



# Alfriston School

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## Newsletter - 14th June 2019

### INSET Day Reminder

Please remember school is closed on Monday for an INSET Day.

### **Story Teller Visit**

Last Friday, local storyteller, Jamie Crawford, visited the school to work with Key Stage 2.

He started the day with a story telling session to show the children some of the ways in which he brings a story to life for his audience.

After that, both classes benefitted from workshop sessions in which they listened to traditional stories from the local area. They then had the opportunity to work together to create their own retellings which they performed to Ruby Class who were an appreciative audience. At the end of the day, they then told their stories to each other.

Thank you to the FoAs for funding such a valuable learning experience.

### **Uniform Orders**

Uniform orders need to be in by 9am on Tuesday 18th June if you would like the items before the end of term.

### **Staffing Update**

Mrs Downton has decided to take a career break and will therefore not return until next year. We'll all miss her but I'm sure she will pop in and see us from time to time when she can.

While she is absent we are pleased to welcome Hannah Young to the office team. Mrs Young is our Clerk to Governors and also a parent. The office staffing arrangements will now be as follows;

**Monday** - Mrs Young  
**Tuesday** - Ms Kneller  
**Wednesday** - Mrs Young (PM)  
**Thursday** - Ms Kneller (PM)  
**Friday** - Ms Kneller

Mrs Fitzgerald will continue to be in the office each day.

### **Governor News**

This week Simon Atkins was elected our new Chair of Governors.

Please see his message below.

#### Message from new Chair of Governors

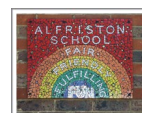
I'm absolutely delighted and feel privileged to be your new Chair of Governors and am excited about the challenge it will bring. I've enjoyed being a governor at Alfriston for the last 18 months and have been impressed with what I've seen within the governing board and especially during my visits to the school.

I look forward to representing you by supporting and working closely with Mrs Hudson and her team and am confident they will continue to deliver a quality, efficient and effective learning experience for the children.

It would be remiss of me not to recognise the work of a couple of members of the governing board and would like to express my thanks to Linda Young for the excellent work she has done in the role of Chair for the last 5 years and Peter Leonard who recently stood down as a school governor having given us around 10 years dedicated service.

I look forward to meeting you and if you see me at the school or in the village supporting the school at local events please don't hesitate to say hello.

### **Friends of Alfriston School**



#### Summer Fair & Games Day

**Raffle** - Please return raffle tickets to the school office as soon as possible.

**Helpers** - If you can help during the day (setting up, packaging away, running a stall etc.) please let the school office know.

#### FoAS Summer Family BBQ & Party

Further details will follow soon.

### **What's coming up next week .....**

Monday 17th June  
Thursday 20th June

INSET Day  
Year 2 overnight stay

## This Week's Class News

### Pearl Class

This week Pearl class have been enjoying the story, 'Mrs Armitage and the Big Wave' by Quentin Blake. The children have written a sentence or story in response to the book, including finger spaces and great sounding out!

The class have been exploring floating and sinking, predicting and discovering which items float and sink! They have been comparing capacities of different bottles and learning to estimate how many cupfuls each bottle may hold. They also made a junk model boat for Breakspear, Mrs Armitage's dog! Our boat had to float, be strong and have two exciting features!

Lastly, the children have practised their activities for School Games Day and enjoyed a swimming lesson with Sally.

### Ruby Class

In Ruby class this week, the children have started their seaside brochures. They have used lots of wonderful adjectives to persuade people to come to their favourite seaside town.

In maths, the children have been measuring and comparing the mass of different objects using balancing scales.

During geography, they have been learning about the countries that make up the UK and their capital cities.

Next week, the children will be looking at the results of their plants investigation in science and writing about what they found out.

### Sapphire Class

In Sapphire class, the children have been learning how to solve problems involving money including converting from pounds to pence.

English lessons have been research based as the class have been compiling information about the life of William Shakespeare to record in a biography.

In PE, the class have continued their swimming lessons and have been practicing throwing javelins in athletics ready for our School Games!

### Emerald Class

In maths, Emerald Class have continued their learning about the properties of shapes. This week, there has been a focus on drawing given angles and shapes.

In Science, they have looked at the ways that plants disperse their seeds and the reason that this is so important.

In English, the children started to look at The Smuggler's Song, a poem by Rudyard Kipling, which links well to the learning journey topic.

## Dates for your Diary

### New dates are in bold:

Tuesday 25th June	School Games Day FoAS Summer Fair
Monday 1st - Friday 5th July	Emerald Class residential
Monday 8th & Tuesday 9th July	Whole school transition days
Monday 8th July	Transition meeting for parents of current Reception and Year 1
Tuesday 9th July	Transition meeting for parents of current Year 2 and Year 3
Wednesday 10th July	Transition meeting for parents of current Year 4 and Year 5 End of year reports being sent out Thank you tea for volunteers and links in the community
Friday 12th July	FoAS Summer Family BBQ & Party
Tuesday 23rd July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly Last day of term
Thursday 5th September	Children return to school