



Alfriston School

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Newsletter - 6th December 2018

Last Week's Attendance

Pearl Class	Red
Ruby Class	Red
Sapphire Class	Amber
Emerald Class	Red

Green = 98% to 100%

Amber = 96% to 98%

Red = Below 96%

Reminders

Christmas Tree Decorations - tomorrow, Friday 7th December, children can bring in from home a decoration that they have made to place on the school Christmas tree during celebration assembly. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Football Club - due to the Christmas Fair, there is no Lewes FC football club after school tomorrow, 7th December.

Christmas Arrangements

Please note the following arrangements regarding Christmas activities in the run up to the end of term:

- Children can bring in a change of clothes to wear for the afternoon for the class parties on Monday 17th December.
- Children can bring in a Christmas hat, hairband or head accessories to wear for Christmas lunch on Tuesday 18th.
- On the last day of term, Wednesday 19th, we will be having a traditional carol service at St Andrews Church at 2pm. Family members and friends are welcome to join us. It is assumed that all children will be collected from the church after the service. If you wish your child/children to return to school for collection, please advise the school office by Friday 14th December. Please note that this includes the minibus and taxi children too.

Christmas

Christmas Tree - on Tuesday we took delivery of the school Christmas tree which was kindly donated by Mr Coleman.

We are very grateful to him for this gift to the school.



Christmas Cards - the winners of this year's school Christmas card design competition were Darcey for Key Stage 1 and Alice for Key Stage 2. Their designs will now be used as the school Christmas card.

Christmas Decoration Day - On Tuesday the children took part in our annual Christmas decorations day. Throughout the day they were in mixed year groups making all sorts of decorations that we have used to decorate the school. We are now looking very festive!

Christmas Fair



Tomorrow, Friday 7th December, school will finish for everyone at 3pm due to the FoAS Christmas Fair. We hope you will then spend time enjoying the fair. Please refer to the letter sent home earlier this week regarding where to collect your child/children from as there are different arrangements to usual for this day only. Please note that children remain the responsibility of parents/carers at the fair and that the main part of the school will be closed.

What's coming up.....

Tues 11th December	Nativity Play (afternoon)
Wed 12th December	Nativity Play (morning)
Wed 12th December	Pets as Therapy Visit
Wed 12th December	Y5/6 Cross Country Event
Thurs 13th December	Football Match
Fri 14th December	Flu Vaccinations



End of Year Celebration Assembly

In the recent review of the procedures for the end of year celebration assembly, we have as a staff team been discussing how we can recognise and reward all children for their hard work and achievements. We feel it is extremely important that every child's achievements are acknowledged and therefore as from the end of this school year we will no longer be presenting the cups and shields. We will instead present every child with a certificate recognising their individual achievements for the year. We hope you will agree that this is much more positive end to the year for all the children.

Christmas Cookie Sale



After school on Tuesday 11th December, we will be selling Christmas cookies, made by Cat, our school cook, costing 50p each. This is an initiative organised by Chartwells, our school meals provider, who are fundraising for Young Minds. All proceeds from the sale will be given to this charity who are the UK's leading charity championing the wellbeing and mental health of young people.

Road Safety

Please can we ask everyone who brings and collects the children from school not only to park considerately to our neighbours but also to drive in a safe manner in the vicinity of the school. It gets very busy in the surrounding roads near the school and we wish to keep both road users and pedestrians safe. Thank you.

Dates for your Diary

New dates are in bold:

Mon 17th December	Class Christmas Parties
Tues 18th December	Christmas Lunch
Tues 18th December	Film Afternoon
Wed 19th December	Carol Service
Wed 19th December	Last Day of Term
Thurs 3rd January	INSET Day
Fri 4th January	INSET Day
Mon 7th January 2019	Children Return to School
Thurs 17th January	Football Match
Tues 29th January	Y3/4 Wild Beach Session
Tues 5th February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 15th February	Last Day of Term

Friends of Alfriston School



Meeting - our next meeting will take place tomorrow, Friday 7th December, at 8.45am in the school library.

Christmas Fair - we are really looking forward to the fair which takes place tomorrow from 3pm in the school hall. Please do come along and support us - we have a wonderful variety of stalls plus the raffle, which will be drawn at 4pm, and, of course, Santa will be visiting with his elves! If you offered to help set up the hall then please arrive at 1.30pm, if you offered to help with a stall then please arrive before 2.45pm and if you offered to bake cakes for us these can be brought to the school office at any time before 3pm please.

100 Club - the winner of November's draw was Jane Evans with number 51. The next draw will take place on 19th December.

Wreath Making Workshop - we had a fantastic evening last night with this event. Many thanks to all that came along - we hope that you are proud of your floristry efforts! Many thanks also go to Tara Begley for leading this event and coaching us all.

Football



Last Friday, the school team took part in the finals of the Albion Cup at Brighton's training ground in Lancing. The standard of play was extremely high. We played 5 ten minute matches against teams from much bigger schools. We lost 3 tight matches, two by the odd goal, and drew 2. The children did very well to get to this stage of the competition, and again did themselves proud. Well done George, Jack, Lola, Andrew, Bruce, Sasha, Ewan and Evie.

Violin & Brass Lessons

Mrs Cane Hardy has now finished violin lessons for this term. They will re-start on Monday 7th January. Mrs Kearley will be here on Monday, 10th December, for the final brass instrument lessons until January.

