



Alfriston School



Fair, friendly, fulfilling and fun!

Newsletter - 10th January 2020

It has been lovely to see everyone back after the Christmas break. We hope you had a wonderful time and would like to wish you all a Happy New Year!

Monday 27th January 3pm - 5pm

IMPORTANT EVENT

FOR ALL PARENTS/CARERS

Please come to the school hall for 3pm.

You will find out:

- What our expectations are for any child both in and out classroom.
- How the learning needs of any child is approached/responded to and why.
 - What happens if these expectations aren't met and why.
 - About our Life Values.
 - About our recently new School Charter.

The children will be presenting this information to you and we have also invited Kit Messenger, from Changing Chances to explain things further. Kit has many years' experience working with adults and young people, and has an extensive knowledge of Neurobiology.

The Friends will provide refreshments and snacks for all adults and children but you are welcome to bring your own.

If you haven't come to any previous events or meetings then this is the one to come to! The expectation is that all of our families will attend as this affects everyone.

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone for the kind gifts and cards at the end of last term, they really are appreciated.

Mrs Crystal has asked us to pass on her thanks for the contributions parents made to her leaving gift. She has already spent the voucher!

Teddies & Toys

Can children please not bring teddies or toys in to school unless there is a particular reason and it has been agreed with the class teacher. The children have been reminded. Toys and teddies can get lost, they can also sometimes cause arguments between the children. Thank you.

Ruby Class Drusillas Trip

For the Ruby Class trip to Drusillas on Tuesday please ensure your child brings all items, including their packed lunch, in a backpack style bag. Children need to be able to carry everything and have both hands free.

Charity Fundraising

The Sunday before Christmas Viva, Zoe, Darcey, Eliza, Elsie, Sophie and Nicole, with their parents, went carol singing door to door, in the village. Everyone enjoyed their singing so much they managed to raise an £110 for Crisis, homeless charity. Well done to you all for raising such an amazing amount, we are really proud of you!



Stars of the Week



Reception - Delphi

Year 1 - Jack

Year 2 - Bay

Year 3 - Elliott

Year 4 - Jacob

Year 5 - Ben

Year 6 - Eva

What's coming up next week

13th January

Violin lessons start again with Mrs Cane-Hardy

14th January

Ruby Class trip to Drusillas

This Week's Class News

Pearl Class

In Pearl class this week, they have been starting to learn about their new topic, 'Off we go!' They have sorted different types of vehicles into groups such as land vehicles, sea vehicles, air vehicles, public transport and emergency vehicles. They have looked at information books about vehicles and have written their own page for a class information book, including pictures and captions. They have created a mono-print of their favourite vehicle for the front cover of their new learning journey. In maths they have been estimating how many objects in a group and counting to check. They have used the words, 'more', 'fewer' and 'the same' to compare groups of objects. In phonics, the children have started to learn digraphs (2 letters making 1 sound). They have practised reading and writing words with 'sh' and 'ch' sounds in. In P.E they explored travelling in different ways using their hands and feet. What a busy week!

Ruby Class

This week in Ruby Class, the children have been getting stuck in to their new topic. In English, they explored a new story called 'The Night Iceberg'. They enjoyed discussing the story and imagining what might happen next. In maths, the children made penguins using 2D shapes. They also explored 3D shape through lots of fun activities. In art, they began their topic on sculpture looking at lots of different styles. They also enjoyed their first yoga session in PE where they focused on stretching and breathing. Next week, they are looking forward to beginning their photography unit in computing.

Sapphire Class

In Sapphire Class they have had a wonderful week. They have done lots of 'getting to know you' activities and shared their targets and aspirations for the new year. In Maths they have been very thorough 'number detectives' - writing as much mathematical information as possible about certain numbers. Their new topic for this term is 'Ancient Greece' and they have created a mind map of all the things they would like to find out about life in Greece 2,500 years ago. Next week they children are going to start using some Greek myths as the inspiration for their English lessons.

Emerald Class

Maths this week has been a trip back in to fractions, with a focus on converting between improper and mixed number fractions. The Emerald Class topic this term is Ancient Greece and this has informed the choice of Percy Jackson and The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan as the class text for the term. The class have been enthralled while listening to it read and are using it to inspire their own chapter stories. The planning has already begun for these quest stories, which will be written over the course of the term. The science topic this term is Animals including Humans, and the week started with an exploration of the different stages of human growth.

Dates for your Diary

Any new dates that have been added are in bold

31st January	School disco organised by the FoAS
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
5th March	World Book Day
9th – 13th March	Science Week
17th March	Tempest class photos
30th March – 3rd April	Bikeability Level 2 – Year 6
3rd April	Last day of term
3rd April	Easter Service
6th – 17th April	Spring holiday
20th April	Children return to school