



# Alfriston School



Fair, friendly, fulfilling and fun!

Newsletter - 19th October 2023

## Spotlight on Safeguarding

This newsletter we will be introducing our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Lindsey Hudson:



If you have any concern about a child you can contact Lindsey through the school office. It is also possible for you to make a referral to the Single Point of Advice (SPOA) on 01323 464222.

## Poetry Competition Results

Molly, Parisa and Leo represented our school magnificently at Kings Academy Ringmer for the poetry competition against other local schools. They were all praised for being able to learn a poem by heart, for using expression and captivating the audience with their presentation skills! Mrs Hudson was very proud. Leo was the winner for his age category. Congratulations!

POETRY BY  
HEART



## Online Safety - Protecting Children from Explicit Content

It is easy for any person, any age, to stumble across inappropriate and explicit content online and for parents this can be challenging. [Internet Matters](#) have a range of resources available to help parents including:

- Tips and tools for website/content filtering.
- What to do if your child sees explicit content.
- Resources for further help and support.

Additionally, with everything that is going on around the world at the moment it's important that parents know how to minimise the negative impact of what their children may be seeing. The [Mental Health Foundation](#) have put some advice together which is very useful.

## Parent Governor Vacancy

We will soon be advertising a parent governor vacancy we have available. If you think you may be interested in this role, you can find more information on our school [website](#). Look out for the letter advertising the vacancy which will be sent out at the start of next term.

## Harvest Festival

In Sapphire Class's wonderful Harvest Assembly the children sung some Harvest songs beautifully and recited a poem they had written themselves.

Thank you all for your donations, these have been passed on to the local food bank and were greatly appreciated.



## Pupil Premium

Have your personal circumstances changed?

Are you unemployed, long term sick or a single parent?

If you are in receipt of any of the following :-

- Universal credit (provided you have a net income of £7,400 or less)
  - Income support
  - Income-based job seeker allowance
  - Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
  - The guaranteed element of state pension credit
- Child tax credit, only, if your annual household income isn't over £16,190

You may be entitled to Pupil Premium support. This does NOT affect any of your benefits but allows the school to access extra funding for your child, to support them with visits and any curriculum needs they may have. It also entitles them to a free school meal which you may or may not wish to take up.

Please contact Mrs Fitzgerald or follow the link below if you think you may be eligible:  
<https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/education-learning/schools/school-life/school-meals/free-school-meals>

## Our Curriculum

Each newsletter we will be taking a closer look at what is going on in various curriculum subjects/areas in our school. This edition....

### Music

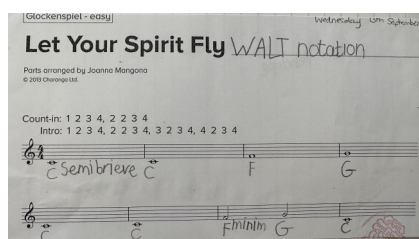
Music plays an important part in the life of our school. At Alfriston Primary School, we want to engage and inspire the children by encouraging them to listen to and enjoy all types of music through singing, playing instruments and creative music-making.

Our school follows a music scheme called Charanga. There are lots of wonderful, inspiring resources to help the teachers and children in their music education. It brings together great music, modern pedagogy and the latest educational technology. Within music lessons the children have access to drums, xylophones and glockenspiels which allows them to find the rhythm within a song and play along. This also means that children can have a go at improvising and composing alongside the music they are studying in the lesson.

Our school has a choir and there are a wide range of music lessons available to the children (for example, piano, keyboard, voice, violin, trumpet), including all of Year 5 accessing a weekly trumpet lesson. Our children regularly perform at our own school and local events and take part in musical productions.

**You can find more information about this area of our curriculum on our school website .....**

Here is some examples of music lessons that our younger children have been doing:



## Dates for the Diary 2023-2024

\* Any new or amended dates will be shown in bold

20th October	FoAS non-uniform day
20th October	Last day of term 1
23rd-27th October	Autumn holiday
30th October	Children return to school - start of term 2
3rd November	FoAS disco
8th November	Flu vaccinations
9th November	House Talent Competition (3.15pm to 5pm)
10th November	INSET Day
11th November	Armistice Day
13th - 17th October	Anti-Bullying/Friendship Week (Friday 17th November - 2.30pm Assembly)
13th November	Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying/Friendship Week
16th November	Open morning for prospective parents with Mrs Hudson & Miss Foster (9:30 to 10:45)
16th November	Open evening for prospective parents with Mrs Hudson & Miss Foster (18:30 to 19:30)
17th November	Open classrooms (after school)
21st November	Parent consultations (15:45 to 18:15) Face to Face (including APDR meeting where relevant)
23rd November	Parent consultations (15:45 to 18:15) Remote (including APDR meeting where relevant)
29th November	Parent consultations (15:45 to 18:15) Face to Face (including APDR meeting where relevant)
1st December	Christmas Tree Decorating Celebration Assembly (2.30pm start)
4th December	Christmas decoration afternoon 6th December Pearl & Ruby Class Nativity dress rehearsal to rest of the school (pm)
7th December	Pearl & Ruby Class Nativity performance to parents (pm)
8th December	Friends of Alfriston School Christmas Fair (after school)
13th December	Christmas lunch
13th December	Christmas class party afternoon
14th December	FoAS non-uniform day
15th December	Christmas Carol Service at St Andrew's Church (14:00 to 15:00)
15th December	Last day of term 2
18th Dec - 1st Jan	Christmas holiday
2nd January 2024	Children return to school - start of term 3
9th January	INSET Day