weather is not looking good for this we will make a decision about whether it can go ahead as soon as possible. The reserve day is Thursday 29th. We hope to be ready to start the games day at 9.15am, we will give the children a break at 10.30am, and aim to finish the event at 12.30pm. The children will have lunch as usual (school lunch or packed lunch) and Alison in the kitchen has kindly organised a themed lunch – American Day. Instead of roast dinner, the menu offered on this day will be burgers or veggie hot dogs served with potato wedges, sweetcorn and coleslaw, along with the usual side salad. Jacket potatoes and baguettes will be offered as well. Dessert will be a choice of ice cream, fresh fruit or yogurt. If we have to postpone School Games Day due to poor weather, the American-themed menu will still be served on Wednesday and the regular menu will be offered on reserve School Games Day on the Thursday. The FoAS will be selling bacon rolls, teas and coffees on the day at the Pavilion on the Rec for parents to purchase throughout the morning, from school drop off time. Please note that these items will not be available to purchase for the children. The children will be sitting with the other members of their house teams under gazebos, supervised by staff, on one side of the running track and parents/carers will be seated on the opposite side. Please can we ask that parents/carers remain on their side of the track; children will not be allowed over to be with parents. This is for two reasons: it is unfair for children who do not have an adult come to support them at the event and it is very hard for staff to supervise the children when they are roaming around. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Please could children come into school on games day dressed in their PE kit (they may wear plimsolls or trainers) and wearing a t-shirt the colour of their house team, so they will need to take their PE kits home on Tuesday afternoon. Just as a reminder: Cuckmere is blue, Windover is green and Exceat is red. If your child/children do not have a relevant coloured t-shirt, please don't worry as we have coloured bibs they can wear. It is essential that all children bring a named water bottle and sunhat to school (and a jumper if the weather is a little chilly) and that they have had suncream applied before school.

Summer Fair

Parents, carers and friends are welcome to come back to school for the summer fair which will be taking place later on during the day after the school games day, from 2pm until 4pm. Children from Emerald Class have been busy organising this event alongside the FoAS. It will include lots of fun activities including tombolas and refreshments. We look forward to seeing you there.

Art Club

Please note that there is no after school art club tomorrow, 23rd June, and 14th July.

Raising the Flag

Last Friday morning the children in Year 2 visited St Andrew's Church to raise the flag for Sussex Day and they also recited a poem as well as looking at the flower festival displays in the church.

Sussex Wildlife Rescue Visit

On Monday, 26th June, we will be visited by the East Sussex Wildlife Rescue and Ambulance Service. The children in Sapphire and Emerald Classes will be given a talk by the Service's founder, Trevor Weeks, before visiting the Service's trailer that will be coming along to school as well. We are very grateful to a relative of our school community for the donation that enabled this visit to happen.

Netball Match

The netball team will be showcasing their talents in a match at 2.45pm on Tuesday 27th June to the whole school; parents are invited to come along and watch as well.

Swift Conservation Project

On Friday 30th June, Reverend Peter Blee, from Berwick Church, will be joining us for celebration assembly at 9am, to update us on the swift conservation project. Parents, carers and friends are welcome to attend as usual.

Brass Concert

At 2.45pm on Friday 30th June, Christina Kearley from the East Sussex Music Service, who teaches brass instruments here at Alfriston School, will be leading a brass concert by our children to the rest of the school and parents to celebrate the work the children have achieved in their brass lessons this year. Parents, carers and friends are welcome to attend.

Volunteers Tea

On Wednesday 19th July, we are holding an afternoon tea for volunteers and community members who have helped and supported at school this year. We would be very grateful if any parents/carers would like to make a cake for us to serve at the tea as a thank you for the assistance these people have provided to our children. If you are able to make a cake, please can you let the school office know by Wednesday 12th July. Thank you.

Leaving

Brian, our caretaker, is retiring at the end of this school year having worked at the school for many years. He will be greatly missed by everyone; his DIY and maintenance skills are amazing and he has been key in keeping the pool up and running. If you would like to contribute towards Brian's leaving gift, this can be handed in to the school office.

Absence Notes

Please note that when your child/children is absent from school for a complete day or longer, we do require a note explaining the reason for their absence. It would be very helpful to our office staff if parents could send the note in upon the child's return. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Parking

We have received a few complaints recently from concerned parents regarding people parking on the zig zags outside school and also stopping on them to drop off and/or collect children. Please can everyone help keep our children safe by keeping this area clear at all times. Thank you.

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

School Games Day and Summer Fair: The FoAS will be providing bacon butties, tea and coffee throughout School Games Day, from school drop off time, so please come up to the Pavilion and see us. Preparations for the summer fair, which we organise alongside the children in Emerald Class, are well underway. Thank you for all the donations from today's mufti day towards the fair. If you have any chocolate, sweets or drinks you would still like to donate, then please do send them in to the school office. We will be running the refreshments stall at the fair where we will also be selling hot dogs. There will be a variety of stalls at the fair including a chocolate tombola, bottle stall, second hand uniform stall and of course, a raffle. The school gymnastics club and dance club will also be giving displays. Please do come along and support us.

Yours sincerely,



Lindsey Hudson – Headteacher

Community Events

St Mary's School & College 'One Stop Support Afternoon' – are holding an open afternoon on Wednesday 5th July between 12.30pm and 5.30pm at Wrestwood Road, Bexhill TN40 2LU. They will be offering free advice and guidance from a range of professionals including speech and language therapists, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, educational psychologists and educational specialists. For further details please ring 01424 730740 or email admin@stmarysbexhill.org