



Alfriston School



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Newsletter - 11th October 2019

Alfriston School Book Week

During the week beginning 21st October 2019 we will be celebrating our school book week and would like to invite everyone to help us create a 'Get Caught Reading' display. We would like photographs of the children 'caught reading' in unusual places – the more unusual the setting, the better! Please send photographs in by Monday 21st October.

An enjoyment of books and reading is so important: reading is a lifelong pleasure that takes us to places that we might never otherwise dream of. And, of course, it is a life-skill that supports us in so many ways. All of the classes will be celebrating over the week, creating artwork, doing quizzes, sharing books and doing lots and lots of reading, so do ask your children about what they are doing over the week!

Parent Consultation Meetings

The online booking system is now open for our upcoming parent consultation meetings.

Staffing News

We are sad to announce that Mrs Crystal is retiring and will be leaving us at Christmas. We have already started looking for her replacement and will keep you updated.

Playground Equipment Donations





Thank you to everyone that has already donated some equipment for the playground.

We still need donations of the following items if you have any at home you can spare.

- Wooden train track
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- Trains a wooden train track
- Small teddies & soft toys
- Plastic animals

Attendance

Well done to Ruby Class with the best attendance this week. We continue to monitor attendance closely and will contact parents where we have concerns.

	Pearl - 96.12%
	Ruby - 98.13%
	Sapphire - 91.72%
	Emerald 97.20%

Forest School

The children have been really busy at Forest School.



They have completely cleared the site. Here are photos of before and after!

Deans Place Christmas Card Competition

Deans Place have once again invited the children to create a Christmas Card, with the winning card being used as their Christmas Card for 2019.

The entries will be whittled down to 3 finalists who will each receive a Christmas gift. The winner will be announced at the Deans Place Christmas Tree Lighting event being held on 22nd November where they will be invited to be the official person to turn on the Christmas Tree Lights.

If your child would like to enter they should create their design on A4 paper in a 'portrait' layout format (not landscape layout). Entries should be handed in to the school office by Thursday 7th November.

Friends of Alfriston School



100 Club - this year the 100 club has raised a fantastic £498 for the school. Numbers are still available, if you are interested please speak to Eleanor.

Bags 2 School - we will be doing a Bags2School collection to help raise money for the school. Bags will be sent home on 11th November and will be collected on 3rd December. This is a great opportunity for a pre Christmas clear out.

Christmas Cards - the children are currently designing Christmas cards which parents will be have the opportunity to buy soon.

What's coming up next week

Monday 14th October	Think: Protect: Connect Workshop - Emerald Class
Wednesday 16th October	Think: Protect: Connect Workshop - Emerald Class
Wednesday 16th October	Parent consultations (15:45 to 18:00)
Friday 18th October	Football team to Albion in the Community Tournament

This Week's Class News

Pearl Class

This week, Pearl class have been learning about how we have changed from a baby to now. The children enjoyed the story, 'Once there were giants' and 'Titch' and have ordered pictures from a baby to an adult. They used their phonic knowledge to write labels for each picture. They have also been learning to measure! They made lots of wiggly worms using playdough and compared them to each other, using the terms 'long' and 'short'. They have also enjoyed playing games with Numicon to learn about their numbers of the week. In phonics the class learnt the sounds m, g, d, and o and have been practising blending sounds to hear and read three letter words. Finally, they enjoyed playing running games and throwing and catching beanbags in PE.

Ruby Class

This week in Ruby class, they have been planning their own stories inspired by 'Wombat Goes Walkabout'. During RE, they have been exploring the Christian story of Creation and used their understanding to create a collage in art. In computing, the class used 'Scratch' to create their own Australian story. They also learned about being safe on their tablets and iPads through an exciting song. Next week, they will be writing their Australian stories.

Sapphire Class

This week, Sapphire Class have learned about the number system used by the Romans and have solved problems involving different ways to represent numbers. In English, they are reading a traditional story from Australia, thinking carefully about the vocabulary used and how they can choose their words carefully to create effects. The children are continuing their Tag Rugby sessions, learning some tactics to avoid being 'tagged' and ways that they can work cooperatively as a team. In Art, they have used acrylic paint to create textures.

Emerald Class

In Emerald Class maths lessons, the focus this week has been on consolidating work with addition and subtraction, including multi-step problems, and starting to explore multiplication facts. English lessons have been spent practicing how to build tension in story openings and create an authorial style – something fundamental to meet year 5 & 6 writing targets. Emerald Class are still enjoying Tag Rugby with Mr. Lewis and had a great time using and adapting natural resources to construct tools in Forest School.

Dates for your Diary

Any new dates that have been added are in bold

21st October	Think: Protect: Connect Workshop - Emerald Class Year 5/6 football friendly against Seaford Primary
21st - 25th October	Book Week
23rd October	Think: Protect: Connect Workshop - Emerald Class
24th October	Parent consultations (15:45 to 17:00 & 18:00 to 20:00)
25th October	Yr 5/6 Rugby Festival (details tbc) Last day of term
28th Oct – 1st Nov	Autumn holiday
4th November	Children return to school
8th November	Flu vaccinations
10th November	Remembrance Sunday
11th – 15th November	Anti-Bullying/Friendship Week 'Change Starts With Us'
11th November	Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying/Friendship Week
12th November	House Talent Competition (13:15 to 15:15)
15th November	Anti-Bullying/Friendship Week message from class in Celebration Assembly
18th November	Orca Whale Workshop for all classes
21st November	Open morning for prospective parents (9.30 to 11:00)