



# Alfriston School

Fair, friendly, fulfilling and fun!

Newsletter - 13th December 2018

## Last Week's Attendance

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

**Green** = 98% to 100%

**Amber** = 96% to 98%

**Red** = Below 96%

## Reminders

**Final Day of Term Going Home** - tomorrow, Friday, is the last day to notify us if you require your child/children to return to school after the carol service to be collected. It is assumed **all** children will be collected from the church if we don't hear from you. Please note this applies to the bus and taxi children too.

**Christmas Parties** - children can bring in a change of clothes to wear on Monday afternoon for the class parties.

**Christmas Lunch** - children can bring in a Christmas hat, hairband or head accessories to wear for the Christmas lunch on Tuesday.

## End of Term Arrangements

Please can children take home all their belongings at the end of the day on Tuesday 18th December as on the last day of term, Wednesday, children do not need to bring in their book bags to school. On Wednesday can children who have packed lunch bring their lunch to school, for this day only, in a plastic bag that can be thrown away at the end of lunch. This is to reduce the number of items that need to be taken to church. The school will then be going to St Andrews Church for a traditional carol service that starts at 2pm. Family members and friends are welcome to join us. It is assumed that **all** children will be collected from the church after the service. **We would like some extra adult help to walk the children down to the church. Please advise the school office in advance if you can help.**

## Shows and Visits Reviews

**Big Sing** - Last Thursday the children from Emerald Class joined schools from the Eastbourne area at Glyndebourne for an evening of Christmas music organised by the East Sussex Music Service.

They sang beautifully to a packed audience accompanied by one of the Music Service's orchestras.  
**Nativity Play** - Pearl and Ruby Classes have also been busy performing. This week saw them take to the stage with 'Christmas With the Aliens', their nativity play.

Many thanks to everyone who came and supported the children, helped them learn their songs and lines and organised costumes for these events, as well as to staff for their hard work in organising and directing the children in the productions.

**Pets as Therapy** - Yesterday we were visited by 'Monty', the PAT Reading dog, and his owners Michael and Caroline. They will be returning next term to spend more time with us and some of the children will have the opportunity to read with Monty, hopefully improving their confidence in reading.

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

Fri 14th December	Flu Vaccinations
Mon 17th December	Class Christmas Parties
Tues 18th December	Christmas Lunch
Tues 18th December	Film Afternoon
Wed 19th December	Carol Service
Wed 19th December	Last Day of Term
Thurs 3rd January	INSET Day
Fri 4th January	INSET Day
Mon 7th January 2019	Children Return to School



## Bad Weather Procedure

We thought we would remind you about the procedure for bad weather. In the event of snow or flooding, the school will take a decision as early as possible about whether to open or not. Please be assured that the decision to close the school is never taken lightly, but is based on the health and safety of children, parents and staff travelling to and from the school, the ability to operate the school safely during the day and the conditions in Alfriston itself. If a decision is made to close the school, this is put on:

- the school website, <http://www.alfriston.e-sussex.sch.uk>
- the list of closed schools on the East Sussex website [www.eastsussex.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/schoolclosures](http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/schoolclosures)
- local radio, Heart FM on 102.4-103.5FM and at <http://www.heart.co.uk/sussex>
- an Eschools email or text is sent out
- a notice on the school gate/door (only possible if a member of staff can get to the school).

If the decision is made to open the school, children should come to school equipped to play in the snow – good coats, wellies, hats, gloves and scarves. If the school is open, but your particular circumstances make it unsafe to travel to school, please let us know. In this case absence is authorised. Please make sure the school has up to date contact details including mobile phone numbers and if possible an alternative local contact. Hopefully we will not have to close the school at short notice.

## **Dates for your Diary**

New dates are in bold:

<b>Mon 7th January</b>	<b>Brass &amp; Violin Lessons Re-Start</b>
Thurs 17th January	Football Match
Tues 29th January	Y3/4 Wild Beach Session
<b>Thurs 31st January</b>	<b>Football Match</b>
Tues 5th February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 15th February	Last Day of Term

## Friends of Alfriston School



**Christmas Fair** - Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the fair last week. The amazing amount of £1038.18 was raised!

**100 Club** - the next draw will take place on 19th December.

**Meeting** - our next meeting will take place on Friday 11th January at 8.45am in the school library. All are welcome to attend.

**Nativity Plays** - we raised £141.91 by selling refreshments at the performances this week. Many thanks to everyone for supporting us.

## Carol Singing

On Monday the school choir, along with some children from Emerald Class, went to Abbeyfield and sang Christmas carols and songs to the residents. The children were great both with their singing and initiating the conversations they had with the residents. They were a credit to the school and we are very proud of them all. Many thanks go to Mrs Ellis, our choir leader, for teaching the choir this year.

## Cross Country Review

Yesterday afternoon we took a team of Year 5 and 6 runners to the Seaford Cluster Cross Country competition. They all did amazingly well and several of them have qualified for the South Downs Finals in the new year. Well done Andrew, Evie, Jack, Rodney, Sasha, Ted and William.



## Christmas Cookies



The sale of Christmas cookies this week raised £24.80 for Young Minds, the UK's leading charity championing the wellbeing and mental health of young people. This was organised by Chartwells, our school meals provider. Many thanks to all who bought the cookies and also to Cat for making them.

