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Upcoming School Events

Mon 8 th – Fri 12 th May	All Week	End of KS2 SATs
Monday 15 th May	3.30pm	Year 2 Overnight Stay Meeting
Tuesday 16 th May	Morning	Football Tournament
Thursday 18 th May	All Day	Outdoor Classroom Day – Non Uniform Day
Friday 19 th May	All Day	Non-Uniform Day for the FoAS
Wednesday 24 th May	3.30pm	Emerald Class Residential Meeting
Thursday 25 th May	All Day	Whole School Trip
Friday 26 th May	3.15pm	May Holiday Starts

Community Events

Wednesday 24 th May	7.30pm	Fashion Show in aid of the Church Restoration Fund
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Attendance

Our target is 96%.

Week Beginning	Attendances	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Lates
24 th April 2017	98.06%	1.43%	0.51%	0.10%

Well done everyone for a fantastic week's attendance!

May Day Picnic

Despite the rain, which arrived just as we had taken the children onto the Rec for last Friday afternoon's May Day celebrations, organised by the FoAS, the event was a success due to the stoicism displayed by everyone. We are very grateful to the FoAS for their efforts in organising this event and to everyone who donated cakes for the refreshments stall. The welly throwing was great fun and an activity that was not hampered by the rain showers! The inclement weather also meant that the refreshment stall was very busy and many cups of tea, coffee and pieces of cake were purchased!

Lost Item

Please could everyone have a look out for a pink plastic cake box lid which is currently missing. It was used last week at the May Day celebrations on the Rec but now needs to be re-united with the cake box base! If found, please can it be returned to the school office, thank you.

Wildlife Garden Tidy Up

A team of very kind volunteers has been helping John Hughes to tidy up and enhance our wildlife garden. We are very grateful to everyone involved for their efforts which included the Alfriston Emergency Group who collected, delivered and assembled the woodpile and Daniel Larkin who provided the woodchips. We will now be able to take the children out to use this area.

Hair

Can we please remind you that all children who have hair which is longer than shoulder length need all of it to be completely tied back. And those with a long fringe need to have a headband or clips so that it is off of their face. Thank you.

Football Tournament

We are really excited to announce that Mr Gratwick and Mrs Fitzgerald have organised our first ever Alfriston School Inter-School Football Tournament, which takes place on Tuesday 16th May, and we are looking forward to a fun event. A letter with all the details was sent out to the children in the football team earlier in the week. Please note that tomorrow, 5th May, is the final day for returning the consent forms for your child to take part.

Netball Matches

The Alfriston All Stars Netball Team have 2 matches in the next few weeks which take place against Seaford Primary and Ringmer Primary. We are very grateful to our netball club coach, Roz Hannan, for organising these fixtures. The netball team members have been sent home with a letter with all the details regarding the matches. Please return the reply slip by Wednesday 10th May if your child/children are able to take part.

Gymnastics Competition

Last Thursday afternoon, a team of six girls - Molly, Honey, Missy, Lydia, Amelie and Eliza - represented Alfriston School in the South Downs Area Key Steps Gymnastics Competition. There were eight schools competing and our school came second with a score of 138.20. The winners of the competition go on to represent the South Downs Area at the Sussex School Summer Games in June. We so narrowly missed coming first (by 0.4 of a mark), with the winners getting a score of 138.60. This demonstrates just how much of an achievement the girls made at this competition! Their hard work and team spirit was outstanding. The girls should be so proud. Well done Alfriston Gym Club! Many thanks go to Mrs Roussac-Evans, our gymnastics club coach, for preparing the girls for this competition and accompanying them on the day.

Dance Show

The children who attend our after school dance club, run by Wendy Baker, took part in her dance school show at the weekend. Pete Leonard, one of our parents and also a governor, attended the event and said, "I attended the dance show on Sunday at Ringmer. I just wanted to let you know that our Alfriston children were amazing. They had a four dance opening routine and then a very complicated second routine along with the opening and closing routines with all 60 children! The dance teacher introduced them to the audience as very hard working, quick to learn routines and keen children. She also said our school is a lovely school and she wishes her children could go to it." Well done to all the children involved – we are very proud of you.

