



# Alfriston School



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Newsletter - 12th November 2024

## Ruby Class Design & Technology

Last term, Ruby Class followed a design criteria to make a windmill for Mrs Fitzgerald. They have explored and tested how to make a stable structure, make functioning sails and fixed parts of a structure together. They tested their windmills and improved them, evaluating their findings and completed their make by adding decoration. Mrs Fitzgerald loved using the windmills over the last few weeks to investigate the wind on the playground!



## Fire Engine Visit

Pearl Class had a fire engine visit as part of their learning about People Who Help Us. The children had a wonderful time looking at the equipment and even had the opportunity to sit in the cab and use the hose.



## Poetry Competition

Well done to all our children for learning and performing a poem to their class last term. A big thank you to three of our children who represented Alfriston at a local competition on National Poetry Day. Congratulations to **Terence Skeaping** who won the competition for his category.

## Glyndebourne Opera Trip

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October, Emerald Class braved the showers to attend one of Glyndebourne Opera House's world class productions. The class joined children from several other local schools to fill the auditorium for a production of *Il Turco in Italia* by Rossini. This spectacular production featured breath-taking performances, sensational sets and costumes and a lot of laughs. The whole class thoroughly enjoyed this incredible experience.

## Alfriston Primary School Open Morning & Evening



**Thursday 21st November 2024**

**Morning session - 9.30am to 10.45am**

**Evening session - 6.30pm to 7.30pm**

Come and see our wonderful school

To book an appointment call 01323 870203

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## Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who visited the book fair, we hope the children have enjoyed reading their new books! We made £243 in rewards to spend on new books for the school which will be enjoyed by the children.



## Come and find out ...

How we help your child to develop emotional literacy and to self-regulate

How we teach resilience

What exactly is PSHE?

How we support your child to achieve personal success, learn at their best and be ready for the next stage of their school journey

How we support your child's mental health & wellbeing

Join Mrs Hudson & Mrs Fitzgerald on Wednesday 13th November, 3.15pm - 4.15pm to find out more. Crèche available - please contact the office to book



On Friday 18th October the Friends of Alfriston held their Annual General Meeting (AGM). Parents and carers were invited to attend to hear about the money that had been raised over the last year, what it had been spent on and to gather ideas as to what people would like future monies to go towards. Thank you to those who attended and contributed.

At the meeting we also confirmed roles for the coming year with Claire Hunt taking on the role of Chair and Secretary and Helen Baulcombe continuing in the role of treasurer. We are always looking for new members to join our lovely group so if you would like to come along, we usually meet in Alfriston on the first Friday of the month, straight after school drop off. If you are interested in joining, please contact the school office.

### Spotlight on Safeguarding

This newsletter we will be introducing our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Lindsey Hudson:



If you have any concern about a child you can contact Lindsey through the school office. It is also possible for you to make a referral to the Single Point of Advice (SPOA) on 01323 464222.

### Anti-Bullying Week 2024

This week, we are marking Anti-bullying week with this year's theme of CHOOSE RESPECT.

This year the campaign is encouraging everyone to think about the power of respectful relationships and how this can help to prevent bullying both face to face and online. Throughout the week this children will take part in various activities.



### Dates for the Diary 2024-2025

14 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent consultations (15:45 to 18:15) Face to Face (including ADPR meeting, where relevant)
19 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu vaccinations
21 <sup>st</sup> November	Open morning for prospective parents (9.30 to 10.45)
21 <sup>st</sup> November	Open evening for prospective parents (18:30 to 19:30)
27 <sup>th</sup> November	Maths parent/carer information session with all teachers (3.30pm) – crèche available
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas tree decorating
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas decoration afternoon
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Pearl & Ruby Class Nativity dress rehearsal to rest of the school (pm)
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Pearl & Ruby Class Nativity performance to parents (pm)
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas lunch
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas class party afternoon
19 <sup>th</sup> December	FoAS non-uniform day
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Carol Service (14:00 to 15:00)
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of Term 2
23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Christmas holiday
6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Children return to school – Start of Term 3