



# Alfriston School



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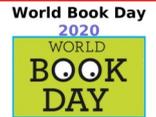
## Newsletter - 28th February 2020

### Ofsted Visit

Hopefully you saw the letter sent out earlier this week with the news that Alfriston continues to be a GOOD school. We would like to thank you all for your support.

### **World Book Day**

Thursday is World Book Day and children are invited to bring their favourite book to share and are also welcome to dress up as a character from this book. During the day we have various activities planned to celebrate books and, most importantly, celebrate reading!



### **Staffing News**

Mrs Foot will be leaving us next week. I'm sure you will join us in wishing her good luck. We will all miss her.

### **Year 6 Bikeability**

If your child would like to take part in the Level 2 Bikeability course please return the completed form and payment by 6th March.

### **School Uniform Reminder**

We are seeing a number of children coming to school in non-uniform items, particularly in non-uniform footwear. Please ensure your child wears plain black or red shoes/plain black boots with low heels; these should be fastened by means of buckles, velcro or laces to ensure a good fit. Trainers are not allowed. We will be contacting parents if children are wearing non-uniform items. Thank you for your support with this.

### **School Hygiene**

We continue to remind the children of the importance of good hygiene and are ensuring they regularly wash their hands. We appreciate this is particularly important at present with the Coronavirus outbreak. We are also encouraging the children to follow good respiratory hygiene, covering their mouth and nose with a tissue when they cough or sneeze and disposing of the tissue immediately. **As we get through lots of tissues in school we would really appreciate donations of any boxes of tissues please.**

### Safety Poster Competition

In our last newsletter we shared the names of the winners of the safety poster completion run by South East Water. We thought it would be nice to share a photo of the winners who each received a voucher donated by the water company.



### **Wet Weather - Morning Arrangements**

As you may have noticed, we have changed the wet weather arrangements. On mornings when the weather is too wet for the children to wait on the playground, staff will continue to greet them at the back door but children will now be directed to their classrooms. Once they are in the class they will sit and read while waiting for the start of the day. We ask that parents say goodbye to their children outside and do not enter the school. Thank you.



### **Stars of the Week**



Reception - Maxwell

Year 1 - Zoe

Year 2 - Lucas

Year 3 - Bodhi

Year 4 - Nicole H

Year 5 - William

Year 6 - Jack

### **What's coming up .....**

Thursday 5th March

World Book Day

# This Week's Class News

## Pearl Class

In Pearl class this week, they have started to learn about bears! They had a suitcase left in their classroom and discovered that it was left by Paddington Bear! They read 'We're going on a Bear Hunt' to find out how they can find Paddington! They have enjoyed adding music and movements to the story in their PE session. They created collages to reflect each area in the story. The class have also been learning how to count on when adding, using our 'compare bears' and Numicon as a support. They ended the week by actually going on a bear hunt and finding Paddington. Hurrah!

## Ruby Class

This week in Ruby Class, the children have been getting really stuck into their new 'Space' topic. In art, they painted planets to help create a classroom display. In maths, the children have been exploring subtraction using lots of different resources. In English, the children have started reading 'Man on The Moon' and asking and answering questions about the story. In science, the children completed a senses investigation and smelt lots of different things! During dance, the children created their own space themed sequence and shared them with the class. The children are looking forward to learning about Neil Armstrong next week.

## Sapphire Class

In Sapphire Class this week, in their English lessons, the children have been finding out more about all the Greek Gods and Goddesses. At times it has been quite eye opening but most entertaining.

In Maths the children have been learning about dividing 2 digit numbers by 1 digit numbers using manipulators and a range of methods. Their growing knowledge of the times tables has proved very helpful in making them more efficient mathematicians.

In Science the children have started finding out more about forces and predicting and testing how things move on different surfaces. To tie in with the science topic, in their Design and Technology lesson, the children have designed a multi surface race track that they will construct over the next few weeks.

## Emerald Class

In maths this week, Emerald Class have been using different strategies to find fractions of numbers. The chapter stories that were created last term are in the process of being published and that has been a big task this week. Emerald Class look forward to sharing their published stories with you! In art, the class have been working with Mrs. Farror to complete their Ancient Greek clay theatre masks.

## Dates for your Diary

### Any new dates that have been added are in bold

9th – 13th March	Science Week
17th March	Tempest class photos
19th March	FoAS quiz night at the Sussex Ox
	Little Big Bang STEAM Event at Kings Academy Ringmer - Year 5
30th March – 3rd April	Bikeability Level 2 – Year 6
3rd April	Last day of term
3rd April	Easter Service at St Andrew's Church
6th – 17th April	Spring holiday
20th April	Children return to school
8th May	Bank holiday (VE Day)
11th – 14th May	Year 6 SATs
22nd May	Last day of term
25th – 29th May	May holiday
1st June	Children return to school
<b>4th June</b>	<b>Ruby Class visit to the Clergy House</b>
18th – 19th June	Yr 2 overnight stay at Rathfinny
23rd June	Games Day & Summer Fair
25th June	Reserve Games Day
<b>30th June</b>	<b>Emerald Class performance (PM)</b>