



# Alfriston School



Fair, friendly, fulfilling and fun!

## Newsletter - 6th September 2019

**Welcome Back!** It is wonderful to see you all. The children seem relaxed, happy and really excited about being back at school which is lovely.

### ★ The Amazing Friends of Alfriston School ★

At the start of a new school year we wanted to recognise the key role the Friends of Alfriston School play in raising funds. More and more we rely of their amazing fundraising efforts to enable us to afford a few of the desirables that enhance the education of the children.

Thank goodness for the small army of helpers that are the 'Friends'. Throughout the year, including during the school holidays, they organise and run a variety of amazing events, giving up their time for the benefit of the children in the school.

Not every school is as lucky as us, and we wanted to say a massive thank you to the committee who give up an awful lot of their time and work extremely hard. You really do make a difference to the education of every single child. You are all stars!

For those of you that may not be aware, last year the money raised by the Friends funded .....

- 19 iPads and iPad trolley (to enable them to be charged)
- A mini mac (to enable apps etc. to be downloaded to all iPads)
- Swimming lessons for all children
- Pitch hire costs for the school football team
- Transport to enable Year 6 to attend Safety in Action
- A visit from Jamie Crawford, story teller

- Tuning of the piano
- A new cover for the pool
- Star of the Week badges (to enable children to keep them)
- Daily fruit snack for Key Stage 2
- Children's Bollywood workshop
- Children's Yoga workshop

- Contribution to Year 6 leavers books
- Whole school trip to Herstmonceux Science Centre

#### School Meal Cost

East Sussex County Council have recently negotiated a new contract with Chartwells our school meal provider.

We are pleased to be able to inform you that as part of the contract the school meal price has reduced to £2.05. This new price will be shown on the invoices we send out each term.



#### Free NHS Health for Parents

We have arranged for the NHS to hold a free health check session here at school on **Friday 27th September**. The health check is available to parents and other members of the community who meet the following criteria:

- You are an East Sussex resident
  - You are aged 40 - 74
- Do not already have or are receiving treatment for: heart disease, stroke, diabetes, kidney disease, high cholesterol or high blood pressure
- Have not had a health check in the past 5 years.

During the check they will take your blood pressure, measurements such as your height and weight, do a finger prick test to analyse your cholesterol and will ask you a number of questions. Appointments last 40 minutes and are available between 10am and 3.40pm. Please contact the school office to book.

## Dates for your Diary

Below are the dates we have set so far for this year. We regularly add events and sometimes need to change dates already set, these will be notified in the weekly newsletter so please ensure you check regularly.

25th September	Tempest individual and family photos
30th September	Reception and Yr 6 Height and Weight Check plus Year 6 Health and Well being Review
3rd October	Visit by the Dogs Trust
14th October	Think: Protect: Connect Workshop - Emerald Class
16th October	Think: Protect: Connect Workshop - Emerald Class
16th October	Parent consultations (15:45 to 18:00)
21st October	Think: Protect: Connect Workshop - Emerald Class
23rd October	Think: Protect: Connect Workshop - Emerald Class
24th October	Parent consultations (15:45 to 17:00 & 18:00 to 20:00)
25th October	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 (13:30 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	Open evening for prospective parents (18:30 to 19:30)
2nd December	Christmas decoration day
6th December	Christmas tree decorating assembly
18th December	Class parties (PM)
19th December	Christmas lunch
19th December	Christmas film afternoon
20th December	Christmas Carol Service (14:00 to 15:00)
20th December	Last day of term
23rd Dec – 3rd Jan	Christmas holiday
6th January 2020	Children return to school
6th February	Parent consultations (15:45 to 17:00 & 18:00 to 20:00)
11th February	Safer internet day
12th February	Parent consultations (15:45 to 18:00)
14th February	Last day of term
17th – 21st Feb	February holiday
24th February	Children return to school
5th March	World Book Day
9th – 13th March	Science Week
17th March	Tempest class photos
30th March – 3rd April	Bikeability Level 2 – Year 6
3rd April	Last day of term
3rd April	Easter Service
6th – 17th April	Spring holiday
20th April	Children return to school
8th May	Bank holiday (VE Day)
11th – 14th May	Year 6 SATs
22nd May	Last day of term
25th – 29th May	May holiday
1st June	Children return to school
18th – 19th June	Yr 2 Overnight Stay at Rathfinny
23rd June	School Games Day & Summer Fair