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Upcoming School Events

Thursday 24th MarchThursday 24th MarchThursday 24th MarchMonday 11th AprilThursday 14th AprilThursday 21st April

2pm

3.15pm

8.45am

All Day

2pm

FoAS Club 100 Draw

Easter Service, St Andrew's Church

Easter Holiday Starts

Children Return to School

'Wild' Beach Day

Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations
on the Tye, Alfriston

Community Events

10am – 5pm

Saturday 9th AprilSt Andrew's Church Restoration
Launch Day

Dear Parents/Carers,

Attendance

Our target is 96%.

Week Beginning	Attendances	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Lates
14 th March 2016	96.99%	2.62 %	0.19%	1.45%

Brilliant – we've met our target again this week; that's 3 weeks in a row!

Easter Church Service and End of Term Arrangements

On the final day of term, tomorrow, our day will end with an Easter Service at St Andrew's Church, Alfriston, at 2pm. This will be led by the children in Sapphire Class but all classes will be involved in the service. Parents, family and friends are welcome to join us for this event. If any parents are able to help walk the children down to the church, leaving school at 1.30pm, then please leave a message at the school office. It will be assumed that all children will be collected from the church after the service, unless a reply slip asking for them to be returned to school for collection has already been handed into the school office, and that also included the children who usually use the minibus or taxi. Please note that children do not need to bring book bags to school. Also, please can children who have packed lunch bring their lunch to school, for this day only, in a plastic bag that can then be thrown away at the end of lunch. Children in Sapphire Class should come into school tomorrow dressed in their Easter production costumes. All of this is to reduce the number of items that need to be taken to the church. The cloakroom areas will be cleared at the end of today and the children's PE bags will be sent home then as they will not be needed on the final day.

Late and Attendance

Staff and governors are concerned about the number of children coming to school late. Therefore, from after Easter, as well as Cool Cat and Fang which the children achieve for the class with the best attendance and being on time on a weekly basis, there will be an additional reward break for children who have no lates and another reward break for those with 100% attendance across the whole term.

Clubs

Below is a list of clubs that we will be running at lunchtimes and these carry no charge. If you would like your child/children to join any of these clubs, please complete the reply slip at the end of the newsletter and return the slip to the school office. Please note that these clubs have various limits on numbers and we will operate a waiting list if the club becomes over-subscribed. All of the clubs will start the week commencing 11th April.

Tuesday	Choir	Lunchtime	Years 2 - 6	Miss Crockford
Wednesday	Chess	Lunchtime	Years 1 – 6	Mr McDonald
Friday	Eco Club	Lunchtime	Reception – Year 2	Mrs Ottaway

We have a variety of clubs that take place at school which are run by external providers and these carry a fee. Unfortunately, due to government regulations regarding required staff qualification levels for club provision within schools, we're unable to continue further with our dance club provider, Street Styles 4 All. We're really sad about this as this was a popular club which the children enjoyed. We are in contact with various people and are certain that we will have a dance club operating again in the very near future. There will also soon be a netball club available which will be run by Lewes FC; details regarding this will follow early next term. The clubs that will be taking place next term are:

Monday	Gymnastics	3.20pm – 4.15pm	Years 3 – 6	Mrs Roussac-Evans
Tuesday	Karate	5.00pm – 6.00pm	Reception – Year 6	Sama Karate
Wednesday	Tennis	3.30pm – 4.30pm	Reception – Year 6	Mr Miller
Friday	Football	3.15pm – 4.15pm	Reception – Year 3	Lewes Football Club
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All of these clubs need to be signed up for directly with the club provider. Mrs Roussac-Evans can be contacted via the school office or you may see her in the playground. Sama Karate classes cost £5 on a pay as you go basis, with further details from www.SamaMartialArts.co.uk or 01273 580577. The tennis club takes place on the school playground or in the school hall, depending on the weather, and is with Ollie Miller costing £28 for the 7 week course. He can be contacted on 07947 858349 or email olliemiller2212@hotmail.co.uk. Lewes Football Club run the football sessions, which cost £3.50 per session and they can be contacted by phone on 01273 470820 or email adam@lewesfc.com to book a space in their clubs.

School Lunch

Please note that the jacket potato option for school lunch will not be available on Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th April as we return after the Easter holidays. They will be available as usual after this.

