



Alfriston School



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Newsletter - 25th January 2020

Equality & Diversity Fortnight 'Same but Different'

Over the next fortnight we are holding our Equality and Diversity event. During the event we have lots of different activities planned and will be looking at the following.

- Neurodiversity/Our School Charter
- ASD (Autistic Spectrum Disorder)
- Different Ethnicities
- Different cultures & traditions
- ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder)
- Different Faiths
- Dyslexia/Dyspraxia
- Hypermobility

On Thursday 6th February, as part of the event we are holding an Inside Out Day where the children are invited to come to school wearing an item of clothing inside out. The day is to recognise that people may look happy on the outside but may not feel happy on the inside. The aim is to remind everyone to always be kind and think of others as nobody knows how another person may be feeling.



Friends of Alfriston School

School Disco - £5 per child, which includes all games. Adults free. Cash bar, refreshments and light up accessories available to purchase on the night. We look forward to seeing you there.

Cinema Night - Being held at on Friday 14th February at Firle Village Hall. More details to follow soon.

Parent Governor Election

Following the recent ballot for the parent governor vacancy we are pleased to announce that Georgina Cook has been elected following an extremely close contest.



Stars of the Week



Reception - Ruby
 Year 1 - Terence
 Year 2 - Olivia
 Year 3 - Jonah
 Year 4 - Georgia
 Year 5 - Florence
 Year 6 - Scarlett

Be a SuperHERO

As you may be aware, last term we ran a competition for the children to design a superhero for our new initiative. The two winning designs were drawn by Annie and Isobel D. These superheroes can now be seen on posters around the school. We would like to once again thank all the pupils who participated in the competition.

The new initiative is all about H.E.R.O - Here Everyday Ready On Time. It is so important children attend school regularly and arrive on time. There are strong links, which we can clearly see in children's results and progress, between good attendance at school and their academic progress and success. By ensuring your child is at school you're helping them to fulfil their potential.

This week we also saw a change in the toys rewarded to the classes for best attendance and the least number of lates. We have said goodbye to Cool Cat and Fang and have introduced Rocket Rabbit and Power Pig!

We hope the initiative will inspire everyone to be a superhero - Here Everyday Ready On Time.

As always we thank you for your continued support.

RSPB Garden Birdwatch

Take part in the world's largest wildlife survey with the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch, 25th - 27th January. Just choose an hour any time over the three days and enjoy time with nature counting birds. Only count the birds that land in your garden or park, not those flying over.

The same birds may land more than once, so you can avoid double counting by recording the highest number of each bird species you see at any one time - not the total number you count over an hour. This will help the RSPB to understand the current situation with birds in the UK. See RSPB.org.uk.

What's coming up

Monday 27th January - Friday 7th February
Friday 31st January

Equalities and Diversity fortnight
School disco organised by the FoAS

This Week's Class News

Pearl Class

This week in Pearl Class, they have been enjoying the story, 'Naughty Bus'. Naughty Bus came to visit them but then he disappeared! They wrote some posters to ask people to find him. Luckily he came back to see them! They have also been learning to sing songs all about buses in music. In maths, they have learnt all about the number 12 and have been practising counting back in ones and finding the number that is 1 less than numbers to 20. They have also enjoyed making car track prints and mixing the colours as they whizzed through the paint. On Friday, they learnt about Chinese New Year and created their own dragon dance.

Ruby Class

This week, Ruby Class have been exploring hot and cold areas of the world. They looked at how the temperature of a country is related to how close it is to the equator and enjoyed colouring in and labelling a world map to show their understanding. In English, the children received an exciting letter from Tofta (the main character in the 'Night Iceberg') and began writing their own letter back to her. During maths, year one have been problem solving using 'part, part, whole' and year two have been learning how to use the inverse to check their calculations. In art, the children experimented with a small piece of clay in preparation for making a clay polar bear next week. In computing, the children enjoyed using the camera to take pictures of plastic animals. They thought carefully about what makes a good photograph.

Sapphire Class

In Sapphire Class this week they have been studying the Greek Myth of 'Theseus and the Minotaur' and using it as a stimulus for their English lessons as well as their dance lesson. In maths they have been continuing with multiplying 2 digit numbers by 1 digit numbers and this week they have been using place value counters and grids to ensure that they are multiplying and exchanging correctly with answers within the hundreds. The children are realising that if they focus on neat presentation it will aid accuracy. In Science they have been experimenting with magnets and exploring how they attract and repel.

Emerald Class

Emerald Class have been working to become masters at adding fractions, using a range of strategies to represent the process. Chapter 2 of their quest stories is well under way, with a focus on adding dialogue using correct speech punctuation. In Geography, the class learned about what is needed to create a perfect site for settlement and designed their own ideal settle-site.

Dates for your Diary

Any new dates that have been added are in bold

6th February	Parent consultations (15:45 to 17:00 & 18:00 to 20:00)
	Inside out Day
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
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
8th May	Bank holiday (VE Day)