



Alfriston School



Fair, friendly, fulfilling and fun!

Newsletter - 13th September 2019

New Stage

You may have seen our new stage out on the playground which was funded by the grant we received from Tesco: Bags of Help. The children have been enjoying performing to each other and singing and dancing, it has been lovely to see!



Morning Snacks

The children are all provided with a fruit snack at morning break. They may bring their own fresh fruit or vegetable snack if they prefer but please remember other snacks are not permitted.

May we also remind you that we have children in school with food allergies so do not allow nuts or products containing nuts.

Absences

Should your child be unwell and unable to attend school, please would you telephone the school office before 9.15am to advise us of the reason for the absence. It is important that we are aware of the whereabouts of all children as soon as possible in a school day. The school bell goes at 8.42am for the children to line up. Your child will be late if they arrive after the classes have been led in from the playground and should then enter school via the office.

Clubs

There are still spaces available on most clubs so if your child would like to attend please return the form as soon as possible.

Facebook Page



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Attendance Update

We continue with our focus on attendance this year and will keep you updated on how we are getting on in the newsletter each week.

We have seen a great start this week with no children arriving late. It is important this continues as we will be monitoring this closely and taking action if children are regularly late to school.

Last year saw an increase in holidays taken in term time. We would like to take the opportunity to remind you that holidays or days out must not be taken during term time.

There are strong links, which we can clearly see in children's results and progress, between good attendance at school and children's academic progress and success.

We have high expectations for all our children at Alfriston and so ensuring your child is at school you're helping them to fulfil their potential.

We will be closely monitoring individual pupils attendance and will contact parents at an early stage if their child's attendance falls below 95%. Governors also regularly check pupil attendance and may, if your child has poor attendance, invite you to meet with them to discuss this.

We would like to thank those parents who have the right attitude to attendance and ensure that their children attend school regularly and arrive on time.

Friends of Alfriston School



100 Club - the winner for July was Emma Roussac-Evans with number 83 and the August winner was Michaela Madgwick with number 27.

Letters for this years 100 club will be sent out next week.

Alfriston Summer Festival - we raised a fantastic £3000.

Alfriston Fun Run

After their success last year, Alfriston Pre-school are holding their second annual fun run to raise vital funds. The fun run includes a 1k and 5k for under 16's and a 10k for all. For more details please visit their website www.alfristonfunrun.com

This Week's Class News

Pearl Class

Pearl class have finally started at Alfriston School this week! We have been busy learning each others' names and having lots of fun playing with our new friends! We have been building race tracks and tall towers, hoola hooping, drawing pictures, playing 'families' in the home corner and creating waterfalls in the water tray! We have also been enjoying school lunches and meeting our Year 2 buddies who are helping us at playtimes. Well done, Pearl class!

Ruby Class

Ruby Class have had a wonderful first week back at school. The children have settled in really well and have had a great time. In English this week, the children read 'Princess Smarty Pants' and invented their own challenges for a prince. In maths, they have done lots of exciting counting activities. They have also shown excellent collaborative skills during our afternoon 'Life Values' session. Next week, they are looking forward to beginning their 'Down Under' learning journey.

Sapphire Class

Sapphire Class have had a great start to the year. It has been an especially busy week, introducing all of the learning that we are doing this term. We were fortunate on Tuesday to have Mr Lewis from Seaford Rugby Football Club beginning our course of sessions learning to play Tag Rugby. We have also looked at the globe, thinking about the Equator and the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn: we cut up an apple to see where they all are! In English, we have started to look at stories from around the world, including stories about the Creation. In Art, Mrs Bliss has been investigating the colour wheel with the children and they have mixed their own colours.

Emerald Class

This week, Emerald class have begun to explore what skills we need to be the best learners we can and that, although we might not have the skills yet, we can learn together to support ourselves and each other. Maths lessons have been exploring place value in numbers up to 1,000,000 and Roman Numerals. In English, the focus has been a refresher on using paragraphs in our writing ready to put a short story together. Emerald class also met Mr. Lewis – a rugby coach from Seaford Rugby Club – who will be taking tag rugby sessions every Tuesday afternoon.

Dates for your Diary

Any new dates that have been added are in bold

25th September	Tempest individual and family photos Phonics, Spelling and Reading Parents Workshop (3.45am - 5pm)
26th September	Sapphire Class - Harvest Assembly Year 6 - Digital game testing at Friston Forest
30th September	Reception and Yr 6 Height and Weight Check plus Year 6 Health and Well being Review
3rd October	Visit by the Dogs Trust
14th October	Think: Protect: Connect Workshop - Emerald Class
16th October	Think: Protect: Connect Workshop - Emerald Class
16th October	Parent consultations (15:45 to 18:00)
21st October	Think: Protect: Connect Workshop - Emerald Class
21st - 25th October	Book Week
23rd October	Think: Protect: Connect Workshop - Emerald Class
24th October	Parent consultations (15:45 to 17:00 & 18:00 to 20:00)
25th October	Yr 5/6 Rugby Festival (details tbc) Last day of term
28th Oct – 1st Nov	Autumn holiday