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## Upcoming School Events

Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	All Day	School Closed – INSET Day
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	1.30pm	Frisbee Tournament at Laughton – Sapphire Class
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	2.30pm	Violin performance
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	All Day	Christmas Decorations Day
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	11am	Choir to Abbeyfield to sing carols
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Afternoon	Budongo School Link Visiting Sapphire Class
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	5.30pm	Full Governing Board Meeting
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30pm	Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Play
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	10am–12 noon	Big Sing Rehearsal, Winter Gardens, Eastbourne – Emerald Class
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	2pm	Christmas Play – Pearl and Ruby Classes
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	7.30pm	Big Sing, Winter Gardens, Eastbourne – Emerald Class
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	2pm	Christmas Play – Pearl and Ruby Classes
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	7pm	Parent Forum – SEND changes
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	5.30pm–7.30pm	Christmas Film Night (FoAS) – School Hall
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	9am – 11am	Breakfast With Santa (FoAS) – School Hall
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Lunchtime	Christmas Lunch

## Community Events

Dear Parents/Guardians

## Attendance

Our target is 96%.

Week Beginning	Attendances	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Lates
17 <sup>th</sup> November 2014	97.17%	2.83%	0%	0.49%

## INSET Day

Just a reminder; school will be closed to children tomorrow, Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November, due to an INSET day. Children return to school on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

## Dickensian Day

Our thanks go to all the children that came along to Alfriston's Dickensian event on Saturday and took part in the carol singing in the village square. The Friends of Alfriston School held a Christmas Fair at this event and a fantastic amount of money was raised to support the school with extra resources. Thank you to all involved and please read the FoAS report later in the newsletter for further information about this.

## **Football Matches**

The children representing the school as our football team did us proud at the football match against Firls School on Tuesday. It was the first match the school team had taken part in and they demonstrated fantastic teamwork and behaviour. Well done to all involved.

Children from Ruby, Sapphire and Emerald Classes also went out to Seaford on Wednesday after school to represent the school in a football tournament organised by Wave Leisure. Again the children had an enjoyable time and behaved very well.

## **School Play**

The children from Pearl and Ruby Classes will be performing their Christmas Play, Christmas With The Aliens, to parents and friends on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm. A letter was sent to parents of children in these classes earlier in the week, but if you would like tickets, please complete the reply slip at the end of the newsletter and return to the school office by Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Tickets are available at 4 per family to Pearl and Ruby Class members and by request for Sapphire and Emerald Class members. Tickets cost £1 per person to help cover the cost of the materials and the script. Please note that the performance doesn't include any children from Sapphire and Emerald Classes.

## **Frisbee Tournament**

The children in Sapphire Class had a most enjoyable frisbee session on Monday when a trainer from SKiL (Springing Kids into Life) came into school and gave them a taster session of this sport. We now have seven children from this class going to represent the school at a tournament at Laughton School on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Names went 'in a hat' to select the children to go to this event and those chosen had a letter sent home yesterday.

## **Violins**

The violinists of Alfriston School are going to be performing to the rest of the school on Tuesday 2nd December at 2.30pm. Parents of our violinists are welcome to attend the performance which should last no longer than 20 minutes. These parents were sent a letter by the violin teacher, Mrs Cane Hardy, earlier in the week.

## **Choir**

Unfortunately there will be no choir after school on Tuesday 2nd December.

## **Panto**

The Rainbow Theatre will be coming in to perform their pantomime, Dick Whittington, to the children on the morning of Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. This is the highlight of our Christmas celebrations and something the children really enjoy. Due the cost of the pantomime we are asking parents for a voluntary contribution of £3.50 per child which we would appreciate being handed to the school office by Friday 5th December. If you don't want your child/children to watch the performance, please let the school office know by this date.

## **Pearl Class News**

**Show and Tell** – children are welcome to bring in items to show and tell if they relate to the class topic of celebrations and festivals. On Tuesdays children from Cuckmere (blue) can bring in items, on Wednesdays Exceat (red) children and Thursdays Windover (green) children.

**Learning Journeys** – Mrs Ungood says please don't forget that you are welcome to come into Pearl Class and share your child/children's learning journey on Tuesdays from 3.15pm – 3.30pm and Fridays from 8.30am – 8.45am.

## **Cross Country Tournament**

Following the cancellation of the cross country tournament organised by Ringmer Primary School last month due to poor weather, we have been kindly invited to participate in the rescheduled tournament which will take place on the afternoon of Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January. The event will take place on the playing field at Ringmer Community College and the course will be approximately 1.6km of flat terrain. There will be separate races for boys and girls with children from Years 4, 5 and 6 able to take part. This is a team competition and the first four girls and the first four boys from each school will score. Parents will need to transport their child/children to the event, leaving Alfriston at 1pm to arrive at Ringmer by 1.30pm and then take them home when the event finishes at approximately 2.30pm. Children will need to wear their PE kit, take a water bottle and a warm top and trousers in case of poor weather. Parents can help each other out with transport arrangements as a private agreement but please indicate this on the reply slip below. Please return the slip to the school office by Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December if you would like your child/children to attend.

