



Alfriston School



Fair, friendly, fulfilling and fun!

Newsletter - 7th February 2020

Equality & Diversity Fortnight 'Same but Different'

This week the children have been learning even more during our Equality & Diversity Fortnight. On Monday, Mrs Geddes came in to school to talk about Scottish traditions and teach the children Ceilidh dance. Tuesday, Mrs Harmer came in to talk to the children about the Czech Republic. We would like to say a big thank you to both Mrs Geddes and Mrs Harmer, the children really enjoyed learning about the different cultures & traditions. Through the rest of the week



the children have been learning about different faiths and what it is like to be Dyslexic, Hypermobile or have Autism. Today we had a visit from Simon who explained what it is like to be Autistic and the following clip helped us understand what it feels like to have a sensory overload - [please click for the video clip.](#)



Parking



We have been approached by a number of local residents regarding parents parking when dropping off or picking up their children. Please be mindful of our neighbours and park respectfully.

Spotlight on Safeguarding

Another member of our Safeguarding Team is our Deputy Headteacher, Miss Alice Foster:



If you have any concern about a child you can contact Miss Foster through the school office. It is also possible for you to make a referral to the Single Point of Advice (SPOA) on 01323 464222.



Stars of the Week



Reception - Brayden

Year 1 - Beatrice

Year 2 - Joe

Year 3 - Annie

Year 4 - Isobel

Year 5 - Noah

Year 6 - Ewan

Friends of Alfriston School



100 Club - the winner of this month's 100 club is Mrs Hudson!

Disco - a massive thank you to all who came and supported the disco, we had a fantastic evening and managed to raise an amazing £500.

Movie Night - don't forget to buy your movie night tickets - this is set to be another fantastic fundraising event!

What's coming up

Monday 10th February
Tuesday 11th February
Wednesday 12th February
Friday 14th February
Monday 17th – Friday 21st February
Monday 24th February

Football match away to Seaford Primary School
Safer internet day
Parent consultations (15:45 to 18:00)
Last day of term
February holiday
Children return to school

This Week's Class News

Pearl Class

This week, Pearl class have been learning about space! They have enjoyed finding out space facts using non fiction books and have written their own non fiction book. They made their own planets by rolling marbles in paint and used them to create swirls and whirls. The children then decorated their planets with collage materials to represent craters and rocks! They have enjoyed learning about 2 and 3 dimensional shapes and creating models and pictures of space rockets. The children have also been using the apparatus in PE to travel in lots of different ways, including bouncing like astronauts. We are looking forward to our 'Space Day' next week!

Ruby Class

In Ruby Class this week, the children have been exploring non fiction texts and preparing to write their own next week. In science, the children learnt about how different animals are adapted to their habitats. They focused on polar bears and will be using the information they found in their non fiction texts too. The children loved our 'Different Faiths' day on Wednesday. Ruby Class focused on the Hindu wedding ceremony. They loved dressing up in a traditional wedding outfit and dancing to Indian style music. The children have loved their yoga unit this term and have been incorporating many of their new positions into their daily morning stretch.

Sapphire Class

In Sapphire Class this week the children have been using the Greek Myth of 'Pandora's Box' as a stimulus for their English lessons and dance lesson. (This week they have had to grapple with some very complicated Ancient Greek names and it has not been at all easy getting the pronunciation correct!)

In maths the children have been continuing their work on multiplying a 2 digit number by a 1 digit number and are now trying to condense the steps necessary to get to the correct answer - it's been a tricky week!

Emerald Class

Emerald Class have been using their fraction knowledge and strategies to add, subtract and multiply! In English, the focus has been on creating suspense and tension by writing using the 5 senses. The class have enjoyed learning about the Ancient Greek Olympics in History as well as modern day power stations around the UK in English.

Dates for your Diary

Any new dates that have been added are in bold

5th March	World Book Day
9th – 13th March	Science Week
17th March	Tempest class photos
19th March	FoAS quiz night at the Sussex Ox
	Little Big Bang STEAM Event at Kings Academy Ringmer - Year 5
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
8th May	Bank holiday (VE Day)
11th – 14th May	Year 6 SATs
22nd May	Last day of term
25th – 29th May	May holiday
1st June	Children return to school
18th – 19th June	Yr 2 overnight stay at Rathfinny
23rd June	Games day & summer fair