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Upcoming School Events

Friday 2 nd February	8.45am	FoAS Meeting
Saturday 3 rd February	3.30pm	The Green Children of Woolpit at Berwick Church
Monday 5 th February	Afternoon	No Trumpet Lessons
Tuesday 6 th February	All Day	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 7 th February	All Day	Pearl Class – ‘Space Day’
Wednesday 7 th February	5pm	Parent Consultation Appointment Booking System Opens
Friday 9 th February	9am	Online Safety Assembly
Friday 9 th February	9.30am	Online Safety Parent Information Seminar
Friday 9 th February	3.15pm	February Holiday Starts
Monday 19 th February	8.45am	Children Return to School
Friday 23 rd February	10am	Parent Consultation Appointment Booking System Closes
Tuesday 27 th February	3.45pm – 5pm	Parent Consultations
	6pm – 8pm	
Thursday 1 st March	3.45pm – 6pm	Parent Consultations

Dear Parents/Carers,

Attendance

As per our most recent Ofsted report which stated ‘leaders and those responsible for governance should ensure that all pupils have good, regular attendance’, we will be publishing attendance and punctuality figures each week in the newsletter for each class as well as for the whole school. Each class will use a traffic light system for attendance where green is for 100% - 98%, yellow for 98% - 96% and red for less than 96%.

Our whole school target is 96%. Figures for the whole school:

Week Beginning	Attendances	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Lates
22 nd January 2018	92.45%	6.98%	0.57%	0.75%

Week Beginning	Class	Attendance	Late	Traffic Light
22 nd January 2018	Pearl	93.75%	0.00%	
	Ruby	91.67%	0.00%	
	Sapphire	92.67%	0.00%	
	Emerald	92.33%	2.67%	

Yet again last week our attendance figures continued to be affected by many children being unwell. Like much of the local community, we have been hit by seasonal illnesses. Fingers crossed everyone feels better soon!

Late

Please can parents and carers ensure that their child/children arrive at school in time for the start of day bell which rings at 8.42am. Being on time is vital, arriving late at school can be very disruptive for the late child, the teacher and other children in the class.

Parent Consultations

Our next sessions of parent consultations will be taking place at the end of the month. Appointments are available for either Tuesday 27th February between 3.45pm - 5pm & 6pm - 8pm or Thursday 1st March from 3.45pm to 6pm. This time we will be trialling a new system of booking appointments which will be done via Eschools. The system will open for bookings on Wednesday 7th February at 5pm and close at 10am on Friday 23rd February. Full details on how to book an appointment will be sent home in a letter in the next few days.

Safer Internet Day

As a school we will be participating in the international initiative of 'Safer Internet Day' which takes place next Tuesday, 6th February. We constantly emphasise safety when using the internet, and it is specifically taught as part of the curriculum throughout the school, however taking part in this special day gives us the opportunity to highlight this important issue even more. The theme for this year is *"Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you"* and classes throughout the school will be carefully considering how to be safe online through activities and discussion linked to this theme. On Friday 9th February children will be presenting and sharing their learning about online safety in celebration assembly at 9am, to which parents/carers are invited as usual. After the assembly, you are welcome to stay on to a Parent Information Seminar that we will be holding where some of our older Online Safety Warriors will share extra information about how to keep children safe online. Any materials or resources from the seminar will be put on our website following the session. We do also have a section of our website dedicated to online safety

http://www.alfriston.e-sussex.sch.uk/website/online_safety/87326

Netball Tournament

On Monday the 'Alfriston All Stars' Netball Team took part in a High 5 Netball Tournament as part of the Seaford Schools Cluster at the Downs Leisure Centre. Eden, Eliza, Evie, Isla, Jack, Ollie, Rosie and Tia played amazingly well; showing great professionalism in their play, truly working as a team, darting about all over the court and scoring many goals! They lost one match, drew one and won one (9 – 0!) – ending the competition in second place. I attended part of the tournament and was very impressed with you all - well done! Many thanks go to our fantastic netball coach Roz Hannan who was also present at the event acting as a referee and supporting our team.

