



Alfriston School



Fair, friendly, fulfilling and fun!

Newsletter - 9th November 2022

Emerald Class trip to Glyndebourne - Marriage of Figaro

On Wednesday 19th October, Emerald Class enjoyed an exciting treat as they spent the day delighting in the sights and sounds of Glyndebourne Opera House! Upon arrival, they were greeted by Glyndebourne staff who took them on a brief walk through the grounds and upstairs to a spot overlooking the beautiful gardens at the world-famous opera house. After a quick bite to eat, the children made their way into the stunning auditorium and found their seats in the upper circle. Once the curtains rose, the opening score erupted with a series of well-known pieces composed by Mozart, followed by the masterpiece

'The Marriage of Figaro' playing out to an enraptured audience. The Italian language didn't hinder anyone's enjoyment of this wonderful, comic opera which had everyone laughing, and at times gasping, along at each twist and turn. The children unanimously reported that they enjoyed the experience immensely!



Open Morning & Evening

If your child is due to start school in September 2023 or you know someone who is, we have our open morning & evening coming up next week.

Please come and see our wonderful school and children.



'Reading and writing float on a sea of talk.'

Research has shown that if children have secure vocabulary skills at a young age then this is one of the strongest predictors of future positive academic outcomes.

This term, we have introduced a new vocabulary programme to our classrooms called, 'Word Aware', which is supporting us in developing our language rich curriculum and environment across the school.

Dogs Trust Visit



Last week we had a visit from The Dogs Trust. Steph, their Education Officer ran workshops and assemblies, teaching the children how to be safe around dogs.

To find out more about 'Word Aware', Mrs Ottaway, our SENCo, will be leading a talk for all parents and carers on **Friday 18th November at 2.15pm** in the school hall. This will lead into our weekly celebration assembly at 2.45pm, which will include our pupil 'Word Champions' demonstrating 'Word Aware' in action! We look forward to seeing you there. The accompanying slides will be available after this date on our website for anyone who is unable to attend.

Thank you very much

We would like to say a huge thank you to Frances Baker and Sally Clay who have been tidying the garden and getting it ready for planting. We are so excited about the opportunity to start growing our own fruit and vegetables.

Spotlight on Safeguarding

This newsletter we will be introducing one of our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads, Miss Alice Foster:



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

Eco House Quiz

Before half term some of our Eco Warriors held a House Eco Quiz testing the other children on their knowledge on all things environmental. The results were very close but Windover won overall.

The Eco Warriors have lots of ideas and plans for how to make the school more environmentally friendly and will be sending more information about this over the coming weeks.



Ex-Pupil Football Update

Some of you may remember Lola Brown who attended Alfriston School a few years ago. As well as many other qualities, Lola is a wonderful footballer, and played for the school team as well as Chelsea.

During the past few weeks Lola has been playing for the England U17 squad in Estonia, playing in every match.

Lola set up lots of goals and scored a spectacular goal for England against Estonia.

We are so proud of Lola and wish her continuing success in her footballing career!



Alfriston School Christmas Market Requests

The Friends of Alfriston School are holding their annual Christmas Fair on **Friday 2nd December**.

To make this event as successful as possible they are kindly asking each class to bring in items over the next few weeks, to make their raffle, stalls and games as good as good as they can possibly make them.

The items they would like you to bring in over the weeks are:

Week ending Friday 11th November 2022

Bottles of wine, beer and prosecco

Week ending Friday 18th November 2022

Pamper bits – bubble bath, smellies, nail varnish etc.

Week ending Friday 25th November 2022

Savoury biscuits, chutneys, cheese straws, Christmas sundries.



There will be boxes at each of the school

Pierced Ears

When considering having your child's ears pierced, please note that children 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).

This is health and safety guidance that all schools and sports organisations must follow.

PE is part of the national curriculum and it is not optional for children, therefore, please choose carefully when your child has their ears pierced and be ready to follow these rules. Thank you.

Dates for your diary

New dates are shown in bold

Tue 8th November	Ruby Class trip to Drusillas
Fri 11th November	Armistice Day
Mon 14th - Fri 18th Nov	Anti-Bullying/Friendship Week 'Reach Out'
Mon 14th November	Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying/Friendship Week
Thu 17th November	Open morning for prospective parents (9.30 to 10.45)
Thu 17th November	Open evening for prospective parents (18:30 to 19:30)
Fri 18th November	Open classroom (after school)
Tue 22nd November	Parent consultations (15:45 to 18:15) Face to Face (including APDR meetings)
Thu 24th November	Parent consultations (15:45 to 18:15) Remote (including APDR meetings)
Mon 28th November	Parent consultations (15:45 to 18:15) Face to Face (including APDR meetings)
Thu 1st December	Christmas decoration day
Fri 2nd December	Christmas tree decorating celebration assembly (2.30pm)
Fri 2nd December	FoAS Christmas Market (after school)
Fri 9th December	Flu vaccinations (PM)
Tue 13th December	Class parties
Wed 14th December	Christmas lunch
Wed 14th December	Christmas film afternoon
Thu 15th December	FoAS non-uniform day
Fri 16th December	Christmas Carol Service (14:00 to 15:00)