



# Alfriston School



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## Newsletter - 20th September 2019

### Harvest Festival

On Thursday we are celebrating Harvest Festival. Sapphire Class will be presenting the Harvest Festival assembly which starts at 9am and will finish by 9.30am. Everyone is welcome to join us! On Wednesday and Thursday we will be collecting non-perishable food items which will later be taken to a local foodbank. Please ensure all donated food is in date.

### Individual & Family Photos

On Wednesday, Tempest are in school taking individual and family photos. If you would like photos to include pre-school siblings please bring them to the school hall at 8.35am on Wednesday morning.

### Friends of Alfriston School



**100 Club** - letters have been sent out for this year's 100 Club. If all numbers are sold this could raise £600 for the school! Please see Eleanor in the playground if you have any questions. Please return your form and payment as soon as possible, the first draw is next Friday.

### Phonics, Spelling & Reading Information Session

On Wednesday we are holding a Phonics, Spelling and Reading information session for parents and carers of children in years 1 to 6. The session will explain how we teach Phonics, Spelling and Reading and will include some tips on how to help your child at home. There will also be an opportunity to talk to your child's class teacher about any questions or queries you may have.

The session will start by 3.45pm and will last until approximately 5pm. To enable as many parents to attend as possible there will be a 'crèche' run by school staff, starting at 3.30pm and running until the end of the session. Please note the 'creche' is only available for school aged children.

### Facebook Page



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### Message from the School Council

Hello – we are the School Council reps. In our classes we have been learning about pro-social and pro-learning behaviours.

Pro-social behaviours are, for example: Being kind, positive and helpful to everybody so that we can all be happy and safe and succeed in life.

Pro-learning behaviours are, for example: Listening, respecting school equipment, collaborating but also being independent at times, being curious, being creative and being determined to do our best.

Each class then brought this to the School Council to create a School Charter because at Alfriston School we believe that everyone has the right to feel good and be able to learn at our best.

We will be sharing our School Charter with our classes and then we will share it with the whole of our school community. We have high expectations for everyone and our mantra has always been: 'Kind hands, Kind feet, Kind words, Kind everything!' Please help to support this. Thank you.



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

25th September	Tempest individual and family photos Phonics, Spelling and Reading Parents Workshop (3.45am - 5pm)
26th September	Sapphire Class - Harvest Assembly (9am) Year 6 - Digital game testing at Friston Forest

## This Week's Class News

### Pearl Class

Pearl Class have had their first full week at school! This week, they have been reading lots of rhyming stories and playing rhyming games. They have been practising counting things indoors and outdoors. They had their first P.E lesson and played circle games and running around games - they were brilliant at listening! The children have also enjoyed singing songs together, including pat-a-cake - a particular favourite! Well done for a fabulous first whole week at school!

### Ruby Class

In Ruby Class this week, the children have been getting stuck into their 'Down Under' learning journey. They have explored a story about Australian animals and asked questions about what might happen next. In art, they have been looking at Aboriginal paintings and beginning to develop the skills to create their own. During PE, the children have been exploring the seasons through dance and developing their ball skills in PE. Next week, they are looking forward to beginning a science project based on the story they are reading in English.

### Sapphire Class

It has been another busy week in Sapphire Class. They have made a great start in their Science, looking at the scientific vocabulary linked to their topic about animals including humans and beginning to find out about the types of nutrition that are needed by different creatures. In the playground, they investigated how compasses work, naming eight compass points. In English, they read an acrostic poem and looked at collective nouns for animals and birds. Next week it will be Harvest Festival and they have started to think about what they will be presenting in the assembly.

### Emerald Class

In maths, Emerald class have been using their place value knowledge to order and compare increasingly complex numbers. English lessons have been used to continue to write and publish the first stories of the year, which can now be seen on display in the main corridor on Emerald's Wow Writing board. This week in art, Mrs. Hoyer continued to explore William Morris and the class built their own printing blocks.

## Dates for your Diary

Any new dates that have been added are in bold

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
21st - 25th October	<b>Book Week</b>
23rd October	Think: Protect: Connect Workshop - Emerald Class
24th October	Parent consultations (15:45 to 17:00 & 18:00 to 20:00)
25th October	<b>Yr 5/6 Rugby Festival (details tbc)</b>
	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'