



# Alfriston School



Fair, friendly, fulfilling and fun!

## Newsletter - 18th October 2019

### Alfriston School Book Week

Next week is school book week and we would really like to 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.**

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 what they have been doing!

### Maths Parent Information Session

On Thursday 7th November we are holding a Maths information session for parents. The session will start at 3.45pm and there will be a crèche available for school age children. A letter with further details will be sent out next week.

### **Parent Consultations**

Entry to the school for Thursday's parent consultations is through the playground door.

### Holidays in Term Time

Children should not be taken out of school for holidays during term time.

Any absence will disrupt your child's learning. There are strong links, which we can clearly see in children's results and progress, between good attendance at school and children's academic progress and success. To ensure your child fulfils their potential they need to be in school. Please ensure you do not book a holiday during term time!

### Talent Show

If your child would like to enter the Inter-House Talent Competition please remind them to return their entry form by Monday 4th November.

The Talent Competition is being held on Tuesday 12th November, starting at 1.30pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and watch on the day.

### ADVICE ABOUT STAYING SAFE ONLINE - 'YouTube'

YouTube is the world's largest video platform and the 2nd biggest search platform (after Google), with over 1.8 billion users per month. The link below from 'National Online Safety.com' is a free guide for parents & carers via twitter and covers what you need to know about the platform to help safeguard your children from potential online risks including; age inappropriate videos, in-app messaging, dangerous challenge/viral videos, digital wellbeing and more.

<https://twitter.com/natonlinesafety/status/1042355435871846401>

**If in doubt, please talk to your children about it!**

### Football Tournament

Today the school football team played in a tournament in Eastbourne. This was the first time they have all played together as a group and their team work and support of each other was fantastic.

Each match you could see the team getting better despite the weather. Well done!



### Friends of Alfriston School



In preparation for the Christmas Fair, over the next few weeks we will be asking each class to bring in items that will then be used to make hampers for the raffle. A letter went out earlier this week with full details. We will send frequent reminders on Facebook and via the year group reps. Next week we are asking for bottles of wine!

### Phonics, Spelling & Reading Information Session

If you were unable to make the recent Phonics, Spelling & Reading information session you can find copies of the presentations on the 'Parent Information' tab of the school website - [www.alfriston.e-sussex.sch.uk](http://www.alfriston.e-sussex.sch.uk).

### What's coming up next week .....

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| 21st October        | Think: Protect: Connect Workshop - Emerald Class       |
| 21st - 25th October | Year 5/6 football friendly against Seaford Primary     |
| 23rd October        | Book Week  |
| 24th 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                                  |

## This Week's Class News

### Pearl Class

This week, Pearl class have been learning about people who help us. They have read the book, 'Emergency, Emergency' and played lots of games such as bingo with pictures of our school adults! They used their phonics to write labels next to pictures of people who help us. They have also been learning about 2 dimensional shapes. They enjoyed playing games together on the carpet to practise the names and the properties of the shapes and created shape collages and prints using 2 dimensional shapes. They have loved singing, dancing and playing instruments in music time and practising throwing and catching beanbags in PE.

### Ruby Class

In Ruby Class this week, the children have had a wonderful time writing their very own stories inspired by 'Wombat Goes Walkabout'. The stories the children have written are fantastic and a real pleasure to read. In geography, the children asked questions about Australia and began to think about the different ways they could find out the answers. To conclude their learning on the Christian story of 'Creation', the children worked together to write an acrostic poem as a class. In PE, the children loved exploring barn dancing.

### Sapphire Class

In maths this week, Sapphire Class have been looking at different methods for addition, working with increasingly large numbers. We have also begun to read a section from The Song of Hiawatha, a poem written by an American poet that describes some of the features of the North American landscape. We have also looked at some of the landscape features on a map of France. In Science, we have found out about food chains, using scientific language to explain the stages and showing how energy moves along the chain.

### Emerald Class

This week, Emerald class have been consolidating their mathematical knowledge involving place value and using that to multiply and divide by multiples of 10. In English, the story of Spring Heeled Jack has continued and the class have been writing newspaper reports about the missing orphans. Emerald class had the first 2 of 4 visits from PC Law this week, who is talking about ways in which we can have positive relationships with ourselves and others.

## Dates for your Diary

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

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| 28th Oct – 1st Nov   | Autumn holiday   |
| 4th November         | Children return to school  |
| 7th November         | Maths information session for parents                                    |
| 8th November         | Flu vaccinations   |
| 11th November        | Armistice Day  |
| 11th – 15th November | Anti-Bullying/Friendship Week 'Change Starts With Us'                    |
| 12th November        | Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying/Friendship Week                          |
| 12th November        | House Talent Competition (13:30 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)                     |
| 21st November        | Year 5/6 football match against Chyngton                                 |
| 21st November        | Open evening for prospective parents (18:30 to 19:30)                    |
| 2nd December         | Christmas decoration day   |
| 4th December         | Year 5/6 cross country trials at Seaford Head                            |
| 4th December         | Wreath Making organised by the FoAS (7pm)                                |
| 6th December         | Christmas tree decorating assembly                                       |
| 6th December         | Christmas Fair organised by the FoAS                                     |