Sapphire Class Home Learning Presentation

Sapphire Class parents/carers are invited to come and see the Home Learning projects that the children have just completed, on the first day of next term, Monday 11th April, from 2.45pm. This is a casual arrangement and please don't feel it is a 'must-do' appointment; it is simply an 'if you would like to' opportunity!

Toy and Model Museum Workshop

Children in Pearl and Ruby Classes had a most enjoyable and interesting time on Friday morning when the education officer from Brighton Toy and Model Museum visited us. The children took part in a workshop where they found out about the history of toys and compared old and new toys. Many examples of lovely old bears, dolls and moving toys were brought to school and shared with the children.

Allotment Visit

Pearl Class would like to visit a local allotment sometime during next term as their new topic will be plants. If anyone has an allotment within walking distance of the school that the children could visit and learn about the plants they are growing, please let Mrs Ottaway or Mrs Nickalls know.

Gnomes Mystery!

We have a bit of a mystery in that 3 gnomes recently appeared in the playground and we have no knowledge of where they have come from! The gnomes do seem to be quite happy in their new home and are settling in well, but if anyone is able to shed some light on our mystery, then please do let the office know.

Lost Property

We have a large pile of lost property and we would urge parents to check if any pieces belong to their child before the end of term after which any remaining items will be donated to charity.

House Football Competition – Results

Last Friday, 18th March, and on Monday, 21st March, we held our House football competitions across the road on the Rec. It was a great sporting event, so well done to everyone who took part. Many housepoints were given out to the supporters for their great sporting spirit and it was fantastic to see the pom-poms and ribbons being waved in support along with the 'homemade' and 'class-made' banners. The crowds cheered and house chants were sung with great enthusiasm! Many thanks go to all the parents and carers who came along to support the teams and a big thank you to Lewes Football Club for running the event for us with Adam, Josh and James refereeing. The results of the matches were:

Reception and Key Stage 1

1st – Cuckmere
2nd – Exceat
3rd – Windover

Key Stage 2

1st - Cuckmere
2nd - Exceat
3rd - Windover

'Wild' Beach Day

As per the letter sent out on Monday, there has been an extra 'Wild' Beach Day added to the programme. This will take place on Thursday 14th April for all the children previously selected to take part in these days. All arrangements for the extra session will be the same as the earlier Beach Days.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

The Active Kids scheme that Sainsbury's operates each year, which enables schools and clubs to exchange vouchers for sports and cooking equipment, has again started, so may we please ask you, your family and friends to get saving for our school. This scheme provides many additional items for our sports cupboard and playground activities. Vouchers may be taken to the school office or placed in the collecting box within the entrance lobby.

News From The Friends of Alfriston School (FoAS) Email foaschool@gmail.com

Club 100 - The next draw will be on Thursday 24th March (early this month due to the Easter holidays).

Next Events:

FoAS AGM – Wednesday 13th April at 7pm at the George Inn, Alfriston. All welcome.

Queen's 90th Birthday – Thursday 21st April the village will be celebrating this event with a snack and drink on the Tye and we are planning to take the children there at around 2pm. Details to follow.

Family Bingo and Quiz Night – Friday 20th May 6.30pm – 8.30pm in the school hall. Fish and chips will be delivered at half time! Tickets will go on sale after the Easter holidays.

I hope that you all have a lovely Easter break.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lindsey Hudson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Lindsey Hudson – Headteacher

Community Events

St Andrew's Church Restoration Launch Day – Reverend Daniel Merceron invites everyone to the St Andrew's Church, Alfriston, Restoration Launch Day on Saturday 9th April. There will be arts, crafts and music taking place between 10am and 5pm and historical talks by local historian, Kevin Gordon, at 11am and 3pm, which will be followed by guided tours of the church with wine and nibbles. If you are interested in attending the talks, please email norman.sherry@btinternet.com or phone 01323 870478. You can also visit www.alfriston-village.co.uk for further details.

Clubs Reply Slip

I give permission for my child/children to attend the following clubs:

Name of child/children.....Class(es).....

Club Name		Day of the Week	
Club Name		Day of the Week	
Club Name		Day of the Week	
Club Name		Day of the Week	

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

Print Name.....