



Alfriston School



Fair, friendly, fulfilling and fun!

Newsletter - 17th January 2020

Ruby Class Drusillas Trip

Despite the bad weather, on Tuesday, Ruby Class had a brilliant trip to Drusillas. During the visit the children had a habitats and adaptations education session where they tried on costumes and handled animal artefacts on a quest to explore the multitude of adaptations that animals have developed to suit their environments. They also got to stroke a snake and a chinchilla! As well as the education session the children did lots of other learning, looking around the zoo and watching the penguins being fed. The day finished with a play in the indoor play area.

We would like to say a big thank you to our parent/grandparent helpers for the day.



Road Work Update

We have been advised that Denes Car Park is opening as a two way from late next Monday (20th). This will mean that if you enter the village from the A27 end you no longer need to use Winton Street.

We have been asked by the contractor to pass on their thanks for all your patience during the work.

Ofsted Visit

We would like to thank everyone for their support during our visit from Ofsted this week. The children were all amazing, we are so proud of them.

The report will be shared once we receive it, which is likely to be in March.



Stars of the Week



Reception - Mason-Jay

Year 1 - Coban

Year 2 - Alfie

Year 3 - Freddie

Year 4 - Finnian

Year 5 - Isobel

Year 6 - Morgan

Monday 27th January 3pm - 5pm

IMPORTANT EVENT FOR **ALL** PARENTS/CARERS

Please come to the school hall for 3pm.

You will find out:

- What our expectations are for any child both in and out classroom.
- How the learning needs of any child is approached/responded to and why.
 - What happens if these expectations aren't met and why.
 - About our Life Values.
 - About our recently new School Charter.

The children will be presenting this information to you and we have also invited Kit Messenger, from Changing Chances to explain things further. Kit has many years' experience working with adults and young people, and has an extensive knowledge of Neurobiology.

The Friends will provide refreshments and snacks for all adults and children but you are welcome to bring your own.

If you haven't come to any previous events or meetings then this is the one to come to! The expectation is that all of our families will attend as this affects everyone.

If you are unable to stay after school then please let the office know that you need to collect your child at the usual time of 3.15pm and we will ensure they are ready at this time.

This Week's Class News

Pearl Class

In Pearl class this week, we have been reading 'The Train Ride' by June Crebbin. We have retold the story using instruments and written a sentence to describe what we might see on a train ride! We have been learning to read and write words with the sounds 'sh', 'ch' and 'th'. In maths, we have been learning about the number 11 and practising joining two groups of objects together to find the total amount. In art, we have enjoyed block printing a picture map about the journey in 'The Train Ride'. In PE, we have been creating our own train ride dance, thinking about fast and slow movements. We have also enjoyed listening to a South African lullaby called 'Thula Baba' and learning to sing 'Rock-a-bye-baby'. Another busy week!!

Ruby Class

In Ruby Class this week, the children have continued to explore the 'Night Iceberg'. They retold the story and are preparing to write their own version. On Tuesday, the children had a wonderful time at Drusillas. They especially loved learning about how animals are adapted to their habitats during their education session. The children then wrote a recount of their day using lots of exciting vocabulary. In maths, they have continued their work on 2D and 3D shape, exploring the properties of a variety of common shapes. In science, the children explored animal classification and sorted lots of different animals into the correct groups. Next week, the children are looking forward to using the iPads to take photos.

Sapphire Class

This week in Sapphire class in their English lessons the children have been finding out "what is a myth" and have been told the Ancient Greek myth of 'Icarus'. They have delved into the story in great detail and have all written their own version of the myth. In maths the children have been multiplying a 2 digit number by a 1 digit number using a range of methods. In science the children have been finding out more about magnets by testing objects around the school to see whether they are magnetic or not.

Emerald Class

Emerald Class have been using their maths skills, including multiples, and strategies like bar models to compare, add and subtract fractions. They have pulled on all of their writing skills, along with inspiration from Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief, to write the first chapter of their quest stories – making sure to incorporate their writing targets. Two afternoons this week have been science based, exploring the gestation periods of different animals as well as charting human baby growth.

Dates for your Diary

Any new dates that have been added are in bold

31st January	School disco organised by the FoAS
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
9th – 13th March	Science Week
17th March	Tempest class photos
30th March – 3rd April	Bikeability Level 2 – Year 6
3rd April	Last day of term
3rd April	Easter Service
6th – 17th April	Spring holiday
20th April	Children return to school