



Alfriston School



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Newsletter - 30th November 2020

Collection & Drop Off

Further to the Government announcement last week that we will be under Covid restrictions in the tier two (high alert) category we wanted to remind you that this means you are not allowed to mix with anyone from outside your household or support bubble indoors, either in a private home or public place.

To ensure everyone is kept safe we would therefore ask that you do not organise indoor play dates for the children outside of school.

Please also remember that someone else should only collect your child if they are walking your child home and dropping them off or they are part of your childcare bubble (this can only be one other household).

We appreciate your support in ensuring that children, staff and other members of the community are kept safe.

Anti-Bullying Week



As part of this week, each child created a sticker to contribute to our whole school shield which is now displayed in the school corridor to remind ourselves that we are all 'United Against Bullying'.

Christmas Arrangements

As we all know 2020 has been a little different and therefore Christmas at school will also be a little bit different. We want to make this time of year as special as we can for the children in the current circumstances, so have a few exciting things planned.



Monday 30th November

Today, the children spent the day making a variety of decorations to decorate their classroom. These will be quarantined at school and safely sent home to you on Tuesday 15th December.

Tuesday 15th December

The children will be watching a special online pantomime in their class bubbles.

Wednesday 16th December

Our fantastic Christmas lunch will still be happening, if you would like to order your child a Christmas lunch this can be done through ParentPay. The children will still eat in their class bubbles but we will be making it special by playing Christmas music and decorating the tables. Christmas jumpers can be worn on this day.

Thursday 17th December

This afternoon the children will watch a festive film. As a special treat they will all have popcorn served in the special popcorn holder come decoration they each made on decoration day. If you would prefer your child did not have popcorn please contact the school office.

Friday 18th December

This is the last day of term. Children can come to school wearing non-uniform, this is the second FoAS non-uniform day paid for at the start of the year. Please ensure children wear appropriate clothing and footwear for outdoor play.

A few requests from us:

Please remember, due to Covid restrictions, we cannot have any board games or toys brought into school, or any Christmas accessories over the festive period.

Christmas cards must not be brought into school to be swapped by the children.

Several parents have asked us about Christmas gifts for the staff. If you would like to give a gift this should be brought to school on either **Monday 14th December or Tuesday 15th December** to allow for them to be quarantined before the end of term. There will be boxes near each entrance in which you should put your gifts.

Thank you for your understanding during this very strange time.

Class Email

Please do not use the class email to notify the school your child is absent, you should notify the school office. Thank you.

This Fortnight's Class News

Pearl Class

Pearl class have enjoyed celebrating birthdays! We wrote a birthday card for Mick the Monkey (our class toy) which we gave to him at his birthday celebration! We enjoyed playing party games at his birthday party too! We also learnt how birthdays are celebrated around the world. We have also been enjoying learning about night and day animals. We wrote labels next to pictures of day and night animals. We have enjoyed the story, 'The Owl who was afraid of the dark' and made a collage picture of 'Plop' the little owl from the story. We have also been practising finding 1 more and less 1 than numbers and learning about time, including days of the week and sequencing events. Another busy two weeks in Pearl class...!

Ruby Class

Over the last two weeks, Ruby Class have been learning about India and Africa. In English, we wrote a very detailed set of instructions to create a Diwali lamp. Last week we began exploring non-fiction texts and looking at the features. In geography, we have been investigating the similarities and differences between where we live and different parts of both India and Africa. We have been using globes and atlases to do this. We also had a wonderful virtual question and answer session with Mrs Ellis where we asked her many interesting questions about Africa. During computing, we have been programming Bee-Bots using an i-Pad app and we are beginning to programme using Scratch too. In dance, we began exploring Christmas movements in preparation for a festive themed dance. In science, we have been learning how to classify animals into amphibians, reptiles, birds, fish and mammals. This week, we are looking forward to writing our own non-fiction texts about African animals and exploring how animals develop from babies to adults.

Sapphire Class

In Sapphire Class we are thoroughly enjoying our topic of 'Meet the Flintstones' as brought to life by our rich class text of 'Maroo of The Winter Caves' by Ann Turnbull. We have turned our classroom into a wintry blizzard to match the tense drama of the story with snowflakes, icicles and a snow storm – brrrrrr.

In our English and History lessons we are loving learning so much about Stone Age/Ice Age life. In our English lessons we have been using all our learning to enthuse us about writing to inform and persuade and this week we will be writing to entertain!

In Science we are learning all about the 3 naturally occurring types of rocks and where to find them - thank you for all the wonderful photos that have been sent in.

In Maths last week we found out all about negative numbers and we have now moved onto Number; Addition and Subtraction as our new topic. We are starting slowly by adding and subtracting 3 digit numbers but within the ones column.

Emerald Class

In maths, Emerald Class have been working incredibly hard to master long division, learning a range of helpful tips along the way. English lessons have involved taking our own invented characters on chapter 'Voyage Stories' inspired by Sinbad the Sailor. In History, it has been great fun learning about the House of Wisdom in 900AD Baghdad and all of the amazing things that it provided the modern world. Computing has been all about codes and we have enjoyed exploring semaphore and morse code.