Cricket Tournament

Yesterday afternoon a group of Key Stage 2 students took part in a winter indoor cricket tournament organised by Sussex Cricket against other local primary schools at Hailsham Community College. Andrew, Elias, Ewan, Lorcan, Oliver, Owen and Sasha represented the school, displaying some great teamwork and fantastic play. They won two of the three games they played. I am very proud of you all for your achievements! Many thanks go to Mr Smith, our cricket coach from Sussex Cricket, for helping the team with this event.

Puppet Theatre Show

Rust and Stardust Productions are presenting their show 'The Green Children of Woolpit' this Saturday, 3rd February, at 3.30pm at Berwick Church. This is the puppet theatre company that are working with us and the shows they perform for the community enable them to work with schools at no charge to the school. It would be lovely if many of you were able to support this professional performance and I look forward to seeing you there. Tickets for this show cost £5 each with a family ticket for 2 adults and 2 children costing £15 and extra children cost £2.50 each. Tickets are available from www.rustandstardustproductions.co.uk. The show that Emerald Class is taking part in takes place on

Friday 9th March with the show on Saturday 3rd February giving a taster of what our children will be working on as part of our project with Rust and Stardust Productions and Berwick Church.

Trumpet Lessons

Please note that Mrs Kearley will not be in school on Monday, 5th February, so there won't be any trumpet lessons that day (Mrs Cane-Hardy will be present to take the violin lessons). Lessons will resume after the February break on Monday 19th February.

Space Day

Pearl Class will be enjoying an out of this world 'Space Day' next Wednesday, 7th February, where the children will be completing lots of themed activities including making 'space smoothies'! The children may come to school dressed in themed clothes e.g. astronauts, aliens, stars. The costume must be practical as children will be playing outdoors at playtime and lunchtime.

School Lunch

Next Friday, 9th February, our school meals provider, Chartwells, will be celebrating pancake day with a change to the usual dessert option when pancakes with ice cream will be offered as well as the usual fresh fruit and yogurt choices.

Lost Property

As is usual at the end of term, unfortunately we have quite a collection of lost property. This will be out on the fence by the path leading to the school office over the course of next week. Please do check if any of the items belong to your child/children as at the end of the week we will be disposing of any remaining items to charity.

News From The Friends of Alfriston School (FoAS)

Email friendsofalfristonschool@gmail.com

We're keeping it short again this week...We are struggling to come up with a suitable night for our proposed '**Curry and Race Night**' but we are trying very hard to get this organised and we hope to let you know the date as soon as possible.

It's **Flapjack Friday** tomorrow - and every Friday throughout the term - and thank you to all the wonderful people who have volunteered to bake – as you know all the money we make on the goodies that we sell pays for all of the Key Stage 2 snack time fruit! 😊

January's **100 Club** prize was won by Sarah Lloyd with lucky number 13. She won £36.50. Congratulations! The next 100 Club Draw will be on Friday 23rd February.

Our next **meeting** is tomorrow, Friday 2nd February, at 8.45am in the library.

Do get in touch via our **Facebook page or email** – our address is friendsofalfristonschool@gmail.com

Love Eleanor and the FoAS committee 😊

Yours sincerely,



Lindsey Hudson – Headteacher

Community News - Alfriston Rec Playground

As you may be aware, Alfriston Parish Council have been looking at refurbishing the playground on the recreation ground. The council now have 2 options for the refurbishment:

Option 1 is to have striding stilts, a team swing and a zig zag stepper.

Option 2 is to have a wobble board, a balance beam, a team swing and log walks.

The council are keen to have feedback from parents on the 2 possible options. You can email your preference to the parish clerk, Victoria Rutt, on alfristonpc01@btconnect.com by Friday 16th February.