



# Alfriston School

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## Newsletter - 25th October 2019

### Alfriston School Book Week

We have been celebrating book week all week. In assembly the teachers have shared their favourite books with the children and on Thursday we were presented with some picture books that introduced the children to the issue of ocean plastics by the local Lions Club.

In class, children have been involved in some activities linked to their favourite books. It is very powerful when children recommend and share their favourite books with each other.

There was a book trail around the school of illustrations from popular children's story books and lots of the children have worked together to identify the titles and authors.

We've also loved seeing the pictures of children reading in unusual places that have been sent in, and these will displayed in school.

We know how enthusiastic many of our children are about reading and we hope that this week has helped to further develop their love of reading.

### Fire Fighter Visit

This week Pearl Class had a visit from the Seaford Fire Service. Some of the firefighters came along in a fire engine which the children got to sit in and even spray the hose!



### Remembrance Sunday

St Andrews Church are holding a Remembrance Service on Sunday 10th November. Everyone is welcome to attend. The service will commemorate all those who have sacrificed themselves to secure and protect our freedom.



### Lunch Menu

An updated lunch menu has been sent out by eschools today and includes the KS2 additional option.

### Staffing News

We are delighted to inform you that Miss Foster has been appointed our new Deputy Headteacher starting in January. Miss Foster impressed the Governors and Mrs Hudson throughout the recruitment process and we feel very lucky to have her!

### Equalities and Diversity Fortnight

We are organising a 2 week Equalities and Diversity awareness event which will take place at the end of January. This is to help us to recognise that everyone is different and special owing to varying needs and cultures, as stated in our [Equality Information & Objectives](#).

We would like to invite you to help plan this fortnight and suggest ideas. We are holding a meeting, open to everyone, on Tuesday 12th November at 8.45am. If you are unable to attend but would still like to make any suggestions or have any ideas, please contact the school office.

### Friends of Alfriston School



Thank you for your wine donations for the Christmas hampers. The week after the autumn break we will be collecting pamper bits - bubble bath, smellies, nail varnish etc. We will send out frequent reminders on Facebook and via the year group reps.

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

Monday 28th Oct – Friday 1st Nov

Monday 4th November

Wednesday 6th November

Thursday 7th November

Friday 8th November

Autumn holiday

Children return to school

Forest School - Emerald Class

Maths information session for parents (3.45pm, crèche available)

Flu vaccinations

# This Week's Class News

## Pearl Class

This week in Pearl Class they have met the firefighters from Seaford. They learnt about the role of a firefighter and what to do in an emergency. They got to sit in the fire engine and spray the hose! They have made their own junk model fire engine and used their phonics to label the uniform of a firefighter. They have also been exploring number 5 and have used the Numicon to make number 5 in different ways.

## Ruby Class

In Ruby Class this week, the children have been doing lots of maths activities. Year one have been making, reading and writing numbers to one hundred using lots of different resources. Year two have been looking very carefully at blank number lines and using their understanding of place value to position numbers. In English, they have been working on the correct use of capital letters and full stops when writing more than one sentence. The children have loved 'Book Week' and have explored and enjoyed many different stories. They especially enjoyed hearing all of the teachers sharing their favourite books during assembly. In art, the children create autumn leaves using fine line pen and crayon. Look out for these in the window of Ruby Class.

## Sapphire Class

It has been Book Week this week and in Sapphire Class, we have enjoyed sharing our favourite books, writing book reviews and making book marks to help us look after our books. We have started to use the computers to create illustrated food chains in Science and we have also shared the amazing homework projects that we have created. The children have been imaginative and they have really enjoyed sharing the information that they have researched and also their personal experiences of different parts of the world.

## Emerald Class

This week, Emerald Class have been exploring strategies for multiplying two, three and four digit numbers working through formal strategies and supporting with resources. In English, The Emerald Times has been published – a collection of newspaper reports written by members of the class inspired by events from the book Spring Heeled Jack. The afternoons have been busy with visits from PC Law, book week activities and sharing home learning projects. There was a great variety of presentations on the computer and with physical projects about some of the Victorian period's most influential figures.

## Dates for your Diary

**Any new dates that have been added are in bold**

11th November	Armistice Day
11th – 15th November	Anti-Bullying/Friendship Week 'Change Starts With Us'
12th November	Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying/Friendship Week
12th November	House Talent Competition (13:15 to 15:15)
15th November	Anti-Bullying/Friendship Week message from class in Celebration Assembly
18th November	Orca Whale Workshop for all classes
21st November	Open morning for prospective parents (9.30 to 11:00)
21st November	Year 5/6 football match against Chyngton
21st November	Open evening for prospective parents (18:30 to 19:30)
2nd December	Christmas decoration day
4th December	Year 5/6 cross country trials at Seaford Head
4th December	Wreath Making organised by the FoAS (7pm)
6th December	Christmas tree decorating assembly
6th December	Christmas Fair organised by the FoAS
10th December	Pearl & Ruby Nativity performance (9.30am - 10.30am)
11th December	Pearl & Ruby Nativity performance (1.45pm - 2.45pm)
18th December	Class parties (PM)
19th December	Christmas lunch