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Upcoming School Events

Thursday 20 th October	Afternoon	Emerald Class – Jane Green Visiting for Earth & Space Topic
Friday 21 st October	3.15pm	October Holiday Starts
Monday 31 st October	8.45am	Start of Term

Dear Parents/Carers,

Attendance

Week Beginning	Attendances	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Lates
3 rd October 2016	94.34%	2.53%	0.10%	1.11%

Start of the Day

As of Monday, 17th October, Pearl Class will be lining up at the start of the day in the main playground with the rest of the school. Please can children be on site ready for the morning bell which is rung at 8.42pm so the children can then line up with the rest of their class to enter the building. At hometime, Pearl Class will continue to be collected from the garden door as usual.

Football Match

Our school team had their first match against another local school, playing Seaford Primary School on Monday afternoon. The team worked enthusiastically and showed great sportsmanship against a team where many of their players are part of local leagues. Unfortunately we lost both the matches, however the second match was much closer. We are very grateful to Mr Gratwick who organised the fixture for us and he is already busy looking into the possibility of other schools we can play against.

Emerald Class Residential Trip

Please note that the next instalment of the payment for the residential trip to Hindleap Warren for Emerald Class next summer, is now due. Please can you send in the payment of £50 to the school office, along with your payment card. If paying by cheque, please make them payable to Alfriston School.

MyMaths

Many thanks to the parents who have kindly informed us that MyMaths isn't accessible on the learning platform. This is due to our licence with them having expired. We are currently deciding on which maths programme to use and will inform parents of this decision as soon as we can.

Cricket Club

Please can anyone interested in Tash from Sussex Cricket Club running an after school cricket club next term for children in Reception to Year 3, return the reply slips to the school office by the end of tomorrow from the letter sent out on Monday.

Remembrance Events

We have been invited to take part in the village Remembrance Service at St Andrew's Church on Sunday 13th November. The children in Emerald Class have also been asked to join The Royal British Legion on Armistice Day. A separate letter will be sent out in due course about this. After the October holiday children will be able to support the Poppy Appeal as we will have a Poppy Collection Box here in school.

Christmas Productions

This year we have decided not to take part in the East Sussex Music Service's 'Big Sing' at Christmas with our Years 5 and 6 children and give them the opportunity to take part in something different. Instead we have chosen for them to put on a play at school. 'Scrooge...A Ghost of a Chance' will be performed to audiences on Thursday 15th December at 2.15pm and again at 7pm. Pearl and Ruby Classes will be performing 'Prickly Hay' at 9.30am on Wednesday 14th December and again at 1.15pm on Thursday 15th December. This production will last about 45 minutes allowing a short interval before the first 'Scrooge' show at 2.15pm.

School Christmas Card Competition

Mrs Hudson is looking for some help again this year with our school Christmas card. We would like to give the children chance to start working on their designs over the October holiday. 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. All cards should be handed in to the office by Friday 18th November, with the winning design being announced in assembly on 25th November.

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

'Teas and Tables' – thank you to everyone who supported this event last Saturday at Alfriston Church. We raised £60 for the school.

Textile Collection - thank you to everyone who donated unwanted clothes for the Bags2School collection this week. We'll let you know the total raised next week.

Christmas Card Fundraiser - all the children should have come home this week with a Xmas card design and instructions on how to order online to have this printed as a professional set of Xmas cards. The deadline for online orders and to return your designs to school is **Tuesday 18th October**. If your child didn't get the chance to do this, (or if you're not overly keen on what your child has produced!) you can design another one at home (on A4 card or paper, coloured or plain), and get a new form with the online order instructions and unique ordering code from the school office. If you do decide to design a Xmas card at home, please don't use glitter or pearly, reflective paint (which don't reproduce well) and remember to leave a 2-3 mm border around the outside which may not be printed. Any questions, please call Yvonne on 07967 108 130. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



Lindsey Hudson – Headteacher

Community Notices

Badminton Club – NetCall Badminton Club are looking for children aged 7 – 16 years old who would like to have a go at badminton. It doesn't matter whether you have never played before or if you are an experienced player; all are welcome. The club takes place during term time on Thursdays between 6pm and 7pm at Shinewater Sports and Community Centre, BN23 8ED. Each session costs £2.50, with the first one free. Please take your own racket, or you can hire one from reception.