



Alfriston School



Fair, friendly, fulfilling and fun!

Newsletter - 5th March 2025

Pearl Class Trip

Pearl Class had such a wonderful time on their bus trip to Glynde. The bus journey was very exciting and when they arrived they enjoyed playing in the park. After the park, the children walked down to the train station and got to see a train zooming underneath them.

The children were all very well behaved and had a brilliant trip!



Ruby Class Hand Puppets

Ruby Class created hand puppets based on a storybook character. They began by exploring different joining techniques; discussing, evaluating and justifying which method they preferred when joining two pieces of felt. They then chose a character from the fairytale Little Red Riding Hood, designed their puppet and used a template to pin and cut out two sides of felt. Finally, they joined their pieces together, remembering to leave the bottom open for put their hand in, and embellished their puppet with detail and decoration. What a wonderful job they did!



Sapphire Class visited Glyndebourne Opera House

This week, Sapphire Class were lucky enough to attend the premier of the community opera 'Uprising', at Glyndebourne. As they took their seats in the historic opera house, the children were captivated by the opulent décor and the hushed anticipation of the audience. The performance of 'Uprising' was a powerful and engaging story, filled with emotive music and dramatic scenes that enthralled the young audience. The children were particularly impressed by movements of the cast depicting wildlife and the powerful voices of the performers. The trip was not only an educational experience but also an inspiring one. The day concluded with a lively discussion in the classroom, as the children eagerly shared their favourite moments and new-found passion for opera.



Tree Works

A big thank you to Peter Copplestone and Lee for taking care of the two cherry trees which had unfortunately come to the end of their life. Two saplings have been planted in their place and we know that the beautiful blossom that we look forward to seeing from the road side is going to appear again soon as Spring gets closer. It was fascinating to see the tree surgeons at work and the progress they were making at different times of the day when the children came out to play.



Your Child's Future Starts Today

Did you know that attending school regularly now sets the foundation for your child's future success? Children who attend school consistently are more likely to achieve their goals in secondary school and beyond. Good attendance habits build resilience, time management, and a strong sense of responsibility - qualities every child needs.

We know it can sometimes be tough to get out the door in the morning. Maybe your child feels unsure about a subject or a friendship. If that's the case, we're here to help! Let us know if your child is finding things tricky, and we'll work together to make school a positive place for them.

In our next newsletter, we'll share some simple, practical tips to support your child's attendance. Thank you for being such an important part of our school community!

NSPCC - How Safe is WhatsApp for Children?

WhatsApp is one of the most popular instant messaging apps, used by over 2 billion people in 180 countries. It allows you to send and receive messages, as well as make voice and video calls.

You can connect with people individually or join group chats where lots of people can contribute. All you need to set up a WhatsApp account is a phone number. However, children and young people can easily subvert the restrictions placed on its access. Although rated at 16+, all that is required is a phone number. All it takes is one child in a class to be on WhatsApp, and all the others will wish to join. This can lead to increased vulnerabilities for child users. The NSPCC has released its own analysis about the dangers of the app. If interested, please follow the link below:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/2023-01-12-is-whatsapp-safe-for-my-child/>

What is your child learning this term?

Have a look on our school website, which gives you lots of information about our curriculum and the curriculum overview for each class.

Click on the 'Class Pages' tab and go to the 'Termly Information' for your child's class.

Our school video

On our website, you'll also find a fantastic film of our school.

We'd like to thank Tom Adams and also friends of Mrs Adams (one of our Governors and our drama teacher) for helping to make it look so professional. We think that it encompasses everything about our school, and the children in it are superstars! You can find the video on the 'home page' screen and then by scrolling down to the bottom.

Hope you enjoy watching it too!

Dates for the Diary 2024 - 2025

Any new or amended dates will be shown in bold

6 th March	World Book Day
10 th – 14 th March	Science Week
12 th March	Mid-Year Reports & Parent consultations (15:45 to 18:15) Face to Face (including APDR meeting where relevant)
13 th March	Open classrooms (after school)
18 th March	Mid-Year Reports & Parent consultations (15:45 to 18:15) Telephone (including APDR meeting where relevant)
18th March	Emerald Class trip to Newhaven Fort
20 th March	Mid-Year Reports & Parent consultations (15:45 to 18:15) Face to Face (including APDR meeting where relevant)
20 th March	Tempest - Class photos
31 st March	Year 6 SATs parent meeting (after school)
3 rd April	FoAS non-uniform day
4 th April	Easter Service, led by Sapphire Class
4 th April	Last day of Term 4
7 th – 17 th April	Spring holiday
22 nd April	Children return to school – Start of Term 5
23 rd April	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check parent meeting (after school)
5 th May	Bank Holiday Monday – school closed
12 th – 15 th May	Year 6 SATs
19 th May (Monday)	Open classrooms (after school)
23 rd May	FoAS non-uniform day
23 rd May	Last day of Term 5
26 th – 30 th May	May holiday
2 nd June	Children return to school – Start of Term 6