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## Upcoming School Events

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September

All Day

INSET Day – School Closed to Children

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the summer break. I hope that you all had a lovely time and everyone managed some time to relax. The children have returned to school refreshed and full of tales of their summer. Everyone has settled very well back into school life.

## School Staff

I am very proud of the fantastic team of staff we have built over the past couple of years. As well as high expectations of the children, it is also important to have high expectations of the staff: we have a clear school ethos and vision, and staff have excellent knowledge and understanding of how to teach and support any child in our care, and our staff training programme enables us to continually develop the skills needed, taking into account any new local or national developments. All, including our support and office staff, are trained to nurture children in order to develop their particular talents and to support those with individual needs.

I believe that at Alfriston we have the best team yet!

### Teachers

Mrs Hudson – Headteacher

Mrs Crystal – Deputy Head/Emerald Class Teacher

Mr Miller – Teacher Trainee Emerald Class

Mrs Golding – Sapphire Class Teacher

Mrs Hoyer – Sapphire Class Teacher (PPA cover)

Miss Foster – Ruby Class Teacher

Mrs Ottaway – Pearl Class Teacher

Mr Gratwick – Inclusion Manager

### Support Staff

Mrs Bliss – Higher Level Teaching Assistant

Mr Windsor – Higher Level Teaching Assistant

Mrs Nickalls – Higher Level Teaching Assistant

Mrs Stonehouse – Teaching Assistant (Mon, Tues & Wed mornings)

Miss Howland – Teaching Assistant (Thurs & Fri mornings)

Miss Rogers – Teaching Assistant

Mrs Townsend – Teaching Assistant

### Office staff

Mrs Fitzgerald – Bursar

Mrs Downton – School office (Mon, Tues & Thurs)

Mrs Kneller – School office (Wed & Fri)

### Premises staff

Mr Gown – Premises Manager

Mr McDonald – Pool Manager

## Medicines and Inhalers

Please can parents/carers return to school any medication and inhalers that need to be kept in school for their child/children. Please see the school office as new medication consent forms need to be completed for these for this year.

## INSET Day – Reminder

Just a reminder that we have an INSET day on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September. The school will be closed to the children on this day.

## Thank You

The school provides teas on August Bank Holiday Monday for the Alfriston Festival Fair. A fantastic group of volunteers and staff came forward to do this and it proved to be a significant fundraiser for the school. Please see the FoAS report later in the newsletter for full details. Thank you very much to all who baked cakes and cookies and to those who helped to serve the refreshments.

## Mrs Smith

Our INA Mrs Smith has decided not to return to school after the holidays. We are very grateful to her for the support she has provided and we wish her well with her future plans. We are currently going through the process of recruiting her successor and we will let you know in due course who we have appointed.

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

Welcome back everyone! The first FoAS meeting of 2016/17 will be next Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> September, at 8.45am. Everyone is welcome, so please come for a cuppa and to discuss what events and activities we might organise this year! Please note that we are **desperately** short of volunteers...even if you are not able to come to the meetings, please let us know if you are able to volunteer at future events, bake sales, etc. Thank you.

**Alfriston Festival** - thank you to everyone who helped run the café (and baked the cakes) at the Alfriston festival on the August bank holiday. The weather was fantastic, we had a great turn out, and we raised £999.10 for the school.

**Ice lolly Fridays** - start again tomorrow, please remember your 50ps.

**Camping Weekend** - our Alfriston School campout is this Saturday (10<sup>th</sup> September). We'll be camping in the barn at Foxhole campsite, by Cuckmere Haven beach. A quiet, chilled, easy evening (we hope!) and a trip to the beach on Sunday morning. £6 per person. Please see Yvonne or let the school office know if you would like to come.

**100 Club** - congratulations to the July and August 100 Club winners Suzanne Pritchard and Andrew Lloyd. They both won £24.50. Our new 100 Club year begins with the September draw on Friday 30<sup>th</sup>. Between now and then the numbers are up for grabs. If you have had a number already you will receive a note from us, via the school office, asking if you would like the same number/numbers again and asking for payment. If you have not had a number before and would like one then please find Eleanor Farror in the playground sometime over the next few weeks. Each number costs £1 per month - £12 for the year - and for each pound that is put in, 50p goes straight to the Friends of Alfriston School and 50p goes into the monthly prize kitty. Last year we sold almost half of our numbers making almost £300 for our school and this year, with your support, we would like to do even better.

Yours sincerely,



Lindsey Hudson – Headteacher