



# Alfriston School



Fair, friendly, fulfilling and fun!

## Newsletter - 20th July 2020

All the staff at Allfriston would like to thank all of you for being patient, understanding and supportive during this year. It has been a very strange year indeed and some children, even though completing school work, have not set foot in their school since March. We thank all the children for being brilliant and hard-working and we thank all the parents and carers for juggling many aspects of family life all in their stride. We wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer!

### Specsavers Virtual Sussex School Games

This week we received a special mention by the games organisers as we were in the top 30 schools in Sussex for the golf out of 175! Well done to everyone who participated.

We would like to say a special well done to Freddie, Connie and Bodhi who received certificates from the games organiser for getting such a great overall score.

The full results for Sussex with all schools can be seen on the website <https://www.activesussex.org/virtual/>

### Return to School

School will reopen to the children on Monday 7th September but we will be doing a phased return to give the children chance to settle back in to school. This will mean children in Year 1, 3 & 5 come to school on Monday 7th September. Children in Year 2, 4 & 6 come to school on Tuesday 8th September and then all children return on Wednesday 9th September.

A separate letter has been sent out with full details of the school reopening including staggered start and finish times.

### INSET Days

Thursday 3rd September is a countywide INSET day and we will be having a school INSET day on Friday 4th September.

### Uniform Policy Changes

As from September children are allowed to wear school fleeces as part of the uniform (not just for outdoor wear).

### **Year 6 Leavers**

On Wednesday we said farewell to our Year 6 children. They did a wonderful leavers' assembly, watched by their parents and the staff.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish them all the best of luck at their new schools, we know they will be amazing and we will miss them all!



### **A Big Thank You**

At this end of each school year we normally hold a special helpers tea, when we invite members of our community into the school and thank them for all that they do. Unfortunately, we haven't been able to do this, but we can thank them in our newsletter!

Thank you to our amazing PTFA, 'Friends of Alfriston School', for raising lots of money and being so supportive of our school events. Thank you to our Governing Board who have been a great help to us this year. Thank you to the many volunteers who, in usual times, come in to the school to help our children with their learning/wellbeing or support the children on school trips. We would also like to thank parents and carers for all the lovely gifts and cards we received, we really appreciate your thoughtfulness and kindness.

### **School Uniform**

We would like to remind you that uniform with the school logo should now be ordered online through the School Trends website -

<https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/AlfristonSchoolBN265XB>

## The Learning Platform Over the Summer

Your child will still be able to access the Learning Platform over the summer. On your child's class home page there will be ideas and links to help encourage your child to continue reading, keep active and keep practising their maths skills.

Teachers will continue to use the learning platform from September to set home learning for the children.

Staff will not be checking messages over the summer.

### Summer Reading Challenge



This year Summer Reading Challenge theme is: Silly Squad – a celebration of funny books, happiness and laughter, featuring bespoke artwork from award-winning children's author and illustrator, Laura Ellen Anderson.

This year, due to the disruption caused by Covid-19 it will run slightly differently with children able to access ebooks through the [Summer Reading Challenge](#) website. This will be the only way for children to take part in the Challenge this year. Because children will be taking part at a national rather than local level there will not be finishers' certificates but we hope children will still love reading all the amazing books.

The Challenge website is free to access and is a place for children to rate and review their books and work towards their reading goal. It will also feature video content, games, quizzes, and digital and downloadable activities to incentivise and encourage the children

Children can also borrowing books from the East Sussex Libraries e-book collection where they have over 1400 titles for children to choose from:

<https://eastsussexlibrary.overdrive.com/library/kids>.

#### Have your circumstances changed?

We are aware that over the summer some families may have changing circumstances.

If you believe you may be eligible for Pupil Premium support at any time, please apply using the link below – this allows us to access funding to support your child in school.

<https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/school-life/meals/free/>

Please be aware that if you are turned down, you may re-apply again at any time as it is based purely on a snapshot in time and does not affect any benefits you may be currently getting.

Have a  
great  
Summer!

### Dates for your Diary

Thursday 3rd September	INSET Day
Friday 4th September	INSET Day
Monday 7th September	Year 1, 3 & 5 in school
Tuesday 8th September	Year 2, 4 & 6 in school
Wednesday 9th September	All children return to school