



Alfriston School



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Newsletter - 6th December 2019

Curriculum Corner

As you know, at the beginning of every term, we send out a letter and curriculum overview from your child's class to give you information about the learning for the coming term. These are then uploaded on to our website under the tab 'School Curriculum'. You'll also find within this area of our website, the 'Alfriston School Curriculum Cycle' which gives more details about the topics and the learning objectives for each class.

We hope that you find this information on the website useful, if you have any queries or need any help please ask at the school office.

Cross Country

We are really proud of Florence, Alice, Isobel, Boston, Rodney & William who competed in the Seaford Cluster Cross Country competition this week. Florence, Isobel, Rodney & William who also qualified to compete in the South Downs Area final in February - congratulations to them.

Christmas Arrangements

On the afternoon of 18th December we are holding our class parties. Children are welcome to bring a change of clothes to school with them if they wish. Please do not send any food to school for the parties, we will be providing popcorn for the children.

On 19th December children are invited to come to school wearing something Christmassy in return for a £1 donation which will go to charity. This could be a Christmas jumper, Christmas headwear or just Christmas socks! All donations will go to Children with Cancer Fund, a local charity based in Polegate.



On 20th December, the last day of term, parents and carers are invited to join us in the school hall at 2pm for our Christmas Carol Service.

End of Term Celebration Assembly

As we are holding our Carol Service in our school hall on Friday 20th December, there will be no celebration assembly on this day. We will be holding the last celebration assembly of 2019 on Thursday 19th December at 9am. In this assembly we will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Crystal who leaves us at the end of term.

Christmas Fair

We would like to say a massive thank you to the Friends of Alfriston School for organising another fantastic Christmas Fair. It was a lovely event and so nice to see so many of you there. Thank you all for your support.

Christmas Decoration Day

On Monday the children spent the day making fabulous Christmas decorations. They showed excellent collaboration and creativity, and have helped make the school look very festive!

Thank you

We would like to say a big thank you to Mr Coleman who very kindly, once again, donated our school Christmas tree. It looks amazing with all the decorations the children made.



Spotlight on Safeguarding

Over the next few newsletters we will be introducing the school Safeguarding Team. First up is our Designated Safeguarding Lead Mrs Lindsey Hudson:



If you have any concern about a child you can contact Mrs Hudson through the school office. It is also possible for you to make a referral to the Single Point of Advice (SPOA) on 01323 464222.

What's coming up next week

Tuesday 10th December

Pearl & Ruby Nativity performance (9.30am - 10.30am)

Wednesday 11th December

Pearl & Ruby Nativity performance (1.45pm - 2.45pm)

Friday 13th December

Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Tournament

This Week's Class News

Pearl Class

In Pearl class this week, they have been learning about night time animals and have sorted pictures of day and night time animals. They have enjoyed the stories 'Owl Babies' and 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark' and have written character speech bubbles. They have learnt about dark and light colours and have enjoyed colour mixing to create dark colours. They made an amazing mixed media picture of Plop, the baby owl, from the story, 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark'. They have also enjoyed creating owl pictures using soft pastels! They have learnt all about number 9 and now know that $3+3+3=9!$ The class continued to rehearse their Christmas play with Ruby class and are really looking forward to showing you all next week!

Ruby Class

The children in Ruby Class loved starting their week with 'decoration day'. They showed excellent collaboration and created some wonderful pieces to decorate the school. In English, the children wrote a diary entry in role as Thomas Farriner and explored how he might have been feeling on the day of the fire. In DT, the children designed and began creating their Tudor style houses (thank you for all the cereal boxes!). The children have been working very hard during their Christmas play rehearsals and are doing very well!

Sapphire

In Sapphire Class this week, they have been continuing to learn about the way that paragraphs can support them when they are organising their ideas in writing. They have also been looking at word problems in maths and thinking about ways to approach them. The class have set up a Science investigation into tooth decay, using eggs and a variety of liquids. They talked about how we can control the variables in order to make it a fair test. We will let you know what we find out!

Emerald Class

Emerald Class have been learning about different kinds of numbers that appear in the world of maths, such as square and cube numbers, and prime factors. In English, the class have been exploring different texts that are written to discuss and persuade ready to write a letter to the Victorian villain Mack the Knife. The final Forest School session took place this week. It was a fantastic afternoon of whittling, sawing, drilling, crafting and fire lighting.

Dates for your Diary

Any new dates that have been added are in bold



18th December	Class parties (PM)
19th December	Christmas dress up day
19th December	Celebration assembly - last of 2019 (9am)
19th December	Christmas lunch
19th December	Christmas film afternoon
20th December	Christmas Carol Service (14:00 to 15:00) - School Hall
20th December	Last day of term
23rd Dec – 3rd Jan	Christmas holiday
6th January 2020	Children return to school
14th January	Ruby Class trip to Drusillas
6th February	Parent consultations (15:45 to 17:00 & 18:00 to 20:00)
11th February	Safer internet day
12th February	Parent consultations (15:45 to 18:00)
14th February	Last day of term
17th – 21st Feb	February holiday
24th February	Children return to school
27th Feb - 7th Mar	Equalities and Diversity fortnight
5th March	World Book Day