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## Upcoming School Events

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
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	3.20pm – 3.45pm	Year 2 SATs Meeting for Parents & Children
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Afternoon	FoAS Fundraising Session – Walk/Run a Mile
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> May		Swimming Starts
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	8.45am	FoAS Committee Meeting
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	All Day	Visit From Pupils at Ecole le Bourg in Veules les Roses, France
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	6.30pm – 8.30pm	FoAS Bingo and Quiz

## Community Events

Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> May – Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Mornings	Alfriston Pre-School Holiday Club
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> June		Sussex Day, the Tye, Alfriston

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Attendance

Our target is 96%.

Week Beginning	Attendances	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Lates
25 <sup>th</sup> April 2016	94.38%	5.62%	0.00%	0.00%

Unfortunately attendance was down last week, however it was fantastic to see no 'lates'.

## Forest Bike Ride Session

Tomorrow afternoon some of the Year 4 children will be taking part in a 'Bike to Nature' ride. If your child is taking part in this activity, please remember to collect them from school at 12.30pm to take them to the forest for the start of the ride. Every child is requested to bring a small backpack with a water bottle in it rather than have a water bottle attached to the bike frame.

## Astronomer Visit

We are very excited that Jane Green is coming in to school again next week 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**

Please can the swimming forms which were sent out earlier this term, be returned to the school office by tomorrow, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May. Unfortunately if we don't receive a form, your child/children will not be able to swim. Please note that the school office has on sale swimming hats at £1.10 each and verruca socks at £1 per pair.

## **SATs and Assessments**

Year 6 will be sitting their SATs over the course of next week. The children are very aware of the process and appear to be prepared and ready. Each child has been given a letter and a copy of their timetable for next week's tests which they will be bringing home today. The week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> May will see Year 2 take their SATs as well as Year 5 having assessments. Sapphire Class will take their assessments after the May holiday; the week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> June. A letter was sent home earlier this week to parents of children in Year 2 regarding a meeting to be held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May after school about the SATs. Please be reassured that the tests and assessments that we do here at Alfriston are carried out in a very calm manner and we work with the children to ensure that they are aware there is no need to get worried about them. If any parent/carer has any queries about the tests and assessments, please do see a member of staff or contact the office to arrange a meeting.

## **Bedding Plants**

If anyone has any spare bedding plants that they would like to donate to us then we would be very grateful as we would like to plant up the pots by the school entrance. Any plants can be taken to the school office. Thank you very much.

## **Sunhats, Sun Cream & Water Bottles**

Now that we have started to have some lovely sunny weather, please can parents ensure that all children bring a sunhat (named) to school. The use of sun cream is also advised, but please be aware that staff are unable to apply sun cream onto the children, so either they need to be able to do this for themselves or parents should apply it before the children come to school. We would also like to remind parents that every child should have a water bottle in school every day. Please note that the school office does have sunhats, water bottles and replacement water bottle lids available to buy.

## **Active Kids Vouchers**

The Sainsbury's Active Kids voucher scheme has now finished for this year in that the stores have stopped handing the vouchers out. We would really appreciate it if parents, carers, family and friends rummaged in the bottom of their shopping bags and pockets for any remaining vouchers and then sent them into school. There is a collection box in the entrance lobby. The scheme allows us to exchange vouchers for sporting and cooking equipment for the children, helping them lead healthier lives. Many thanks for all the vouchers that have been sent into school to date; your support with this is greatly appreciated.

## **Musical Celebration**

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July we will be celebrating the children's musical skills and achievements with a performance to parents and friends during celebration assembly. Christina Kearley from the East Sussex Music Service, who is our recorder and trumpet teacher, will be coming to school to showcase the talents of the children she teaches. We hope that you will be able to come along and join us.

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

**Club 100** – We forgot to announce the winners, many apologies! Jenny Douthwaite won the draw in March with number 100, and Nikki Turnwald won in April, with number 2.

**Fundraising Afternoon – Walk/Run a Mile** – We are very excited about this sponsored walk which is to raise money for the school pool and swimming lessons. We have a target of £2,000! The children will come to school in normal school uniform on the day, and will change into their PE kit and wear a house bib for the walk (or they can bring a T-shirt in their house colour). The children will be leaving school at 2.15pm, to start the walk at 2.30pm. Parents/carers are welcome to walk with their children. This event is not a race, but we understand that some children would like to jog, and that is fine. FoAS will provide a piece of fruit and a drink on completion of the walk. The children will then go back to their classrooms to pick up their things, and finish school at the normal time. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Family Bingo and Quiz Night with Fish and Chips** – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May 6.30pm – 8.30pm in the school hall. Tickets will go on sale hopefully early next week.

**Sussex Day** – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June, on the Tye. We are planning to run a second hand book stall at this festival, and a small crafts stall. If you have any unwanted books (for children, adults, fiction, non-fiction, anything at all) please bring them to the school office or hand over to Yvonne (Bruce and Floss' Mum) in the playground. Thank you for all your fabulous donations so far!

Yours sincerely,



Lindsey Hudson – Headteacher

**Community Events**

**Holiday Club** - Alfriston Pre-School will be offering a May half term holiday club between 9am and 1pm every day in a wonderful forest location situated at the foot of the Downs, only a 5 minute drive from Alfriston. They will be taking children aged 2 - 8 years old and the cost is £5p/h with a discount for siblings. For more info and to book, there is limited availability, please email [alfristonpreschool@googlemail.com](mailto:alfristonpreschool@googlemail.com) or ring 07812 335981.