



Alfriston School



Fair, friendly, fulfilling and fun!

Newsletter - 15th December 2023



We are at the end of another term and we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year.

Pearl & Ruby Class Nativity

On Thursday 7th December, Ruby and Pearl Class performed their school Nativity. The children took full ownership over the production. As part of their learning, they planned and wrote it all by themselves and collaborated brilliantly to ensure that everyone was included. In PE, they choreographed and practised their own movements and dances.

I'm sure you will agree, it was a very special performance with every child doing their very best, despite feeling a little nervous and apprehensive.

We could not be prouder of them!

Decoration Day & Tree Decorating Assembly

The children and staff had a creative afternoon, applying the skills and knowledge that they've been learning across the curriculum into designing and making decorations.

Our vision and life values were clearly being shown throughout the whole day too, with many examples, in particular, of collaboration, independence, creativity and determination.



**Thank
You!**

We would like to say a huge thank you to the Friends of Alfriston School for organising such a wonderful Christmas Fair and to everyone that helped on the day. With your help, the Friends managed to raise a fantastic £1000. Without your continued support this would not be possible so **THANK YOU!**

Online Safety

The Online Safety Act was passed into law in October 2023 with the aim of establishing major new layers of protection for children when they are online. Please see the attachment sent with this newsletter for more details of how it will work.

Drama Club Christmas Performance 'A Christmas Carol'

Last week our Drama Club children put on a fantastic performance over two evenings at Berwick Church. They absolutely surpassed themselves with their incredible acting skills and looked fabulous in the costumes, very kindly put together by Mrs Stoodley. An enormous thank you goes, in particular, to Mrs Jeanette Adams who runs the drama club, completely voluntarily.



Just Different Workshops

This week we welcomed Helen Hewson to provide the children with cultural capital by seeing beyond wheelchairs... Helen and her husband Toby, who both have cerebral palsy, use a wheelchair for mobility, and communication aids to speak. We wanted to teach the children that although Helen is different from them, she is in fact, the same. She does everything that we do but she may have to do it in a slightly different way. The workshops linked with our PSHE unit 'Celebrating Difference'. The children really enjoyed the sessions and asked some very profound questions.



Dates for the Diary 2023-2024

Any new or amended dates will be shown in bold

18th Dec - 1st Jan	Christmas holiday
2nd January 2024	Children return to school - Term 3 begins
9th January	INSET Day
24th January	Open classrooms (after school)
29th January	Fizz Pop Science Taste Buddies Workshop (Ruby Class)
5th - 9th February	Children's Mental Health Week
6th February	Safer Internet day
9th February	FoAS non-uniform day
	Last day of term
12th - 16th February	February holiday
19th February	Children return to school - Term 4 begins
28th February	Mini First Aid (Ruby, Sapphire & Emerald Classes)
7th March	World Book Day
11th - 15th March	Science Week
18th - 21st March	Year 6 Bikeability
19th March	Mid-year reports & parent consultations (15:45 to 18:15) Face to Face (including APDR meetings where relevant)
20th March	Open classrooms (after school)
21st March	Class photos
21st March	Mid-year reports & parent consultations (15:45 to 18:15) Remote (including APDR meetings where relevant)
25th March	Year 6 SATs parent meeting (after school)
27th March	FoAS non-uniform day
27th March	Mid-year reports & parent consultations (15:45 to 18:15) Face to Face (including APDR meetings where relevant)
28th March	Easter Service, led by Sapphire Class (2-3pm)
28th March	Last day of Term 4
29th March - 12th April	Spring Holiday
15th April	Children return to school - Term 5 begins