Outdoor Classroom Day

We are really looking forward to this international day which takes place on Thursday 18th May and will be a chance to celebrate and inspire outdoor learning and play. On this day thousands of schools around the world will take lessons outside and prioritise playtime and we will be joining them! Obviously this day is not the only time we take the children outside for learning activities, they are frequently outdoors making the most of our wonderful local environment. As the school will be outside for the day, we would like the children to come to school in non-uniform which is suitable to take part in activities such as pond dipping and exploring the wildlife garden. Please can they come to school wearing shoes and also bring in their welly boots in a plastic bag, to change into if required. Further details about Outdoor Classroom Day can be found by visiting

www.outdoorclassroomday.org.uk

Swimming Forms

Last week we sent home a letter with all the details about this season's swimming. Please return the reply slip by tomorrow, 5th May. We still have quite a number of forms outstanding and unfortunately we cannot allow a pupil to swim until we have received the reply slip.

Emerald Class Residential

A letter was sent out yesterday with further details about the residential trip. A meeting for parents and children takes place in the on Wednesday 24th May at 3.30pm. Please can the consent form be returned to the school office by that date. Please note that this meeting will take place in the Emerald classroom and not the school hall as mentioned in the letter.

Year 2 Overnight Stay

A letter was sent out to parents of children in Year 2 yesterday with details about the overnight stay which will take place later in the school year. Please can the consent form be returned to the office by Friday 26th May. A meeting for parents and children will take place on Monday 15th May at 3.30pm. This meeting will take place in the Ruby classroom, not in the school hall as mentioned in the original letter. Please note that the payment for the trip of £25 is due by Friday 12th May.

Active Kids Vouchers

The Sainsbury's Active Kids voucher scheme has now ended for this year. We are very grateful for all the vouchers that have been sent in to us already which we will exchange for some exciting new sports equipment for the children to use. Please can everyone have a look for any further vouchers lurking in the bottom of bags, in pockets and car glove boxes as we would really like to get as many vouchers as possible! If you have any remaining vouchers, they can be placed in the voucher collection box in the entrance lobby or brought to the school office.

Whole School Trip

On Thursday 25th May the whole school will be going out for a trip. A letter with all the details will be sent home by the end of the week. Please note that the reply slip needs to be returned to the school office by Thursday 18th May.

Thanks

Following our request last week for parents and carers to ensure that their children do not use the grass and activity trail both before and after school, including climbing trees, I am pleased to say that everyone has been adhering to this. Thank you very much for your help in this matter.

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

May Day Celebrations – Sadly the rain came down as we started our May Day celebrations last week. However we were thrilled to raise £102.16 in donations at the refreshments stall. Many thanks to everyone who came along and to those that made cakes and cookies for us.

Sussex Day – we will be attending the village's Sussex Day celebrations on Saturday 10th June. We will be holding a mufti day on Friday 19th May where the children can come to school in non-uniform for the day in return for a full bottle of wine for our stall.

Forest School – this is going well and we do have a couple of spaces left if anyone is interested in joining us. If you would like more details, please see Yvonne in the playground, or leave a message at the school office.

Yours sincerely,



Lindsey Hudson – Headteacher

Community Events

Fashion Show – The Apiary, High Street, Alfriston, are holding a fashion show in St Andrew's Church, Alfriston, on Wednesday 24th May at 7.30pm in aid of the Church's Restoration Fund. Tickets cost £5 and include a glass of wine. You will also receive a 10% discount voucher to use at The Apiary between 25th and 31st May when you purchase any full price stock. Tickets are available from The Apiary, which is open from 10am – 5pm or phone 01323 870730.