



# Alfriston School



Fair, friendly, fulfilling and fun!

## Newsletter - 4th July 2022

### Our School Garden



You may well have noticed that an exciting and ambitious project has recently been completed in our school garden. What began in summer 2020 with a simple idea to fill in the dried up pond in our very overgrown nature space, soon developed into a complete redesign of this outdoor space. A request for more soil to help fill the pond lead to an influx of support from all over our school community, but particularly Mr Ellis, Mr McGoldrick and their team and families. They very kindly volunteered to completely re-landscape the area which has included sowing wildflower and grass seed, building a deck and teaching space with custom benches, making a rubber-chip path around four new raised beds and installing a new gate! Thanks to this, we now have a brand new garden to bring our classes into and extend the curriculum in a variety of ways.

Gardens are, of course, spaces that always grow, change and develop and we are looking forward to that happening with our garden. Each class will have a raised bed to cultivate as they wish and will be able to explore the wildflower areas, bug hotel and rock and log piles. We have already enjoyed the blooms from donated wildflower seeds and have installed a wonderful bug habitat which is also a work of art kindly made by Dr Cockburn (which features an extra surprise to be announced in a future assembly). However, we are also very happy to receive further donations and offers of support to help our garden in its journey. In general, we would be glad to receive any help – regular or one off – with maintaining our beautiful new space, as well as any clover seeds, lavender plants or wildflower seed. Furthermore, I'm sure each class teacher will be glad for any offers to help with their own gardening sessions or donations of plants or produce to grow.

Once again, we must extend an enormous 'thank you' to Mr Ellis, Mr McGoldrick and everyone who has been involved in transforming the opportunities made available by our garden.



### Curling Tournament



Two of our Sapphire Class children attended a New Age Curling Festival. They had great fun learning this sport and were awarded with School Games Values.

### FoAS Summer Fair

We are please to announce that the FoAS raised a whopping £1814 at the summer fair. We are so grateful to everyone who helped organise the event and helped run a stall on the day, it couldn't have been done without you. All money raised by the Friends benefits the children, so thank you all very much.

### A Midsummer Night's Dream

Last week Emerald Class put on a fantastic performance of a Midsummer Night's Dream. Their performance and singing was brilliant with many compliments received from the audience!



### School Games Day

We had wonderful weather for this year's School Games Day. The children were once again wonderful, all trying their best. Following the activity carousel the scores were very close. After the track races, the overall winners were Windover.



### School Facebook Page

Keep up to date with school events by joining the school Facebook page. We will be using it to post information and pictures of what the children have been doing in school.

## Summer Reading Challenge

With the summer holidays approaching, we are supporting the annual Summer Reading Challenge, encouraging children to continue reading throughout the summer holidays. The Summer Reading Challenge will begin in East Sussex libraries on Saturday 9th July and finish on Saturday 10th September.

### How the Challenge works

- Children sign up through their local library and receive a Gadgeteers collector poster.
- Children set a reading goal and borrow and read library books of their own choice during the summer, collecting special stickers to complete their poster and extra incentives along the way.
  - Library staff and volunteers are on hand to advise and run family-friendly activities.
- Children who complete the Summer Reading Challenge are presented with a certificate and/or a medal.

Summer Reading Challenge 2022



Presented by The Reading Agency.  
Delivered in partnership with libraries.

The official Challenge website hosts digital rewards, author videos, games and more for children to enjoy all summer:

[www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)

### School Uniform

In preparation for the new school year we wanted to take the opportunity to remind you of the school uniform requirements.

The uniform is based on the colours red and grey and all items can be purchased from local chain stores. The only item we specifically request you purchase with the school logo is the PE t-shirt. This, along with other uniform with the school logo, can be purchased through [School Trends](#). They sell sweatshirts, cardigans, polo shirts, PE T-shirts and fleeces. PE bags and book bags with the school logo and water bottles can be purchased from the school office.

- Red jumper, cardigan or school sweatshirt
- White shirt, or red or white polo shirt with collar
- Red or white polo neck
- Grey or black plain skirt, pinafore dress, culottes, skorts, trousers or shorts – no jeans, tracksuits, combat style trousers, sports shorts or leggings
- School fleece
- White, black, red or grey ankle or knee length socks or tights (no trainer socks)
- Plain black or red shoes/black boots with low heels; these should be fastened by means of buckles, velcro or laces to ensure a good fit (no trainers). Sandals may be worn in the summer during hot weather but should have a secure back strap and not have open toes. All school shoes or sandals need to be worn with socks or tights.
- Red and white check/stripe school dress.

### PE Kit

- Black or white plain trainers (**not plimsolls**) with either lace or velco fastening to ensure a secure and safe fit.
- Red shorts
- White T-shirt with Alfriston logo
- Pair of white, black, red or grey socks (trainer socks may be worn for PE only)
- A plain dark track suit is optional during cold weather

These items are best kept in a drawstring bag, which should be brought to school on the first day each week and taken home at the end of the week for washing. PE bags may be purchased from the office.

Long hair should always be tied back and any child with a long fringe should have it clipped back out of their face. Children should not come to school with dyed hair.

The only jewellery children should wear to school is watches and small plain stud earrings for children with pierced ears.

No nail varnish, tattoos or make-up should be worn at school.

### This term's events .....

11th July	End of year reports out to parents
12th July	Transition meeting for current reception and year 1 parents (after school)
13th July	Transition meeting for current year 2 and year 3 parents (after school)
14th July	Transition meeting for current year 4 and year 5 parents (after school)
15th July	Whole school transition day
18th July	Whole school celebration event (14:30 to 15:00)