



# Alfriston School



Fair, friendly, fulfilling and fun!

## Newsletter - 7th May 2020

### We're Missing You

It has now been 7 weeks since we saw the majority of the children and we are really missing them. The teachers have been in regular contact with the children through the learning platform but we are missing chatting to them. Over the next couple of weeks the teachers will be calling home to catch up with the children and say hello.

They are really looking forward to it!

### Story Telling

Each of the teachers have been recording themselves telling a story for their class to enjoy. It would be lovely for all the children to enjoy all the stories so we will be emailing the links to everyone.

The story told by Mr Sibson is done via YouTube. At the end of each YouTube video there may appear some adverts or links to other videos. Please be very careful as they may not always be age appropriate.

### Advice on using Zoom

Since the start of the Covid-19 lockdown, people have needed to find alternative ways to communicate. Many people are using Zoom – a popular video conferencing application that has seen a meteoric rise in popularity since the pandemic began.

Unfamiliar users can leave themselves vulnerable to 'Zoom Bombing' where uninvited users gain access to the meeting for nefarious purposes.

Following a recent unpleasant incident Sussex Police have prepared the following guidance to help ensure children are kept safe. [The guidance is available here.](#)

### Let the Games continue ....

Alfriston are taking part in the Specsavers 'Virtual' Sussex School Games which is an exciting programme of sport competition running throughout the summer term, giving children the chance to represent their school team alongside their friends and family.

A huge well done to all our children who competed in the hockey challenge last week. **Our school came 27th out of 250 schools!**

This is fantastic!

Alfriston School: 'Small, but mighty!'

Well done for getting creative with equipment and achieving so many points. If we can get every single Alfriston family doing this then we'll not only keep our position on the leaderboard but we'll climb up into an even better position!

Keep checking the website for updates on the challenges and also on the prizes available.

If you haven't signed up yet it's not too late to get involved. [please click here](#) for more details and to register.

**SPECSAVERS' 'VIRTUAL' SUSSEX  
SCHOOL GAMES 2020**

### Safeguarding

If you have any concerns about a child (or children) while the school is closed please contact us on [dsl@alfriston.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:dsl@alfriston.e-sussex.sch.uk)

During school hours you can also call the school mobile **07851 959872**.

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are Lindsey Hudson, Alice Foster & Tanya Fitzgerald.

You can also contact SPOA (Single Point of Advice) on **01273 335905** at any time.



### A poem - The NHS army



I'll tell you a tale, that's been recently written,  
Of a powerful army, so Great it saved Britain,  
They didn't have bombs and they didn't have planes,  
They fought with their hearts and they fought with their brains,  
They didn't have bullets, armed just with a mask,  
We sent them to war, with one simple task,  
To show us the way, to lead and inspire us,  
To protect us from harm and fight off the virus,  
It couldn't be stopped by our bulletproof vests,  
An invisible enemy, invaded our chests,  
So we called on our weapon, our soldiers in Blue,  
"All Doctors, All Nurses, Your Country needs you."  
We clapped on our streets, hearts bursting with pride,  
As they went off to war, while we stayed inside,  
They struggled at first, as they searched for supplies,  
But they stared down the virus, in the whites of its eyes,  
They leaped from the trenches and didn't think twice,  
Some never came back, the ultimate price.  
So tired, so weary, yet still they fought on,  
As the virus was beaten and the battle was won,  
The many of us, owe so much, to so few,  
The brave and the bold, our heroes in Blue.  
So let's line the streets and remember our debt,  
We love you, our heroes. Lest we forget.

By Matthew Kelly

You can also hear this poem being read by the actor Christopher Eccleston, by [clicking here](#).