## **Parent Forum - Reminder**

On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm, Mrs Rhodes, our Inclusion Manager, will be holding a parent forum in the school hall concerning the SEND (special educational needs) reforms. Mrs Hudson and a school governor will also be present. If you would like to attend and/or have any questions or issues you would like to raise at the forum, please complete the reply slip below and return it to the school office by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December.

## **News From The Friends of Alfriston School (FoAS)**

**Christmas Film Night** - All children are invited to come along in their pyjamas, onesies or comfy clothes with cushions and blankets or a sleeping bag, to watch 'Nativity 2' in the school hall from 5.30pm - 7.30pm on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December. They will need to bring their water bottles with lids and will be given popcorn, ice cream and an extra drink during the film. The cost of the evening is £4 for advance tickets (available from the school office) or £5 on the door. This price includes all refreshments, so the children will not need to bring any money with them.

**Breakfast with Santa and Christmas crafts** - Children from everywhere are invited to join Santa and his elves at Alfriston Primary School for a special breakfast starting at 9am, when Santa will be joining the children, eating on this magical morning. Each child will be offered a selection of healthy breakfast items, whilst parents can enjoy a hot drink. There will be a selection of Christmas crafts the children can make to take home and then visit Santa in his grotto. Photos of this special occasion will also be available. **TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE** and are available from the school office, Arabella Flowers in Berwick, or Hicks Newsagents in Alfriston. This event is open to the public, so please tell your friends and family. The cost is £5 per child which includes a healthy breakfast and a gift from Santa's Grotto.

**Dickensian** - A massive THANK YOU to everyone who helped out at the Dickensian Fair last Saturday. We raised an amazing £816.93, which is going to go straight into paying for resources at school. The winner of the £50 square was Mrs Bliss and the name the teddy competition was won by Sophie Rhodes, who guessed the winning name "Snuggles".

**Sponsored Bike Ride** - Please can we have any outstanding sponsor money or donations handed in to the school office. The total is still rising and we are trying to reach £2,000. The school council have been discussing what playground equipment they'd like the money to be spent on and Pearl Class received the class prize of 10% of the money they raised, to spend on what they would like. Four children raised over a £100 so a big thank you to George W and Isobel from Pearl Class, Andrew in Ruby Class and Lucy in Emerald Class.

**Next events:** 8<sup>th</sup> January (Thursday) FoAS coffee and planning 8.45am.

Yours sincerely

Lindsey Hudson  
Acting Headteacher

## Community Events

### Children's Christmas Art Competition

Over the last 20 years Rager & Roberts, estate agents in Eastbourne, have made a donation at Christmas to a local charity or a school. This year they are inviting children from local schools, between the age of 4 and 11 to enter their art competition and to paint or draw their "dream home" on an A4 sheet of paper. The winner of the age group 4 – 7 years, and the winner of the age group 8 – 11 years, will each win a donation of £500 from Rager and Roberts for their school's art department and they will personally win an Amazon voucher for £100. Entries must be received by Rager and Roberts at their office at 36 Cornfield Road, Eastbourne, or at their Old Town office at 117 Green Street, Eastbourne, no later than 5pm on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December. Each entry must have the artist's full name, age, address and contact telephone number as well as the name of their school, printed clearly on the back of the A4 sheet which should not be folded. Details of this competition will also be outlined in the centre pages of the "Property" section of the Eastbourne Herald on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December. Emma Morris, the Director of the Towner Gallery, has kindly agreed to be the judge of the entries and the results will be published before the end of January. For further information, contact Richard Rager on 01323 430133.

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### REPLY SLIP – Parent Forum (SEND Reforms) – 11<sup>th</sup> December 2014

Please return to the school office by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December

I confirm I will be attending the parent forum on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm.

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I have a question about SEND reforms which is.....

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Signed.....Date.....

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### Reply Slip – Cross Country Tournament – Years 4, 5 and 6 only

Please return to the school office by 9am Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

My child/children would like to take part in the cross country tournament on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January at Ringmer Community College.

Child/Children's Name(s).....Year Group(s).....

Any medical condition.....

Contact Number (for event afternoon).....

I will take and collect my child/children from the event

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My child/children will be taken and collected by.....

Signed.....Date.....

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# REPLY SLIP – Ticket Orders for ‘Christmas With The Aliens’

Please return this form to the school office by 9am on Monday 1st December.

Name of child.....Class.....

## **Ticket Order** (to total a maximum of 4 per family)

I would like to request.....tickets for the play on Wednesday 10th December at £1 each.

I would like to request.....tickets for the play on Thursday 11th December at £1 each.

## **Extra Tickets** (no maximum limit per family)

I would like to request.....extra tickets for the play on Wednesday 10th December at £1 each.

I would like to request.....extra tickets for the play on Thursday 11th December at £1 each.

I enclose £.....cash/cheque (payable to Alfriston School).

Signed.....Date.....

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