



# Alfriston School



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## Newsletter - 25th April 2022

### Lamb Visit



On Friday, Pearl Class had two special visitors. Mrs Claxton kindly brought two lambs in to school for the children to meet. It was an amazing opportunity and the children loved it - they got to stroke them and bottle feed and hold them. Mrs Claxton also taught the children more about the lambs which was really interesting.

### School Attendance

Now that things are more like they were pre Covid, we wanted to remind you of the expectations with regards to attendance.

Children should be at school, on time, every day. Arriving late at school can be very disruptive and very unsettling for the late child, the teacher and other children in the class. Please note that if children are consistently late a fine can be issued.

**Please remember that holidays or days out must not be taken during term time.** It is compulsory and parents' legal duty that children of school age attend school full time. Holidays should, therefore, **not** be taken in term time - fines are issued for holidays taken in term time.

If we suspect a child has been absent from school due to a holiday that we have not been informed about, the absence will be unauthorised and it is the responsibility of the parent(s) to provide evidence to the contrary, ie. a doctor's certificate.

Without the evidence, a fine will be issued.

There are strong links between good attendance at school and children's academic progress and success. All staff and Governors of our school want the children to fulfil their potential – children need to attend school for this to happen. Thank you for your support.

### After school - Fridays

It is lovely that we have started flapjack Friday again, thanks to the Friends of Alfriston School.

We would like to remind all parents and carers that **no-one must go onto the grass, activity trail or stand/sit on the table tennis table after school time.** Please help us to ensure that your child/ren follow this rule at all times.

Thank you for your support with this.

### Save the Date

To celebrate the Queen's Jubilee we are planning a celebration luncheon party. This will take place on **Friday 27th May**, the last day of term. It will be a community event to bring everyone together, so we will also be inviting parents/carers and members of the local community. We are busy planning and will be sending invites out soon.



### Ancient Greek Olympic Day

Before Easter, Sapphire had a wonderful day recreating the ancient Olympics. They competed in sports such as the javelin, shot put, discus, shield race, high jump, long jump and chariot race. They then made their own laurel wreath crowns to celebrate. After all that, they made Greek tzatziki and shared a wonderful spread of Greek food, brought in from home.



### School Facebook Page

Keep up to date with school events by joining the school Facebook page. We will be using it to post information and pictures of what the children have been doing in school.

## BIG THANK YOU

We would like to say a big thank you to The Friends of Alfriston School, for all their hard work in organising the fundraising event at The Bluebell Woods.

We know the event took a massive amount of arranging both leading up to the day and on the day and we are extremely grateful.

We would also like to say a big thank you to all the parents, carers, children, relatives and friends who supported the event and gave up their time to help... it couldn't have happened without you!

## Bikeability

In the last week of term a number of children from year 6 took part in Bikeability training.

The training helps the children gain the skills, knowledge and understanding to cycle safely on the road.

They all did amazingly well, passing both the level 1 and level 2 courses.



## Message from The Friends of Alfriston Playground

The plans for the renovation of Alfriston playground have been approved and the fundraising has begun. You can find out more about the project and donate at: <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/save-alfriston-playground>

**For our grant application, we need letters of support from children and families explaining why Alfriston needs a better playground and what impact this would have on their lives.**

If you or your child would like to write a letter, please take a photo of it and email to:

[friendsofalfristonplayground@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofalfristonplayground@gmail.com)

Your support will make a big difference to our chances of securing funding.

Please help save our playground!

Thank you, from the Friends of Alfriston Playground.

## This term's events .....

Any new dates or date changes are shown in bold.

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|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>27th April</b>   | <b>Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check information session</b>              |
| <b>29th April</b>   | <b>Open classroom (after school)</b>                                       |
| 2nd May             | Bank Holiday Monday - school closed                                        |
| 9th - 12th May      | Year 6 SATs                                                                |
| 23rd May            | Open classroom (after school)                                              |
| <b>26th May</b>     | <b>FoAS non-uniform day</b>                                                |
| <b>27th May</b>     | <b>Jubilee celebration lunch</b>                                           |
| 27th May            | Last day of term                                                           |
| 30th May - 3rd June | School holiday                                                             |
| 15th June           | Open classroom (after school)                                              |
| 16th - 17th June    | Year 2 overnight stay at school                                            |
| 20th June           | INSET day                                                                  |
| 22nd June           | School Games Day                                                           |
| 24th June           | Reserve School Games Day                                                   |
| <b>28th June</b>    | <b>Emerald Class performance dress rehearsal to the rest of the school</b> |
| <b>29th June</b>    | <b>Emerald Class performance to parents (2pm)</b>                          |
| <b>30th June</b>    | <b>Emerald Class performance to parents (6pm)</b>                          |
| 11th July           | End of year reports out to parents                                         |
| 12th July           | Transition meeting for current reception and year 1 parents (after school) |
| 13th July           | Transition meeting for current year 2 and year 3 parents (after school)    |
| 14th July           | Transition meeting for current year 4 and year 5 parents (after school)    |
| 15th July           | Whole school transition day                                                |
| 18th July           | Whole school celebration event (15:00 to 16:30)                            |
| <b>20th July</b>    | <b>FoAS non-uniform day</b>                                                |
| <b>20th July</b>    | <b>Year 6 leavers assembly (14:00 to 15:00)</b>                            |
| 20th July           | Last day of term 6                                                         |
| 21st July           | INSET day                                                                  |