



Alfriston School



Fair, friendly, fulfilling and fun!

Newsletter - 10th January 2024

My Voice Matters

This year's Children's Mental Health Week, being held in the week commencing 5th February, is on the theme 'My Voice Matters'.

During the week children will mark this in school with activities and assemblies, including learning about the Rights of the Child, hearing about other children who have made a difference and giving time to hear their voice.



Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously.*

As adults, we should empower children and young people, and provide them with time, space, and opportunities to express themselves. We must also ensure they have opportunities to influence aspects of their worlds that - or - affect their wellbeing.

Message from The Eco-Warriors

To all parents and carers

Alfriston school is eco-friendly and is aiming to stop the use of single use plastic or other non-environmentally friendly things.

To help us please don't supply your child with single use plastic water bottles or snacks in single use plastic as it isn't good for our planet.

This is our home. '**There is no planet B**' is the 7th line in Alfriston School's eco code.

And there isn't.

Try not to throw paper, bottle lids, bubble wrap, etc. in the wrong bin.

Many thanks, the Eco Warriors

BE ECO!



Before School Club

We are looking into the possibility of offering a club before school either every morning or just some mornings each week. Before we arrange anything we would like confirmation from anyone interested to ensure we have enough children to make the club viable.

The club would start at 7.45am, and would be facilitated by Skiltek at a cost of £4.50 per session. During each session there will be activities and children can also bring a snack with them to eat before school starts.

If you would be interested in your child attending, please let the school office know, including telling us which days you would like them to attend.

Our English Curriculum

On Tuesday 30th January, we are holding an English information session where teachers will provide information about our English curriculum and how you can support your child at home. The presentation will start at 3.30pm and will finish by 4.30pm, followed by the opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

To enable as many parents to attend as possible there will be a 'crèche' run by school staff. We will be sending a letter out soon with more information.

Each newsletter we will be taking a closer look at what is going on in various curriculum subjects/areas in our school. This edition....

Maths



Maths is all around us - from working out where a puzzle piece goes, to ensuring we had enough stuffing balls over Christmas - maths is an essential part of our everyday lives!

At Alfriston, we teach using a mastery approach. Our curriculum equips children with a deep and secure understanding of the skills and knowledge they need to become confident mathematicians, ready for real life problems.



We use the 'White Rose' as the foundation of our curriculum, which break concepts down into small steps. We also use the NCETM (National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics) resources to craft lessons creating a coherent and comprehensive conceptual pathway. 'White Rose' provides a wide range of resources which are designed to develop children's fluency, problem solving and reasoning. In addition to this, we also use 'Number Sense' to teach the quick recall of number facts such as bonds within 10 and timetables. You can find more information about this area of our curriculum on our school website.



Competition for our new building

Work is well under way to erect our new building with much interest from the children! This will have many different uses including being used for music lessons, as an extra teaching space or a place to read, among other things. This room is being partly funded by money raised by The Friends of Alfriston School and wouldn't have been possible without your generous contribution to their fundraising efforts.

Thank you.

Today in assembly, Red, our Word Ambassador launched a competition to come up with the best name for our new building. Entries should be:

- Short & snappy
- Easy to pronounce and to understand
- Fun and creative
- Something fitting and meaningful to Alfriston School

The competition winner, along with the new building name will be announced in celebration assembly on Friday 19th January.



Dates for the Diary 2023-2024

Any new or amended dates will be shown in bold

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| 24th January | Open classrooms (after school) |
| 29th January | Fizz Pop Science Taste Buddies Workshop (Ruby Class) |
| 30th January | Our English Curriculum presentation for parents/carers (with creche) |
| 5th - 9th February | Children's Mental Health Week |
| 6th February | Safer Internet day |
| 9th February | FoAS non-uniform day |
| | Last day of term |
| 12th - 16th February | February holiday |
| 19th February | Children return to school - Term 4 begins |
| 28th February | Mini First Aid (Ruby, Sapphire & Emerald Classes) |
| 7th March | World Book Day |
| 11th - 15th March | Science Week |
| 18th - 21st March | Year 6 Bikeability |
| 19th March | Mid-year reports & parent consultations (15:45 to 18:15) Face to Face (including APDR meetings where relevant) |
| 20th March | Open classrooms (after school) |