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## Upcoming School Events

Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30am – 12 noon	Clergy House Visit – Pearl Class
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	All Day	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	8.45am	FoAS Committee Meeting
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	1pm – 3.30pm	Bike Skills & Preparation for Forest Bike Ride – Year 4 (Meet Parents After School)
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	3.15pm – 4.15pm	No Dance Club
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	12.30pm – 3pm	Forest Bike Ride – Year 4
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> May	All Week	Year 6 SATs
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Afternoon	'The Transit of Mercury' Viewing Through Solar Scopes with Jane Green
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Afternoon	FoAS Fundraising Session – Walk/Run a Mile

## Community Events

Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	7.30pm	Shakespeare's Hamlet at The Old Chapel, Alfriston
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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Attendance

Our target is 96%.

Week Beginning	Attendances	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Lates
18 <sup>th</sup> April 2016	97.52%	2.38%	0.10%	0.58%

A second brilliant week for attendance – 97.52% - and fewer people late. Well done everyone!

## Clergy House Visit – Pearl Class

Tomorrow, Friday, Pearl Class will be visiting the Clergy House to explore the gardens, compare trees and flowers and learn about what plants need to grow. They will be back in time for lunch so normal lunch arrangements will apply. Please ensure that your child has wellie boots and a coat in school for the visit.

## Queen's Birthday Celebrations

Last Thursday the whole school had a wonderful afternoon when we joined the village community on the Tye to celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Many thanks go to Sylvia Daw for organising this event along with her helpers and the FoAS as well as to everyone who made and donated cakes for refreshments. The children loved the animal encounters with Jaws 'n' Claws and the bouncy castle. We were very fortunate with the weather and it all added together to make a memorable afternoon.

## School Closed

Just a reminder that the school will be closed on <sup>1</sup>Monday, 2nd May, due to the Bank Holiday.

## Forest Bike Ride Session

On Wednesday next week some of the Year 4 children will be taking part in a bike skills session on the playground and then participate in the 'Bike to Nature' ride during the afternoon of Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May. 'Bike It Ruth' will be available on the playground to answer any questions from parents after school on the Wednesday. If your child is taking part in this activity, please remember to collect them from school at 12.30pm on Friday to take them to the forest for the start of the ride.

## Year 2 Overnight Stay - Reminder

We have confirmed the Year 2 overnight stay, a separate letter went home with the Year 2 children last week. Please can the reply slips be returned to the school office by tomorrow, Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April. We do need a reply slip for **every** child please to know if they will or won't be attending.

## Dance Club

The children who attended our new after school dance club last Thursday had an enjoyable time. More children have signed up to start this week but we still do have spaces if your child/children would like to join. The club is now open to children in Years 1 – 6, and not just Years 2 – 6 as was originally planned. Please see the school office for a form if you are interested in your child/children joining the club. Please note that there won't be dance club next Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> May, due to Wendy, the dance teacher, having a pre-booked holiday. She will carry over a credit for this lesson to next term, unless parents notify her otherwise.

## Astronomer Visit

We are very excited that Jane Green is coming in to school again to give the children the opportunity to look through solar scopes and see the transit of Mercury on 9<sup>th</sup> May. Parents will be welcome to look through the scopes after school as well. Details of this event can be viewed at <http://www.janegreenastronomy.co.uk/#!events/cirl>

## Swimming Forms - Reminder

Please can the swimming forms which were sent out earlier this week, be returned to the school office by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May.

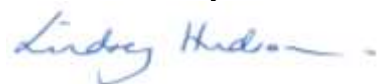
## News From The Friends of Alfriston School (FoAS) Email [foaschool@gmail.com](mailto:foaschool@gmail.com)

**Committee Meeting** – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 8.45am in the school hall. All welcome.

**Fundraising Afternoon** – There will be a fundraising session specifically to raise funds for the swimming pool on the afternoon of Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May. Children will be taking part in a walk or run a mile challenge. More details to follow shortly from the FoAS.

**Family Bingo and Quiz Night** – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May 6.30pm – 8.30pm in the school hall. Fish and chips will be delivered at half time! Tickets will go on sale shortly.

Yours sincerely,



Lindsey Hudson – Headteacher

## Community Events

**Shakespeare's Hamlet** – in celebration of the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of William Shakespeare, the Festival Players Theatre Company present Hamlet in a 2 hour production taking place at The Old Chapel, Alfriston on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £16.50 and are available from Chestnuts Tea Rooms, High Street, Alfriston or from Hailsham Pavilion 01323 841414.