



Alfriston School



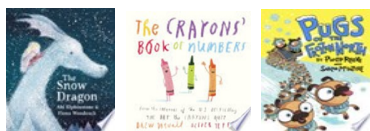
Fair, friendly, fulfilling and fun!

Newsletter - 13th December 2019

We wish you all a very merry Christmas and Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you in 2020!

Christmas Reading Update

With Christmas fast approaching, we thought it was a good time to share some of the new and exciting festive books available this year. 'The Snow Dragon' by Abi Elphinstone is a beautifully moving book aimed at KS1 about a young girl's adventure for Christmas magic. KS1 will also love all the jokes and the many pullout features of the new Christmas themed Oliver Jeffers book. KS2 children will love the dynamic adventure story about the race to the top of the world by Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre which is bursting with eccentric characters and detailed and humorous illustrations.



Christmas Carol Service - Important Message

On Friday 20th December we are holding our Christmas Carol Service, starting at 2pm. This year this will be in the school hall as unfortunately the church is unavailable due to a wedding.

Due to fire regulations there is a limit to the number of people allowed in the hall at one time, we are therefore having to restrict numbers. To enable us to manage the numbers, entry is permitted with a ticket only, these are available at 2 per family. **Please note that all children apart from babies in arms will also need a ticket to attend; this includes toddlers.**

If you would like to apply for tickets please email or speak to the office by 9am on Wednesday, after this time we will offer an additional ticket to those who would like one.

Christmas Dress Up Day



On 19th December children are invited to come to school wearing something Christmassy in return for a £1 donation which will go to charity. This could be a Christmas jumper, Christmas headwear or just Christmas socks!
All donations will go to Children with Cancer Fund, a local charity based in Polegate.

Village Roadworks

You may be aware that the village high street will be closed from January, for approximately 5 months, while South East Water carry out work. Having met with South East Water, we have been reassured that maintaining access to the village and school will be their priority. The work will start from the A27 end of the village and initially access to school from that side will be via Winton Street. As the work progresses through the village they will be widening the exit to the free car park to allow for two way traffic. During the work, if you are travelling from Seaford, you will need to use Weavers Lane to get to the school. We will keep you updated if we are notified of any further information.

Spotlight on Safeguarding

Another member of our Safeguarding Team is our School Business Manager, Mrs Tanya Fitzgerald:



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

What's coming up next week

18th December	Class parties (PM)
19th December	Christmas dress up day
19th December	Celebration assembly - last of 2019 (9am)
19th December	Christmas lunch
19th December	Christmas film afternoon
20th December	Christmas Carol Service (14:00 to 15:00) - School Hall
20th December	Last day of term
6th January 2020	Children return to school

This Week's Class News

Pearl Class

In Pearl class this week, they have enjoyed the story: Harvey Slumfenburger's Christmas Present, by John Burningham. They wrote their own Christmas list for Father Christmas, writing the sounds they could hear in sequence in words. They have also been practising reading and writing words with three sounds during phonics. They have learnt all about the number 10 in maths and have been practising ordering numbers to 10. The children have also been playing games to help them learn 1 more than any number to 10. They enjoyed performing their Christmas play for children in the school and their grown ups - we hope you enjoyed it too!

Ruby Class

This week, Ruby Class have loved performing their Christmas Nativity. They all worked so hard learning their lines and each of the wonderful songs. They also finished creating their Tudor houses this week. They look fantastic! In maths, the children have been exploring 'part, part, whole' and solving lots of different problems. Next week, the children will be doing some Christmas baking and developing their food preparation skills in DT.

Sapphire

This week, Sapphire Class have reviewed the Science investigation that they had set up to find out about tooth decay, using eggs as they react in a similar way to tooth enamel. The results did surprise them a little, as they had thought that orange juice was a healthy option. However, they found that it decays teeth badly. When they discussed the results, they thought that it was probably because it is high in sugar. However, both the cola and the sugar-free cola were equally bad for teeth and they turned the eggs a nasty brown colour! They weren't surprised to find that the water had no real effect at all. They have also been reading the Christmas story: Harvey Slumfenburger's Christmas Present, and writing their own sections to add to it. They are reviewing their writing and are proud of the progress that they have made. They also very much enjoyed the Nativity acted by the younger children.

Emerald Class

Emerald class have been learning how to use number facts to solve maths problems as elegantly and efficiently as possible. This week has also seen the first fraction lessons of the year. In English, the class have written persuasive letters to the (fictional) Victorian villain, Mack the Knife. As Christmas nears, there has been a lot of RE learning around the Christmas story, including preparation for next week's carol concert, and a specific focus on advent and Christingle.

Dates for your Diary

Any new dates that have been added are in bold

13th January	Violin lessons start again with Mrs Cane-Hardy
14th January	Ruby Class trip to Drusillas
31st January	School disco organised by the FoAS
6th February	Parent consultations (15:45 to 17:00 & 18:00 to 20:00)
11th February	Safer internet day
12th February	Parent consultations (15:45 to 18:00)
14th February	Last day of term
17th – 21st Feb	February holiday
24th February	Children return to school
27th Feb - 7th Mar	Equalities and Diversity fortnight
5th March	World Book Day
9th – 13th March	Science Week
17th March	Tempest class photos
30th March – 3rd April	Bikeability Level 2 – Year 6
3rd April	Last day of term
3rd April	Easter Service

Friends of Alfriston



The Christmas Fair raised a fantastic £1007. We would like to thank everyone who helped on the day, we couldn't have done it with you! We would also like to thank everyone who attended and helped us raise this amazing amount of money.

We wish you all a great Christmas and look forward to seeing you in January.