



Alfriston School



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Newsletter - 22nd November 2022

Anti-Bullying/Friendship Week 'Reach Out'

The theme this year was 'Reach Out', coordinated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. The whole school took part in lessons and activities which encouraged children to come together and reach out to stop bullying. The week began with an 'Odd Socks Day', with children wearing odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique, and an assembly. Our Friday assembly had children from each of the classes sharing what they had been doing and in particular, knowing what bullying is and ways in which we can be united towards a common aim of preventing bullying and making a positive difference. Our Anti-Bullying policy has recently been reviewed by staff and approved by Governors - you can access it via our website [here](#).



Armistice Day

This year, the children of Emerald Class were once again invited to take part Alfriston village's Remembrance Service to mark Armistice Day on Friday 11th November. They walked to the Tye, outside St. Andrew's church, where they joined locals and veterans to mark the sombre occasion. The whole class joined together to sing a moving rendition of Dona Nobis Pacem lead by Kelly Ellis. The House Captains were then invited to read poetry and prayers as part of the service with Sophie, Harriet, Bodhi and Tom all reading beautifully. At the end of the service, House Captains Tom and Ruby laid the school's Remembrance wreath in the church. Many of the attendees went out of their way to comment on how well the children conducted themselves and how well they represented the school. Not only was this event important in building community links, but it also ties in with the Emerald topic for this term – The Great War.



Ruby Class Trip to Drusillas



Ruby Class had a fantastic trip to Drusillas, looking at animal classification. They had an educational talk about Fur, Feathers and Scales and got to touch a variety of animal skins and live animals including a snake and an armadillo! They went on the train and managed to avoid the rain too!



Spotlight on Safeguarding

This newsletter we will be introducing our second Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Tanya Fitzgerald



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

Cross Country

Last week, children from year 5/6 took part in an inter-schools cross country competition with the chance to qualify for the Sussex Downs Area Finals in January. Having had lots of rain, the course at Chiddingfold School was extremely challenging but despite this the children all did us proud. Isla, Connie, Bodhi and Sophie qualified for the girls and Harry and Alfie for the boys, although the others came so close! We would like to say a big thank you to Darren Evans who has been helping the children with their training and came with us on the day to offer his expertise.



Pearl Class Trip to Drusillas

Despite the rain, Pearl Class had a great time at Drusillas yesterday. They loved learning about owls and nocturnal animals in their education session and had a wonderful time on the train too!



Football

Last week a number of children from Emerald class took part in a World Cup football festival at King's Academy Ringmer. Playing as Ecuador, our team had mixed results and it all came down to the final group game as to whether we qualified for the final. For the majority of the game we were 1-0 up, and got to the last 30 seconds just needing to hold on to make it to the final but with just 10 seconds to go the other team scored, meaning we went in to the third place play off. Although the children were disappointed, they quickly put that behind them and played fantastically to come third with a 3-0 win. Throughout the festival they showed wonderful team work and Mrs Fitzgerald was extremely impressed with how supportive they were of each other.



Dates for your diary

New dates are shown in bold

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 2nd December	FoAS Christmas Market (after school)
Thu 8th December	Pearl & Ruby Class Nativity performance to parents 2pm
Fri 9th December	Flu vaccinations (PM)
Tue 13th December	Class parties
Tue 13th December	Drama Club performance (after school)
Wed 14th December	Christmas lunch
Wed 14th December	Christmas film afternoon
Wed 14th December	Drama Club performance (after school)
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
Tue 3rd January	INSET day
Wed 4th January	Children return to school
Wed 25th January	Open classroom (after school)
Mon 6th - Fri 10th February	Children's Mental Health Week
Tue 7th February	Safer Internet day
Fri 10th February	FoAS non-uniform day
Fri 10th February	Last day of term
Mon 20th February	Children return to school
Thu 2nd March	World Book Day 'Reading for Pleasure'
Mon 13th - Fri 17th March	Science Week 'Connections'
Thu 23rd March	Tempest - Class photos
Mon 20th - Thu 23rd March	Bikeability - Year 6
Tue 21st March	Open classroom (after school)