



# Alfriston School



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## Newsletter - 27th February 2023

### Newhaven Fort Trip



Recently, Emerald Class went on an exciting trip to Newhaven Fort. After a short coach ride, the class arrived to discover that they were lucky enough to have the whole Fort to themselves! The day began with an object-handling workshop where the children were able to explore and learn about a variety of objects from WW2 to tie in with their topic that term. Some fascinating facts and insights were shared including that some farmers would paint their cows to make them easier for motorists to see in the dark! The rest of the day was spent exploring the exhibits and areas around the Fort. The air raid experience was one that will really stick in the minds of those who tried it out. This immersive experience brought to life what it must have been like during the Blitz. It was an inspiring and exciting day for all!



### World Book Day

We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day on Thursday. As part of the celebrations, just a reminder, that children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite storybook character!



It is always lovely to see how children interpret their favourite characters, but we do appreciate that some may prefer not to, so dressing up is optional!

Our World Book Day assembly will take place at 9am, on Thursday and parents/carers are welcome to join us.

### Trip to Paradise Park

On Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> February, Ruby Class enjoyed a visit to Paradise Park to consolidate all of their term's learning on Dinosaurs. They enjoyed looking at all of the artefacts and models in the museum, reading facts and identifying fossils, eggs and teeth. After a long walk around the heritage gardens, they looked at the structure of dinosaurs and wrote some lovely sentences. The children had a super train ride around the park and even got to play in the treetop playground at the end of the day!

All children behaved beautifully and earned a class Star of the Week badge!

### Fishbourne Roman Palace



Sapphire Class had a wonderful day last Wednesday when they visited Fishbourne Roman Palace, Chichester. In the workshop, they enjoyed role-play in the Roman kitchen, writing their names in

Roman lettering, writing on wax tablets, spinning wool, making mosaics, investigating artefacts and dressing up. They were fascinated by the amazing original mosaics - some dating back to 75AD – and the trip really enhanced their learning.

As usual, their behaviour was fantastic!



### Leavers collection and messages for Mrs Ottaway

Sadly, Mrs Ottaway is leaving us at Easter to start a new role with the local authority. We are making a collection for a leaving gift for her. If you would like to contribute, please hand any donations and/or messages to the school office by Friday 24th March. Mrs Ottaway has been a fantastic member of our school team and has contributed so much over the years, in particular as our EYFS class teacher, and more recently, as our SENCo. She will be greatly missed and we wish her the very best.

## Dates for your diary .....

Mon 20th February	Children return to school
Thu 2nd March	World Book Day
Mon 13th - Fri 17th March	Science Week 'Connections'
Thu 23rd March	Class photos
Mon 20th - Thu 23rd March	Bikeability - Year 6
Tue 21st March	Open classroom (after school)
Thu 23rd March	Mid Year Reports & Parent consultations (15:45 to 18:15) Face to Face (including APDR meetings)
Mon 27th March	Year 6 SATs meeting with Mr Sibson (after school)
Tue 28th March	Mid Year Reports & Parent consultations (15:45 to 18:15) Remote (including APDR meetings)
Thu 30th March	Mid Year Reports & Parent consultations (15:45 to 18:15) Face to Face (including APDR meetings)
Thu 30th March	FoAS non-uniform day
Fri 31st March	Easter Service (TBC)
Fri 31st March	Last day of Term
Mon 3rd - Fri 14th April	Spring holiday
Mon 17th April	Children return to school
Tue 25th April	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check meeting with Mrs Farror (after school)
Mon 1st May	Bank Holiday - School closed
Thu 4th May	KS1 SATs meeting with Mrs Prosser for Year 2 parents (after school)
Mon 8th May	Bank Holiday - School closed
Tue 9th - Fri 12th May	Year 6 SATs
Thu 18th May	Open classroom (after school)
Fri 26th May	FoAS non-uniform day
Fri 26th May	Last day of Term
Mon 29th May - Fri 2nd June	May holiday
Mon 5th June	Children return to school
Thu 8th June	New to reception meeting with Mrs Hudson & Miss Foster (17:00 to 18:00)
Mon 12th June	Open classroom (after school)
Fri 16th June	School Games Day & FoAS Summer Fair
Mon 19th June	INSET Day
Tue 20th June	Reserve School Games Day
Thu 22nd June	Year 2 Overnight Stay
Mon 26th - Fri 30th June	Emerald Class Residential - Hindleap Warren
Mon 10th July	End of year reports out to parents
Mon 10th July	Meeting with teacher for next year's Ruby Class parents (17:00 to 17:30)
Tues 11th July	Meeting with teacher for next year's Sapphire Class parents (17:00 to 17:30)
Wed 12th July	Meeting with teacher for next year's Emerald Class parents (17:00 to 17:30)
Fri 14th July	Whole school transition day
Tues 18th July	Whole school celebration event (9:00 to 9:30)
Thu 20th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly (14:00 to 15:00)
	FoAS non uniform day
	Last day of Term 6