



# Alfriston School



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## Newsletter - 12th September 2022

We are all very saddened by the news of the Queen's passing and offer our deepest sympathy to the Royal Family and the Nation at this time. The coming days could be very difficult for many. As a school we will do our best to support our children and families in what could be an emotionally charged time. Memories could surface over loved ones lost. Please help us to support your children by informing us where necessary.

The official date of the State Funeral has been announced as 19th September 2022. This day has been declared a bank holiday and therefore the school will be closed on this day as a mark of respect.

### Welcome Back

It is so lovely to see all the children back and to welcome several new children, including Pearl Class! The children have all been wonderful and have settled really well.



### Pupil Premium

Have your personal circumstances changed?

Are you unemployed, long term sick or a single parent?

If you are in receipt of any of the following :-

- Universal credit (provided you have a net income of £7,400 or less)
  - Income support
  - Income-based job seeker allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of state pension credit
- Child tax credit, only, if your annual household income isn't over £16,190

You may be entitled to Pupil Premium support. This does NOT affect any of your benefits but allows the school to access extra funding for your child, to support them with visits and any curriculum needs they may have. It also entitles them to a free school meal which you may or may not wish to take up.

Please contact Mrs Fitzgerald or follow the link below if you think you may be eligible: <https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/school-life/meals/free/>

### Help Needed

Now that our school garden is finished the children can start to use it. We are looking for parents, carers, grandparents who would be willing to help maintain the garden and/or help with the class gardening sessions. If you are available please either speak to the class teacher or school office. Thank you.



### Start of the Day

It is vital children arrive at school **on time every day**. It can be difficult for children arriving late and they can miss out on important learning which is done as soon as they arrive at school. It can also be disruptive for the rest of the class.

Pearl & Ruby Class start time is 8.40am.

Sapphire & Emerald Class start time is 8.45am.

### Parking

When parking outside school please be considerate of the local residents and do not park across drive ways.

### Financial Situation

We know that times are difficult financially for many at present. If you are finding things difficult and need help, please talk to us. We will help if we can or can signpost you to organisations that can provide support.

### Successful Grant Application for Alfriston Village Playground!

Congratulations to the Friends of Alfriston Playground. Their grant application to Veolia Environmental Trust for the renovation of Alfriston Playground has been successful. Once financial agreements are signed, the trust will provide £57,200, and combined with a grant from East Sussex County Council, funds from Alfriston Parish Council, funds raised at community events and donations from individuals and businesses, will give them enough for the new playground. The playground, which has been designed with input from the community and its children, will enable safe and fun play, will provide a social hub for families of the Cuckmere Valley, and will also host a family Nature Club run by volunteers. The community has really pulled together to raise funds for the project, and the Friends of Alfriston Playground are really grateful to everyone who has helped and got involved, as well as these generous funders. You can find out more about the new playground and follow the project's progress on facebook (FriendsOfAlfristonPlayground), or email [FriendsOfAlfristonPlayground@gmail.com](mailto:FriendsOfAlfristonPlayground@gmail.com).

#### **Dates for your diary .....**

Wed 14th September	Meeting for Year 6 Parents with Mr Sibson (17:00-17:45)
Mon 19th September	Bank holiday
Wed 21st September	Phonics, Spelling & Reading session with all teachers (17:00-17:45)
Wed 21st September	APDR parent meetings (in person or via Teams)
Mon 26th September	European Day of Languages
Tue 27th September	First Aid Training - All classes
Wed 28th September	Open classroom (after school)
Fri 30th September	Harvest assembly led by Sapphire Class 2.15pm, celebration assembly follows
Mon 3rd October	Scam Awareness Education - Emerald Class (PM)
Thu 6th October	Performance Poetry Competition - Kings Academy Ringmer (PM)
Fri 7th October	INSET day
Tue 11th October	Tempest - Individual photos
Fri 21st October	FoAS non-uniform day
Fri 21st October	Last day of term
Mon 24th - Fri 28th Oct	Autumn holiday
Mon 31st October	Children return to school - Start of term 2
Tue 1st November	Dogs Trust visit
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 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)
Fri 16th December	Last day of term
Mon 19th Dec - Mon 2nd Jan	Christmas holidays
3rd January	INSET day
4th January	Children return to school