



Alfriston School

Fair, friendly, fulfilling and fun!

Newsletter - 29th November 2018

Last Week's Attendance

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| Pearl Class | Yellow |
| Ruby Class | Red |
| Sapphire Class | Yellow |
| Emerald Class | Red |

Green = 98% to 100%

Amber = 96% to 98%

Red = Below 96%

Education Funding Crisis

As you are probably very aware, school budgets remain in the media spotlight for very good reason. The Chancellor announced in the last budget that all primary schools will be receiving £10,000 to help with 'little extras'. Sadly, this is a lovely gesture, but actually solves nothing. We are still operating on the budgets we were receiving in 2010 (which is an overall drop of 8%). The National Funding Formula will not help us, as the increases have been swallowed up by pension and utility cost increases. Rest assured, we continue to work with these cuts and still continue to provide an education fit our children, who are safe, feel happy and make progress in their learning. Thank you all for your continued support.

Reminders

Christmas Card Announcement - in tomorrow's celebration assembly we will be announcing who has won the competition to design this year's school Christmas card.

School Christmas Lunch - please send in any outstanding reply slips by the end of tomorrow, 30th November.

Cross Country (Emerald Class) - if your child would like to take part in the competition, please return the reply slip by Monday, 3rd December.

Nativity Play - if you would like tickets to the play, Christmas 'With the Aliens', on Tuesday 11th & Wednesday 12th December, please return the reply slip by 9am on Tuesday 4th December.

Christmas Tree Decorations - on Friday 7th December children can bring in from home a decoration that they have made to place on the school Christmas tree during celebration assembly.

'Wild Beach' Sessions

Over the past couple of weeks Sapphire Class has taken part in some 'wild beach' sessions kindly organised by the Sussex Wildlife Trust. The children made environmental art, necklaces and kites as well as taking part in litter picking and team games and they learnt about the tides.



What's coming up.....

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| Fri 30th November | Albion in the Community Albion Cup Finals |
| Tues 4th December | Christmas Decorations Day |
| Thurs 6th December | Big Sing (Emerald Class) |
| Fri 7th December | Christmas Tree Decorating Assembly |
| Fri 7th December | Christmas Fair |

E Safety tip from the NSPCC - Be App Aware!

Keeping children safe on the internet also means being aware of what they are downloading or trying to download. Many devices require downloading an app. You should check the privacy settings and permissions of any apps you or your children download, as well as the product itself. This way you can keep up to date with what they are viewing online. Talking to your child regularly is one of the best ways to help keep children safe online. You'll find lots more information on the NSPCC website – or give the NSPCC a call on 0808 800 5002 to chat to one of their expert advisors.

Donation - Deans Place Hotel has very kindly given us £256 towards school funds which represents half the raffle proceeds from their recent Christmas Tree Light Up event. We are very grateful for their support for our school.

Christmas Fair

On Friday 7th December, school will finish for everyone at 3pm due to the FoAS Fair. Please, if you can, arrange to be here for 3pm collection and advise the office in advance if you are unable to be here until 3.15pm. We hope you will then spend time enjoying the fair.

Gardening

Many thanks to the FoAS and all the other helpers who had a gardening session tidying up around the main playground on Sunday.

Friends of Alfriston School



Urgent Help Required - we desperately need more glass jars and also offers of help for the fair. We require people to bake cakes for us and also help either setting the fair upon on Friday afternoon, running a stall or helping with the clear up afterwards. If you can help in any way, please see a committee member or leave a message at the school office.

100 Club - the next draw will take place on tomorrow, Friday 30th November.

Bags2School - a huge thank you for all the contributions to the clothes collection. This has raised £132 for us.

Santa's Grotto - thank you for the reply slips that were returned. Santa's elves have been very busy processing the forms and they will send out the time slots next week.

Raffle Tickets - please try and sell the raffle tickets for the Christmas Fair that were sent home on Monday. Ticket stubs and money need to be returned to the school office by Thursday 6th December.

Christmas Hampers - many thanks to everyone who has contributed over the past few weeks towards our marvellous collection of items that we are now busy making up into hampers for the Christmas Fair raffle.

Meeting - our next meeting will take place on Friday 7th December at 8.45am in the school library. All are welcome, so please come along.

Dates for your Diary

New dates are in bold:

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| Tues 11th December | Nativity Play (afternoon) |
| Wed 12th December | Nativity Play (morning) |
| Wed 12th December | Pets as Therapy Visit |
| Wed 12th December | Y5/6 Cross Country Event |
| Thurs 13th December | Football Match |
| Fri 14th December | Flu Vaccinations |
| Mon 17th December | Class Christmas Parties |
| Tues 18th December | Christmas Lunch |
| Wed 19th December | Carol Service |
| Wed 19th December | Last Day of Term |
| Thurs 3rd January | INSET Day |
| Fri 4th January | INSET Day |

Fundraising

Poppy Appeal - we raised £99.70 with our recent collection.

Children In Need - £97.86 was raised by the pyjamas and onesies day.

NSPCC - the fun PE activities that the children were sponsored for recently raised £311.53 for the NSPCC.

