



Alfriston School

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Newsletter - 29th November 2019

Curriculum Corner

In each newsletter, we will be taking a peek into a curriculum area. This time, it's Modern Foreign Languages:

At Alfriston School, we are keen to provide children with the opportunity to learn French in order to broaden their experiences and deepen their understanding of the wider world. In Reception and KS1, children begin to learn to count to ten and to greet each other in French. In KS2, the children follow a more structured programme of study. They learn to ask and answer questions about themselves and about familiar experiences. They also begin to write short sentences using the vocabulary that they have learned. They learn about the culture and traditions of France. Throughout the school, children will learn using a variety of activities, including songs and games. In KS2, they also have the opportunity to correspond with a French penfriend due to Alfriston village's link to Veules Les Roses in France.

End of Term Celebration Assembly

As we are holding our carol concert in our school hall on Friday 20th December, there will be no celebration assembly on this day. We will instead be holding the last celebration assembly of 2019 on Thursday 19th December at 9am.

In this assembly we will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Crystal who leaves us at the end of term.

End of the Day Arrangements for Christmas Fair

Next Friday is the Christmas Fair organised by the Friends of Alfriston School. As the fair starts at 3pm, children can be collected from this time. Pearl and Ruby Class children should be collected from the doors that lead out to their garden area, Sapphire Class and Emerald will be led out to the playground through the front door and will wait to be collected near the picnic tables. If someone else is collecting your child please ensure you inform the school office.



Poppy Appeal

This year we managed to raise an amazing £107.92 for The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.



Tree Decoration Assembly

We are holding our tree decorating assembly at 9am on Friday 6th December.



We need the children's help to decorate our school Christmas tree and would love them to make a decoration which they can come up and hang on the tree during the assembly. To ensure we can return the decorations to the children please ensure they are named.

Thank you.

Schools Christmas Card Competition

The children have been invited to design this year's school Christmas card. Entries should be on A4 paper, either portrait or landscape. If your child would like to enter, they should hand their picture in to the school office by Thursday 5th December.

Well done to Emerald Class

During our recent open morning, the Emerald Class tour guides shone like stars! They guided our guests around the school to show them what a wonderful place it is to learn. We are really proud of them, they were wonderful ambassadors.

Deans Place

Christmas Card Competition

After a public vote, last Friday, Deans Place Hotel announced the winners of their Christmas Card competition. The overall winner was Rafe, his design will be used for the official Deans Place Hotel Christmas cards this year. The two runners up were Eliza H and Elsie. Well done!

What's coming up next week

2nd December	Christmas decoration day
3rd December	Meet the Teacher - Sapphire Class (after school)
4th December	Year 5/6 cross country trials at Seaford Head
4th December	Wreath Making organised by the FoAS (7pm)
6th December	Christmas tree decorating assembly
6th December	Christmas Fair organised by the FoAS

This Week's Class News

Pearl Class

This week in Pearl class, they have been celebrating Mick the Monkey's birthday! They wrote an invitation to their favourite toy inviting them to Mick's party on Friday. They learnt about birthdays around the world and discovered that in Canada children rub butter on their nose as part of birthday celebrations for good luck! They really enjoyed playing 'birthdays' with their friends in the role play area and writing lots more invitations and birthday cards! In maths, they have been learning the names of 3 dimensional shapes - they enjoyed sorting 'shape' birthday presents into groups. They have also been busy practising their Christmas dances to show you in the Christmas play coming soon! The children finished the week making banana muffins for Mick's party and playing lots of party games to celebrate!

Ruby Class

In Ruby Class this week, the children have been getting really stuck into their Christmas play practice and are doing an excellent job! In English, they explored the diary of Samuel Pepys and searched for conjunctions. In maths, year one looked at numbers from 11-19 and year 2 looked at mental methods of subtraction. In science, the children loved investigating which material would be best to make a hair band for Samuel Pepys (he used to wear a big, expensive wig!). In art, the children finished their 'Great Fire of a London' collages. They look absolutely wonderful. Next week, the children will begin to create a Tudor house to form their very own 'Great Fire of London' street!

Sapphire

This week in Sapphire Class, they have been looking at how paragraphs help them to organise their ideas in their writing. They have looked at the way the writer Neil Gaiman has used them in their class novel, thinking about how each paragraph has started. They are now thinking about how they can use these ideas in their own writing. They have written and solved their own mathematical problems, using all the skills that they are developing. In their Learning Journey topic, they have found out about how evidence gives us information about the past, thinking about the finds made by archaeologists at Sutton Hoo. In Science, the children have looked at the teeth of a variety of animals and found out about why we need teeth that are different shapes!

Emerald Class

In maths, Emerald Class took their long division knowledge to the next step by trying calculations in which the quotient would include a remainder. They also started to look at prime and square numbers, using a variety of representations to understand how these numbers look and work. In English, they finished their Connections stories and have started to look at persuasive texts. The science lesson this week involved some great investigations into how voltage can affect elements in an electrical circuit and some amazing silhouettes were made in art and design!

Dates for your Diary

Any new dates that have been added are in bold

10th December	Pearl & Ruby Nativity performance (9.30am - 10.30am)
11th December	Pearl & Ruby Nativity performance (1.45pm - 2.45pm)
18th December	Class parties (PM)
19th December	Celebration assembly - last of 2019 (9am)
19th December	Christmas lunch
19th December	Christmas film afternoon
20th December	Christmas Carol Service (14:00 to 15:00) - School Hall
20th December	Last day of term
23rd Dec – 3rd Jan	Christmas holiday
6th January 2020	Children return to school
14th January	Ruby Class trip to Drusillas
6th February	Parent consultations (15:45 to 17:00 & 18:00 to 20:00)
11th February	Safer internet day
12th February	Parent consultations (15:45 to 18:00)
14th February	Last day of term
17th – 21st Feb	February holiday
24th February	Children return to school
27th Feb - 7th Mar	Equalities and Diversity fortnight

Friends of Alfriston



Bags2School

The Bags2School collection is being made on 3rd December. Details of what can be included are on the bag. Please do not bring bags to school before this date.

Wreath Making

This is being held on 4th December at 7pm. Tickets are £20 and available from the Friends.