



# Alfriston School

Fair, friendly, fulfilling and fun!

Newsletter - 24th January 2019

## Last Week's Attendance

Pearl Class	
Ruby Class	
Sapphire Class	
Emerald Class	

**Green** = 98% to 100%

**Amber** = 96% to 98%

**Red** = Below 96%

## Reminders

**'Wild Beach' Session** - Sapphire Class will be out on Tuesday, 29th January. Please see message overleaf regarding what to bring.

**Grapes** - please can parents/carers cut grapes in half lengthways for children if they are bringing them to school for a snack or in packed lunches. Please note this also applies to sausages. This is due to them being a potential choking hazard and follows safety guidelines.



## Late

Please can parents/carers ensure they get children to school on time ready for the morning bell at 8.42am. Unfortunately we have several children late each day and this impacts on the start of the day for both them and the rest of their class. Being on time is vital, arriving late at school can be very disruptive and very unsettling for the late child, the teacher and other children in the class. Thank you for your support with this.

## Playground Supervision

Unfortunately, following the article in last week's newsletter, we still have children not staying with their parent/carer at the end of the school day, so here's the reminder again! All parents and carers must closely supervise their children on the playground at the end of the day when the teacher has handed them over to you. Children should remain near to their responsible adult. The activity trail and grass areas are not to be used both before and after school. Thank you.

## Football Review

The Year 5 and 6 school team beat a good Lewes Old Grammar School team 4 - 2 in a hard fought friendly match last Thursday.

The team got better and better as the game went on, playing with great spirit & intensity, as well as a lot of skill. Very well done Ewan, Bruce, Sasha, William, Rodney, Andrew, Jack & Evie. They did themselves and the school proud! The team's next match will be a friendly against Chyngton on 7th February.



## Maths Visit

On Tuesday, Chris Quinnell from Kings Academy Ringmer, and three Year 11 students who used to attend Alfriston School, visited Emerald Class to deliver a maths lesson. Mr Quinnell was also present in the playground at the start of the day to chat to both parents and students about maths at secondary school and to answer any questions they had about life in general at secondary school.

## What's coming up.....

Tuesday 29th January	Y3/4 Wild Beach Session
Thursday 31st January	South Downs Area School Games Cross Country Finals
Friday 1st February	FoAS Meeting

### E Safety

A tip from the NSPCC: check your connections are safe

It's important that your internet router is secure.

Most internet service providers have security features, so you may want to consider switching these to safe mode. If the device has Bluetooth, set it to 'undiscoverable', otherwise you may unintentionally share data or allow hackers to take control of the device.

You'll find lots more information on the NSPCC website – or give the NSPCC a call on 0808 800 5002 to chat to one of their expert advisors.



### 'Wild Beach'

A message from Sussex Wildlife Trust who are leading the beach session for Sapphire Class next week: if the last few days are anything to go by it will be a very cold day by the beach so children need to be well wrapped up. Please remember to layer up and wear hats, scarves and gloves. Also they are hoping to do rock pooling for most of the morning so waterproof shoes will be much needed. If children don't have any waterproof shoes then a change of socks and shoes in case their feet slip into the cold water! Please remember a hearty and healthy packed lunch, snack and water bottle, all carried in a suitable sized rucksack.

### Friends of Alfriston School



**100 Club** - the next draw will take place tomorrow, 25th January. The prize fund has recently increased and stands at £38.50.

**Meeting** - Our next meeting is Friday 1st February at 8.45am in the school library. All are welcome to attend.

**AGM** - we will be holding our AGM on Wednesday 13th March at 8.45am for a 9am start. Again, all are welcome to attend.

### Cold Weather

At this time of year, please can all children come to school with a suitable coat and with the chilly temperatures that we are currently experiencing, it would be very useful if they could also bring a hat, scarf and gloves (these should be named please!) as the children do go outside to play at break and lunch everyday unless it is raining.



### Dates for your Diary

New dates are in bold:

4th - 8th February	Children's Mental Health Week
Tues 5th February	Safer Internet Day
Thurs 7th February	Football Match
<b>Fri 15th February</b>	<b>'Space Day' for Pearl Class</b>
Fri 15th February	Last Day of Term
Mon 25th February	Children Return to School
27th Feb - 6th March	Healthy Living Week
Tues 5th March	Mid Year Reports Out
Tues 5th March	Parent Consultations
<b>Thurs 7th March</b>	<b>World Book Day</b>



**Safer Internet Day 2019** | Tuesday 5 February  
Together for a better internet



**Children's Mental Health Week 2019**  
4-10 Feb #ChildrensMentalHealthWeek  
ChildrensMentalHealthWeek.org.uk

WORLD  
**BOOK DAY**