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## Upcoming School Events

Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	8.45am	FoAS Meeting
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	9am	Pearl Class Phonics Information Meeting for Parents
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	4.30pm	Full Governing Body Meeting
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	9am	Harvest Assembly – led by Sapphire Class
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Morning	Football Tournament

## Community Events

Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	5.30pm	King’s Academy Ringmer Open Evening
25 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> September	9am – 11am	King’s Academy Ringer Open Mornings
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	5.30pm	Willington Community School Open Evening
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	6pm	Seaford Head School Open Evening
10 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> October	9.15am	Seaford Head School Open Mornings
10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> October	9am	Willington Community School Open Mornings

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Attendance

Our target is 96%.

Week Beginning	Attendances	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Lates
4 <sup>th</sup> September 2017	97.80%	0.00%	2.20%	0.14%

What a great start to this year’s attendance – let’s try to keep this up!!

## Celebration Assembly

For those who are new to our school, I thought it was worth explaining about our weekly celebration assembly which takes place every Friday at 9am, unless otherwise notified. This whole school assembly is led by the Year 6 House Captains. During this assembly, the house points earned by each team that week are announced, a ‘Star of the Week’ for each year group is announced, and certificates for particularly good work, behaviour or demonstration of our life values (creativity, collaboration, independence, curiosity and determination) are presented. We also celebrate any children’s birthdays from that week and recognise any out of school achievements the children have made. If you have any certificates or information about activities that the children have taken part in outside of school that they wish to share with the rest of the school during this assembly, please bring the certificates to the school office by 3.30pm on Thursdays. This assembly has an open invitation to all parents/carers, friends, family and members of our community and we very much like it if you are able to attend. Depending on how much there is to ‘celebrate’, assembly usually finishes by 9.30am. Once the children have entered school at the start of the day, parents/carers wishing to attend assembly are welcome to come into the school hall ready for it to start at 9am. If your child/children is going to be receiving ‘Star of the Week’, then the office will send you an email and text on Thursday afternoon. If you receive these communications, please do keep it a secret from your child/children as they do not know until it’s announced during the assembly! Many thanks.

## Phonics Information Meeting

On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September, Mrs Ottaway will be holding a phonics information meeting for parents/carers of children in Pearl Class, starting at 9am. A letter with more details was sent home earlier this week.

## Harvest Assembly

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 9am we will be having our Harvest Assembly which will be led by Sapphire Class. Parents, carers, family and friends are all most welcome to join us for this event. We would like children to bring into school a donation of a non-perishable item for the harvest collection which we will then distribute to a local charity or foodbank. Please can you ensure that any items donated are unopened and within date. We would be grateful if items can be brought into school on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September to allow time for setting up the display.

## Football Tournament

Mr Gratwick will be taking the school football team to a tournament on the morning of Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September. A separate letter will follow in due course.

## Music Lessons

Sue Whitehead, has spaces available for beginners in her flute, clarinet and keyboard lessons which take place within school on Wednesday afternoons and Thursday afternoons. If you are interested in your child/children taking part in these lessons, please email Sue at [suzannewhitehead@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:suzannewhitehead@hotmail.co.uk)

## Privacy Notice

Each year we need to advise you how we process personal data about our pupils under the Data Protection Act 1998. Further details can be found out at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-pupil-database-apply-for-a-data-extract> or by asking Tanya in the school office. For further details about the information East Sussex County Council stores and uses in relation to your child/children, please see their website [www.eastsussex.gov.uk/dataprotection](http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/dataprotection) or contact their Information Governance Office within Children's Services on 01273 335645.

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

A big welcome back to school to old friends and an equally big welcome to school to all our new friends - the families of any new children.

We are the 'Friends of Alfriston School' - a committee of mums and dads who organise a wide range of fund raising events across the academic year. We are a small hard working group but would dearly love to be a bigger (perhaps slightly less hard working 😊) group. We're friendly and fun and, mostly, get things done. Our first FoAS meeting will be tomorrow, 15th September, at 8.45am in the library and everyone is welcome. We realise that this clashes with celebration assembly so please feel free to pop in to the meeting before, during or after the assembly and say hi and have a coffee and a pain au chocolate with us. We'll share ideas for activities for the forthcoming year and it would be wonderful to see some new faces with some fresh ideas.

Our big news is that we now have a Facebook page - with a huge thanks to Geoff Sheridan! We have all been feverishly inviting parents, staff and friends of the school to join but if you haven't had a Facebook invite please let someone know and we'll sort it out...

Our '100 Club' will be up and running soon with our first draw at the end of the month. If you are new to the 100 Club then the idea is that we sell 100 numbers for £1 a month (we would ask you to buy the number for the year so £12 for the year) and each month a number is drawn and the owner of the winning number wins half of the kitty (the other half going to the school). If all 100 numbers are sold then the winner wins £50 and the school gets £50. Woo hoo! This has the potential to raise an easy £600 over the academic year and, of course, everyone gets 12 chances to win up to £50!

If you already have had a number then we have sent out forms today to ask you if you would like your number again. If you haven't had a number before then the numbers will be available very soon... please buy one - or more - and please play... it's fun and a great way to raise a nice amount of money for the school.

'Flapjack Friday' takes place every Friday after school in the playground - a big thank you to Yvonne for organising this each week. Please remember your 50ps! We would really appreciate some extra bakers though... if you could bake any nut-free cakes, cookies, biscuits or prepare something such as a fruit kebab then please get in touch via our Facebook page or speak directly to Yvonne.

I think that's it... please check our Facebook page for updates and we hope to see you at our meeting at 8.45am tomorrow.

Love, Eleanor and the FoAS committee members 😊

Yours sincerely,



Lindsey Hudson – Headteacher

## Community News

**King's Academy Ringmer Open Evening** will be held tonight, 14<sup>th</sup> September, from 5.30pm to 8.30pm. They will also be holding open mornings on 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> September between 9am and 11am (9am prompt start). Further details are available from the College on 01273 812220.

**Seaford Head School Open Evening and Mornings** - Seaford Head School will be holding an open evening for prospective parents and students on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October. There will be a formal presentation by the headteacher at 6pm at the Arundel Road site and between 6.45pm and 8pm there will be guided tours of the Steyne Road site. No booking is required. On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October the Steyne Road site will be open for guided tours between 9.15am and 10.45am. Please contact Emma Gallagher on 01323 872727 to book your appointment.

**Willingdon Community School Open Evening** – Willingdon School will be holding their open evening on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October from 5.30pm - 8.30pm. The headteacher's address will take place at 6.45pm and again at 7.30pm and tours of the school will be available from 5.30pm – 7.45pm. The school is having open mornings on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October, all from 9am. Please phone the school office on 01323 485254 to book your place for an open morning.

**Christmas Card Competition** – our local MP, Maria Caulfield, is inviting children across her constituency to design her Christmas card for this year. Participants need to design a card based on this year's theme of the 'Twelve Days of Christmas'. The winning entry, as well as the four runners up, will feature on her Christmas card which will be sent out to constituents, Ministers and even the Prime Minister! All participants will receive a certificate for submitting their design. Entries need to be sent to Maria Caulfield MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA by the closing date of 18<sup>th</sup> October.