



Alfriston School



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Newsletter - 13th January 2022

Welcome Back

Although this is a little late we would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Happy New Year!

We would also like to say a big thank you for all the lovely gifts we received for Christmas - it is very kind and greatly appreciated.



Cross Country



On Wednesday, 12 children from Emerald Class took part in a local Cross Country competition held at Chiddingly School. All the children did us proud and were absolutely amazing, they were: Bodhi, Isobel, Lucy, Sophie, Connie, Dakota, Charlie, Ben, Elliott, Jacob, Theodore and Freddie.

Out of the 12 children, 8 qualified for the Year 5/6 South Downs Area School Games Cross Country Final in Lewes which takes place next week - a fantastic achievement!

Bike Rack

We are pleased to confirm we now have a bike rack installed in the school car park for children to use if they would like to cycle to school.

We can't accept responsibility for any bikes left so would suggest you use a bike lock when leaving your child's bike to keep it safe.



Lateness

Please ensure your child arrives at school on time every day. We are seeing an increase in lateness which is disruptive for the child and for the other children in the class. Thank you.

Census Day Menu

Thursday 20th January is national School Census Day. The Government currently funds a universal infant free school meal for children in Reception and Key Stage 1 and the funding for these meals is based on the number of infant children who have a school meal on census day. The school only receives funding for the amount of free school meals actually eaten on census day. Consequently, if your child doesn't have a school meal on this day, but does on any other day within the school year, the school must fund the school meals from our teaching and curriculum budget. We are keen to avoid this especially at a time of challenging budgets. Therefore, we would like to see as many children as possible from Pearl and Ruby Classes having a school meal on 20th January.



To help with this, our meal provider, Chartwells, has decided to offer a special, popular menu to the children for lunch.

The meal choice for census day is: beef burger or veggie hotdog, both served with chips, sweetcorn and baked beans, or a jacket potato with a choice of fillings.

Dessert options are vanilla ice cream, fresh fruit or yogurt.

As chips are being offered, for this week only, we are swapping the Thursday and Friday lunches around. This means, the meal that would have been served on Thursday will be served on Friday instead. If you haven't booked a meal for your child on Thursday 20th January but they would now like it, please either book through Parentpay or advise the school office as soon as possible.

This term's events

Thurs 20th January
Tues 8th February

Thurs 10th February
Fri 11th February
Mon 14th - Fri 18th February

Maths presentation Q&A session for parents (16:45 to 17:30) remote
Safer Internet day
Open classroom (after school)
Last day of term
INSET Day
February holiday

Covid-19 Update

The self-isolation advice for coronavirus (COVID-19) has changed

It is now possible to end self-isolation after 7 days, following 2 negative LFD tests taken 24 hours apart if you do not have a high temperature. The first LFD test should not be taken before the sixth day.

Positive cases

If your child has a positive lateral flow test but don't have coronavirus symptoms they [no longer need to take a PCR test to confirm the result](#) but should isolate in line with Government guidance.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, please take a PCR test and if positive remain at home for at least 7 days from the date when symptoms appeared.

Staff Absence

We will inevitably see a steady increase in Covid-related staff absence this January. All schools will be facing the same issues and this means it could be hard to find supply teachers due to a shortage in the area and high demand. The school must have enough staff to maintain a high standard in supervising all of our pupils. If your child is isolating and well enough for remote learning please access work which will be set on Google Classroom. Any issues with this, please contact your child's class teacher or the school office.

Thank you

We would like to thank all of our families for their continued support with their children's attendance and learning in such challenging circumstances during the pandemic. The safety of our pupils, staff and school community remain our top priority. We will be reviewing the school's risk assessment again and this will be updated on our school website. If you have any further questions, please use our school office email address to contact us.



Friends of Alfriston School Update

The FoAS would like to say a big thank you for all the donations for the Christmas hampers and to everyone who bought raffle tickets. The raffle raised a fantastic £546.

Ruby Class Learning



As part of their learning about The Great Fire of London, the children reenacted the event. Having made Tudor houses, these were

lined up close together on the playground as they would have been in Pudding Lane.

It was a windy and dry day as it had been on the day of The Great Fire. The children saw how quickly and easily the fire spread between their houses.



Working hard

All the children throughout the school have had a busy start to the year. Here are a couple from Pearl Class who have been focusing on numbers that are more than or fewer than the number 5.

