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Upcoming School Events

Sat 27 th –Mon 29 th January	All Weekend	RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch
Monday 29 th January	Afternoon	Netball Tournament
Tuesday 30 th January	3.15pm	Puppet Theatre After School Club Starts
Wednesday 31 st January	Afternoon	Indoor Cricket Competition
Friday 2 nd February	8.45am	FoAS Meeting
Saturday 3 rd February	3.30pm	The Green Children of Woolpit at Berwick Church
Tuesday 6 th February	All Day	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 7 th February	All Day	Pearl Class – ‘Space Day’
Friday 9 th February	9am	Online Safety Assembly
Friday 9 th February	9.30am	Online Safety Parent Information Seminar

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
15 th January 2018	91.32%	8.40%	0.28%	0.94%

Week Beginning	Class	Attendance	Late	Traffic Light
15 th January 2018	Pearl	96.25%	0.00%	
	Ruby	93.33%	0.67%	
	Sapphire	86.67%	0.67%	
	Emerald	91.33%	2.00%	

Unfortunately 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.

Safer Internet Day

As a school we will be participating in the international initiative of ‘Safer Internet Day’ which takes place on 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

Fire Drill

This afternoon the school carried out another fire drill. We have already done a couple of them this academic year and this afternoon’s practice had the added hazard of a ‘blocked’ exit from the hall while one of the classes was having a PE lesson in there at the time. Music lessons were also taking place in another room within the school. All the children came out very quietly, in a calm and sensible manner and the whole drill was done brilliantly. I am extremely proud of everyone.

Ruby Class Treat

Ruby Class will be having a treat tomorrow, Friday, as they have shown wonderful behaviour and earned 20 counters! The children have chosen to have a 'teddy bear's picnic party', so each child is allowed to bring in one small cuddly toy to enjoy the picnic party with. In the morning, the children will be making a small sandwich and a fruit salad to share with their teddy.

Cricket Club

Please note that there is no after school cricket club on Wednesday 31st January. It will resume on 7th February for the final session of this term.

Puppet Theatre Project

Please note that tomorrow, Friday, is the deadline for returning the reply slips if you would like your child/children in Emerald Class to take part in the after school clubs and the performance of the puppet theatre project being run by Rust and Stardust Productions with Berwick Church. A letter was sent home to children in Emerald Class last week with full details about the project including the reply slip for signing up to take part in the clubs and performance. All the children from the school will be involved in a whole school creative day on Tuesday 27th February and will contribute to the show.

Puppet Theatre Show

Rust and Stardust Productions are presenting their show ‘The Green Children of Woolpit’ on 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.

Revision Books

Letters were sent home to children in Year 6 last week regarding the purchase of CGP revision books. If you would like to buy these books to help your child, please return the reply slip, along with payment, to the school office by tomorrow, 26th January.

Minibus

We still have several reply slips outstanding from the letter sent home at the end of last week to children who use the minibus operated by CTLA. Please can the remaining reply slips be returned to the school office tomorrow.

Absence Notes

A reminder: when any child suffers from sickness and/or diarrhoea, they must be kept off school for 48 hours following the final episode. This is a County directive and is to try and reduce the spread of germs. For absences of a day or more please can a letter or email explaining the absence be sent to the school office upon the child's return to school.

Eco News

The RSPB's 'Big Garden Birdwatch' takes place over the weekend of 27th – 29th January. If you would like to take part in this national survey, please visit the RSPB website www.rspb.org.uk for more information and activities. Our school Eco Team gave an assembly to the children this morning and gave more information on what birds we could be spotting! The Eco Team will also be bird watching for the RSPB Big Schools Birdwatch – we will let you know what we see!

Space Day

Pearl Class will be enjoying an out of this world 'Space Day' on 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.

News From The Friends of Alfriston School (FoAS)

Email friendsofalfristonschool@gmail.com

We're keeping it short again this week...We are still negotiating a suitable date for our proposed '**Curry and Race Night**' but we hope to let you know the date as soon as we can.

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

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

Our next **100 Club** draw will tomorrow, Friday 26th January!

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

Love Eleanor and the FoAS committee 😊

Yours sincerely,



Lindsey Hudson – Headteacher