



Alfriston School



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Newsletter - 9th December 2024

Bell Ringing

During their visit to St Andrew's Church for the Act of Remembrance, Emerald Class watched the bell ringing and also had a talk from one of the ringers. As a number of children seem very interested in learning more, Pauline Kennard from the church has said she would be happy to arrange an introductory session at a time to suit - either after school or on a Saturday. In the first instance she is more than happy to discuss it further with parents/carers. Due to the nature of bell ringing, children will need to be at least 10 years old and of a reasonable height.

It will be too late for anyone to learn in time for this year's school carol service but it would be lovely if we had one or more of our children ringing for next year's service!

If you would like more information please contact the school office and we can give you Pauline's contact details.

Help & Support

The following website helps families in difficulty such as money or housing worries, parenting advice and courses and who you can contact -

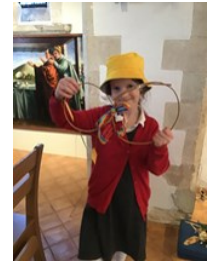
<https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/children-families/family-support>

Sapphire Class Trip to Berwick Church

Sapphire Class were lucky enough to have a full day at Berwick Church. The day began with a delightful walk across the fields, where they were met by a church member who explained all about the crops in the fields.

Their day at the church was spent learning about the covenant and how this promise is significant to wedding vows, linking to the children's RE learning for this term.

The class also thoroughly enjoyed learning about all the history related to the church, taking part in the creative activities and conducting a pretend wedding! .



Christmas Arrangements

Plans for the lead up to the Christmas holiday are well underway so we wanted to provide with some more information. Events are as follows...

Thursday 12th December - Pearl & Ruby Nativity

A separate letter has been sent out about this.

Wednesday 18th December – Friends of Alfriston School non-school uniform day

Thursday 19th December – Christmas lunch & class parties

Friday 20th December - Carol Service

Children will school leave for St Andrew's Church at 2pm.

The children have the option to order a Christmas lunch, after lunch they will play party games in their classes. On this day children are invited to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper instead of their usual school jumper (please note they must wear the rest of their school uniform as normal).

We are using the Christmas jumper day as an opportunity to raise funds for Alfriston Emergency Group who work tirelessly to help the local community, so if your child would like to wear a Christmas jumper please bring in a contribution to the charity on the day.

Spotlight on Safeguarding

Our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Tanya Fitzgerald:



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

Thank you

A big thank you to Mr & Mrs Downton for donating the school Christmas tree for the second year. The children have made and brought in some wonderful decorations to help our school look festive - thank you.

School Uniform Reminder

A few uniform reminders

- White, black, red or grey ankle or knee length socks (no trainer socks), or tights.
- Footwear should be plain black or red shoes, or black boots with low heels; to be fastened by means of buckles, velcro or laces to ensure a good fit (**no trainers**).
- Long hair to be tied back and any child with a long fringe should have it clipped back out of their face. Children should not come to school with dyed hair.
- Please do not allow your child to wear unnecessary jewellery to school, the only exception to this is **watches** (only for telling the time - digital or analogue) and **small plain stud earrings** for children with pierced ears.
- No nail varnish, tattoos or make-up should be worn at school.

Thank you for your help with this.



A huge thank you to everyone who came to our first School Disco on the 7th November. The children had a great time and danced the night away! Through your amazing support we raised over £500.

We would like to thank all of our fabulous team for organising and running the disco and Mrs Hudson for giving up her evening to help us.

Thank you to everyone that attended the Christmas Fair, we will let you know how much was raised as soon as we have a figure.

Dates for the Diary 2024 - 2025

11 th December	Pearl & Ruby Class Nativity dress rehearsal to rest of the school (pm)
12 th December	Pearl & Ruby Class Nativity performance to parents (pm)
18 th December	FoAS non-uniform day
19 th December	Christmas lunch (optional: wear a Christmas jumper to raise money for charity)
19 th December	Christmas class party afternoon
20 th December	Christmas Carol Service (14:00 to 15:00)
20 th December	Last day of Term 2
23 rd Dec – 3 rd Jan	Christmas holiday
6 th January 2025	Children return to school – Start of Term 3