



Alfriston School

Fair, friendly, fulfilling and fun!

Newsletter - 18th October 2018

We hope you all have a lovely October Holiday and look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 29th October.

This Week's Attendance

Pearl Class	Amber
Ruby Class	Red
Sapphire Class	Amber
Emerald Class	Amber

Green = 98% to 100%

Amber = 96% to 98%

Red = Below 96%

Unfortunately attendance wasn't great again last week across the school. Let's hope that it can return to 'green' after the holidays.

Reminders

Learning Presentations - Sapphire and Emerald Classes are having an open session tomorrow afternoon. Emerald Class are looking forward to showing parents and carers their egg throwing from 2.15pm and Sapphire Class will be having an exhibition of their Home Learning from 2.45pm.

Mufti Day - the children can come to school in non-uniform tomorrow, Friday, in return for a contribution for the FoAS jar stall, for example individually wrapped sweets and chocolates, stickers, hairbands, etc.

Photos - Tomorrow, Friday, is the final day to place an order. Please return the order form to the school office to ensure you miss the late order fee.

NSPCC Sponsorship - please can sponsor forms and money be returned to school by Thursday 1st November when Sally from the NSPCC will be visiting us again to collect the money.

Useful Website

[How safe are the sites, apps and games your child uses?](#)

We are aware as a parent it can be challenging to ensure your child is accessing age appropriate sites, apps and games.

Net Aware offers parents useful information about each social network, including age guidance for users - www.net-aware.org.uk.

Fire Service Visit

On Monday the children in Pearl Class were visited by the local fire service who showed the children how they get kitted out in their protective clothes as well as how they use the breathing apparatus. After that everyone went outside and sat in the fire engine, the children were shown how the firefighters get the ladders off the engine before the fire hoses were set into action with the firefighters squirting foam and all the children had a go at squirting water! It was a really fun and educational morning. Many thanks to East Sussex Fire Service for coming to visit our school.



What's coming up.....

- Mon 29th October Children Return to School
- Mon 29th October Football Match
- Thurs 1st November Football Tournament
- Fri 2nd November FoAS Meeting
- Fri 2nd November Halloween Disco

Assembly Changes - Reminder

Having reviewed the procedures for the end of celebration assembly, as from tomorrow when assembly finishes the children will remain seated with their class while parents leave, once the parents have left and the playground door is locked the children will return to class.

The changes have been made for a number of reasons.

Some parents are unable to attend celebration assembly due to work or other commitments and it can be upsetting for children to see other parents in assembly and not their own.

It can be difficult for those children who find it hard to separate from their parents to say goodbye all over again.

The safety of all children is of utmost importance and by parents leaving before the children we can lock the playground door before the children leave the hall to return to class.

The children have been spoken to about these changes.

Thank you, as always, for your support with this.

Thank you

We are very grateful to one of our parents, Sally, who has been kindly taming the wild garden and pond area which had become overgrown. This means that the pond is now accessible again and we hope to be able to take the children out to the wildlife garden for some sessions to explore the plants and animals there and do some pond dipping.

Dates for your Diary

New dates are in bold:

Tues 6th November	House Talent Show
Tues 6th November	Parent Consultations
Thurs 8th November	Parent Consultations
12th–16th November	Friendship Week
Tues 20th November	Open Morning
Thurs 6th December	Big Sing (Emerald Class)
Tues 11th December	Nativity Play (morning)
Wed 12th December	Nativity Play (afternoon)
Wed 19th December	Carol Service
Wed 19th December	Last Day of Term
Thurs 3rd January	INSET Day
Fri 4th January	INSET Day

Friends of Alfriston School



Mufti Day - tomorrow, 19th October, we will be having a mufti day where children can come to school in non-school uniform in exchange for contributions for the Christmas jar stall. Ideas of things to bring in include individually wrapped sweets and chocolates, stickers, hairbands; basically things that you might find in a goody bag or party bag.

Halloween Disco - tickets are now available for this event which will take place on Friday 2nd November from 6pm - 7.30pm in the school hall. Tickets cost £3 each and can be purchased from the school office.

Christmas Wreath Making Evening - Tara Begley, a local florist, is holding her popular Christmas wreath making evening for us in the school hall on Wednesday 5th December at 7pm. Tickets are available now from the school office priced at £20 each. Numbers are limited so please buy your tickets early to avoid disappointment.



Christmas Hampers - after the October holiday we shall be letting you know how you can help contribute towards filling our Christmas hampers ready for the school Christmas Fair which will take place on Friday 7th December.

100 Club - The next draw has been re-scheduled and will now take place on Friday 2nd November. It's not too late to join in for the rest of this academic year if anyone else would like to as there are still some numbers available, at a cost of £11. Please see Eleanor Farror in the playground or leave a message at the school office. The prize pot currently stands at £38.50 for each draw.

Meeting - our next meeting will take place on Friday 2nd November at 8.45am in the school library. All are welcome; please come along.