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Upcoming School Events

Thursday 21 st April	2pm	Queen's 90 th Birthday Celebrations on the Tye, Alfriston
Friday 15 th April	9.30am – 12 noon	Clergy House Visit – Ruby Class

Community Events

Saturday 30 th April	10am – 12 noon	Table Top Sale, WAVES
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the Easter holidays. I hope that you had an enjoyable time. It has been great to see the children return to school focused and ready to learn, looking very smart and, thanks to this week's good weather, enjoying being outdoors and active.

Attendance

Our target is 96%.

Week Beginning	Attendances	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Lates
21 st March 2016	93.08%	5.95 %	0.97%	1.46%

Start of the Day

The recent modification to the start of the day procedure is working well and we are very grateful to all parents and carers for their co-operation in using the red mail box in the entrance foyer for letters for the office and also for giving messages to the member of staff at the front door. As from Monday we would like to extend this to the rest of the school. Therefore please can we ask all parents and carers to leave their children at the base of the ramp by the hall doors and not enter the school through this way. This is to ensure that we reduce congestion in the cloakroom areas in this part of the school. Once the children have filtered through the school and cleared the cloakroom areas, parents are more than welcome to enter the school via the front door. Please be assured we really do want parents and carers to feel welcome in our school; this is done purely to ease the morning congestion for the children and ensure safety by the main school entrance.

Queen's Birthday Celebrations

On Thursday 21st April Queen Elizabeth will be celebrating her 90th birthday. As a school we will be joining the village community for their celebrations in the afternoon, which will take place on the Tye, or in the school hall in the case of rain. A letter regarding this was sent out on Monday and reply slips for all children are **due in by tomorrow**, please. If you need a hard copy, please see the office.

Celebration Assembly

Tomorrow's celebration assembly will see the handing out of 100% attendance certificates for children who achieved this last term. We will also be congratulating those who completed term 4 without any 'lates'. Extra breaks for these achievements will be taking place very soon. This reward will be on offer again this term as good attendance is very important for all; this is not just a view from teachers, it has come from our full governing body and the local authority itself. We are very grateful to all parents and carers who have been helping to achieve this.

'Wild' Beach Days and Forest Bike Ride Sessions

Today has seen our children take part in their last 'wild' beach day session so it's been fantastic to have a beautiful day for it! We are extremely grateful to the Sussex Wildlife Trust who have provided us with these days and run them free of charge. The feedback from parents has been that the children have really enjoyed these sessions and have learnt a lot. All of our children have been fortunate to have been offered the opportunity of a Forest School session over the course of the last year and this will be furthered in the next two months when children in Years 4 and 5 will be given the opportunity of a bike ride in Friston Forest organised by Sustrans. Further details about this will follow later, but the two dates to note are Friday 6th May for Year 4 and Thursday 16th June for Year 5.

Policies

We have recently adopted some new policies including assessment, English, learning and teaching, drug, alcohol and tobacco education and physical intervention as well as a parent, carers and visitors' code of conduct. These have all been approved by the governors and are now available for viewing on our website. The following link will take you to them <http://alfriston.eschools.co.uk/website/school-policies/54919>

Life Values

Children have been given the opportunity to draw a picture to represent our life values of curiosity, determination, independence, creativity and collaboration. These will very soon be displayed in our hall for any member of the community to vote on to enable us to choose the ones that we as a school will be using. Please keep a look out for them.

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

Next Events:

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.

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 shortly.

Yours sincerely,



Lindsey Hudson – Headteacher

Community Events

Table Top Sale - On Saturday 30th April, between 10am and 12 noon, there will be a table top sale at The Living Room (Portacabin), The Peverels, off Raymond Close, Seaford. There will be good as new toys and clothes on sale, all in aid of WAVES, a charity that seeks to offer practical help for families in the Seaford area.