



Alfriston School



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Newsletter - 9th January 2023

Welcome Back

Although this is a little late we would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Happy New Year! We would also like to say a big thank you for all the lovely gifts we received for Christmas - it is very kind and greatly appreciated.

Important Reminders

- **All children should have a book bag, every day these are used every day in class. If your child needs a book bag these are available to purchase from the school office.**
- **Can children only bring a rucksack to school if absolutely necessary. We are seeing an increased number of rucksacks and due to limited space on the pegs it can be difficult for these to fit.**
- **Children with pierced ears must remove any earrings before their PE and games lessons. They need to be able to do this themselves or they need to be removed at home prior to school. If the child is unable to remove earrings then they must be securely covered with surgical tape before children arrive at school (with the exception of swimming, when we do not allow any jewellery to be worn).**
- **Children need a water bottle, with a sports lid, in school every day. It is important for children to keep hydrated, water bottles are available for children to use in class throughout the day.**
- **Please ensure children arrive on time every day. We are seeing an increased number of lates. This is disruptive to a child's learning which starts on arrival at school. Children in Pearl and Ruby Class should arrive at 8.40am children in Sapphire and Emerald Class should arrive at 8.45am.**

Thank you for your support with this.

WW2 Learning - Emerald Class

On Wednesday 4th January 2023, Emerald Class were transported back in time as World War 2 evacuees for a day like no other! They experienced air raid drills, were checked for identification throughout the day and role-played what it would be like to leave the city for a new and unfamiliar life in the countryside. The day brought the curriculum to life for the children who learnt all about why WW2 started and who was involved as well as preparing to debate whether evacuation was a good idea or not. It was also very interesting to read our own school's log book from the 1939 – 1945 to learn about what life was like here in our school during WW2. The class found out that 120 children were evacuated from London, joining the 65 children on roll in Alfriston and almost tripling the number of children in the school! They heard about air raid warnings that took place day after day and discovered the history behind the famous sea mine on display at the Tye.



Clubs

We still have spaces on the following clubs.

Choir (Year 1 to 6)

Latin (Year 5 & 6)

Drama (Year 5 & 6)

Dodgeball (Year 2 to 6)

Film Club (Year 3 to 6)

Multi Sports (Year 2 to 6)

If your child is interested in attending any of these clubs please see the clubs letter sent out last term or contact the school office.

Dates for your diary

Added dates are shown in bold

Wed 18th January	Year 5/6 Sussex Downs Area Cross Country Final
Wed 25th January	Open classroom (after school)
Tue 31st January	Emerald Class Trip to Newhaven Fort - TBC
Tue 7th February	Safer Internet day
Fri 10th February	FoAS non-uniform day
Fri 10th February	Last day of term
Mon 20th February	Children return to school
Thu 2nd March	World Book Day 'Reading for Pleasure';
Mon 13th - Fri 17th March	Science Week 'Connections'
Thu 23rd March	Class photos
Mon 20th - Thu 23rd March	Bikeability - Year 6
Tue 21st March	Open classroom (after school)
Thu 23rd March	Mid Year Reports & Parent consultations (15:45 to 18:15) Face to Face (including APDR meetings)
Mon 27th March	Year 6 SATs meeting with Mr Sibson (after school)
Tue 28th March	Mid Year Reports & Parent consultations (15:45 to 18:15) Remote (including APDR meetings)
Thu 30th March	Mid Year Reports & Parent consultations (15:45 to 18:15) Face to Face (including APDR meetings)
Thu 30th March	FoAS non-uniform day
Fri 31st March	Easter Service (TBC)
Fri 31st March	Last day of Term
Mon 3rd - Fri 14th April	Spring holiday
Mon 17th April	Children return to school
Tue 25th April	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check meeting with Mrs Farror (after school)
Mon 1st May	Bank Holiday - School closed
Thu 4th May	KS1 SATs meeting with Mrs Prosser for Year 2 parents (after school)
Mon 8th May	Bank Holiday - School closed
Tue 9th - Fri 12th May	Year 6 SATs
Thu 18th May	Open classroom (after school)
Fri 26th May	FoAS non-uniform day
Fri 26th May	Last day of Term
Mon 29th May - Fri 2nd June	May holiday
Mon 5th June	Children return to school
Thu 8th June	New to reception meeting with Mrs Hudson & Miss Foster (17:00 to 18:00)
Mon 12th June	Open classroom (after school)
Fri 16th June	School Games Day & FoAS Summer Fair
Mon 19th June	INSET Day
Tue 20th June	Reserve School Games Day
Thu 22nd June	Year 2 Overnight Stay
Mon 26th - Fri 30th June	Emerald Class Residential - Hindleap Warren
Mon 10th July	End of year reports out to parents