



Alfriston School

Fair, friendly, fulfilling and fun!

Start of the Year Newsletter - 13th September 2018



Welcome Back! It is wonderful to see all the children back after the holidays. They all seem relaxed, happy and really excited about being back at school. I hope you all had a wonderful break.

Firstly, we would like to draw your attention to the 'dates for your diary' section at the end of this newsletter, which keeps you informed about future key events. Dates are regularly updated in newsletters. Copies of our newsletters are also published on our school website at: www.alfriston.e-sussex.sch.uk

This Week's Attendance

Pearl Class	
Ruby Class	Green
Sapphire Class	Green
Emerald Class	Red

Green = 98% to 100%

Amber = 96% to 98%

Red = Below 96%

INSET Days

We have just set our INSET days for this academic year. They are:

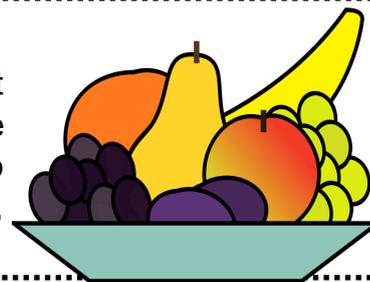
Monday 24th September 2018, Thursday 3rd January 2019, Friday 4th January 2019 and Monday 17th June 2019.

Please note that school will be closed to children on these days.

The last day of the school year will be Tuesday 23rd July; there is no INSET day at the end of the summer term this year.

Morning Snacks

Please could we remind all families that we encourage healthy eating at Alfriston Primary and would therefore expect mid-morning snacks for the children to be fruit or vegetables only. May we also remind you that due to children being in school with severe allergies, we do have a nut free policy, so no nutty snacks or peanut butter in packed lunches please.



Absences

Should your child be unwell and unable to attend school, please would you telephone the school office before 9.15am to advise us of the reason for the absence; you should phone each day they are absent. It is important that we are aware of the whereabouts of all children as soon as possible in a school day. When a child has any sickness &/or diarrhoea, they must be kept off school for 48 hours following the final episode. This is a county directive and is to try and reduce the spread of germs.

What's coming up.....

Tues 18th September	Phonics Workshop for Pearl Class Parents Maths Workshop for Parents (with crèche available)
Fri 21st September	FoAS Family Quiz Night
Mon 24th September	INSET day

E Safety tip from the NSPCC

Be App Aware!

Keeping children safe on the internet also means being aware of what they are downloading or trying to download. Many devices require downloading an app. You should check the privacy settings and permissions of any apps you or your children download, as well as the product itself. This way you can keep up to date with what they are viewing online. Talking to your child regularly is one of the best ways to help keep children safe online.

You'll find lots more information on the NSPCC website – or give the NSPCC a call on 0808 800 5002 to chat to one of their expert advisors.



ZIP IT

Keep your personal stuff private and think about what you say and do online.



BLOCK IT

Block people who send nasty messages and don't open unknown links and attachments.



FLAG IT

Flag up with someone you trust if anything upsets you or if someone asks to meet you offline.

Staffing Update

I'm sure you will join me in welcoming Mr Sibson to the school; he is our new Sapphire Class teacher and a brilliant addition to our wonderful team!



Quiz Night

The Friends of Alfriston School (FoAS) are holding their first fundraiser for this academic year next Friday, 21st September, which is a family quiz night with optional fish and chips, in the school hall. The doors open at 6pm, with the quiz starting at 6.30pm.

Tickets cost £3 per adult and £2 per child with the optional food starting at £2 for a portion of chips. Please see the letter sent home earlier this week for full details. Please ensure that you return the order form to the school office by Wednesday 19th September. We look forward to seeing you there.

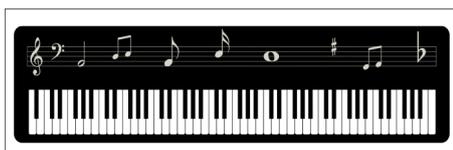


Music Lessons

If you are interested in your child learning to play the keyboard, saxophone or clarinet, Sue Whitehead, the music teacher, will be starting a new group of beginners music lessons here in school very soon.

For more details please email Sue:

suewhitehead@hotmail.co.uk



Dates for your Diary

Mon 24th September	INSET Day
Thurs 27th September	Harvest Assembly (Sapphire Class Leading)
Tues 2nd October	Individual & Family Photos
Fri 5th October	FoAS Meeting
Fri 19th October	Last Day of Term
Mon 29th October	Children Return to School
Wed 19th December	Last Day of Term
Thurs 3rd January	INSET Day
Fri 4th January	INSET Day
Mon 7th January	Children Return to School