



Alfriston School



Fair, friendly, fulfilling and fun!

Newsletter - 17th October 2022

Performance Poetry Competition

To celebrate National Poetry Day on Thursday 6th October 2022, we organised an event with our local schools which provided every child in Ruby, Sapphire and Emerald classes the opportunity to learn, rehearse and perform selected poems – a key curriculum target for all ages. Each class held a showcase and one child from each class was selected to represent that class, and the school, in competition. Helena (Ruby), Alba (Sapphire) and Red (Emerald) were the talented trio who were chosen.

They rehearsed in class and with our volunteer drama tutor Mrs Adams before performing in front of the school in assembly and then taking their performances to King's Academy Ringmer to compete against children from other schools. Helena, Alba and Red all performed their poems fantastically, doing themselves and the school proud, with Red even gaining the distinction of placing joint second in the Upper Key Stage 2 category. We are all so proud of their accomplishments!



School Attendance

We are seeing a number of children regularly arriving late at school. This is very disruptive both for the children themselves and the rest of the class. Important learning is also being missed as this starts straight away.

Please ensure your child arrives on time every day.

For Pearl and Ruby Class this is 8.40am and for Sapphire and Emerald Class 8.45am.

Any child arriving after this time will be marked as late and if children are consistently late parents may face a fine from the local authority.

First Aid Training

We recently had a visit from Choice Medics who provided each class with first aid training.

The children took part in active workshops practicing CPR and were shown how to put someone into the recovery position.



Harvest Assembly

Sapphire Class's wonderful Harvest Assembly saw a mouse named Squeak travel around the countryside and learn all about Harvest. The children performed a selection of favourite Harvest songs, shared their personal reasons about why they love Autumn so much and explained a host of interesting facts and statistics about how and why Harvest is celebrated all around the world.



Thank you all for your donations, these have been passed on the local food bank.

Spotlight on Safeguarding

Over the next few newsletters we will be introducing the school Safeguarding Team.

First up is our Designated Safeguarding Lead 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.

Scam Awareness Education

Emerald Class had a visit from East Sussex Trading Standards who provided them with advice and information about staying safe when faced with text, email, mail and telephone scams. They also provided advice for the children on cold callers and online safety.

Reminder

The first £50 instalment for the Emerald Class trip to Hindleap Warren is due today. Payments can be made either by cheque, payable to 'Alfriston Primary School' or directly into the school bank account, quoting your child's name as the reference.

School Vision and Values Questionnaire

Thank you for completing the recent questionnaire about our school vision and life values. We have also been gathering views from staff, Governors and the children (via the School Council). Following this review, there is a clear consensus about how we see our school and our ambitions for our children from the whole school community. It's also wonderful to hear of the examples of how our vision and values shape our curriculum, our relationships and ethos. The following were words and phrases that kept on coming up from everyone: **kind, fair, friendly, fulfilling, fun, determined, curious, creative, independent, collaborative, mighty, teamwork, good manners, proud.** The other word that was repeated by many people to describe our school was 'safe' and so we have now included this word into our vision statement. We will keep our shared vision and values at the centre of all decisions that we make. Thank you again for your contributions.



Collaborative
Bee



Independent
Cat



Creative
Spider



Curious
Meerkat



Determined
Tortoise

NSPCC School Service We're recruiting!

Volunteer to visit local schools twice a month and deliver our age appropriate 'Speak Out. Stay Safe.' workshops to primary school pupils in your local area.

You'll work alongside other volunteers to make sure at the end of each session children feel empowered and know who they can speak out to if they are worried.

If you are passionate about children's rights, empathic and perceptive, flexible and adaptable, feel comfortable talking to large groups of children and willing to rise to a new challenge, please get in touch.

You'll be a part of a friendly team of like-minded people and most importantly make a huge difference to children within your local area.

For more information and how to apply, look at this great new vacancy on <https://join-us.nspcc.org.uk/volunteers/vacancy/speak-out-stay-safe-volunteer-information-meeting-london--south-east/6398/description/?channelid=33>

Deadline is 3rd November 2022.

Dates for your diary

New dates are shown in bold

Tue 18th October	Emerald Class trip to Glyndebourne - Marriage of Figaro
Fri 21st October	FoAS non-uniform day
Fri 21st October	Last day of term
Mon 24th - Fri 28th Oct	Autumn holiday
Mon 31st October	Children return to school - Start of term 2
Tue 1st November	Dogs Trust visit
Tue 8th November	Ruby Class trip to Drusillas
Fri 11th November	Armistice Day
Mon 14th - Fri 18th Nov	Anti-Bullying/Friendship Week 'Reach Out'
Mon 14th November	Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying/Friendship Week
Thu 17th November	Open morning for prospective parents (9.30 to 10.45)
Thu 17th November	Open evening for prospective parents (18:30 to 19:30)
Fri 18th November	Open classroom (after school)
Tue 22nd November	Parent consultations (15:45 to 18:15) Face to Face (including APDR meetings)
Thu 24th November	Parent consultations (15:45 to 18:15) Remote (including APDR meetings)
Mon 28th November	Parent consultations (15:45 to 18:15) Face to Face (including APDR meetings)
Thu 1st December	Christmas decoration day
Fri 2nd December	Christmas tree decorating celebration assembly (2.30pm)
Fri 9th December	Flu vaccinations (PM)
Tue 13th December	Class parties
Wed 14th December	Christmas lunch
Wed 14th December	Christmas film afternoon
Thu 15th December	FoAS non-uniform day
Fri 16th December	Christmas Carol Service (14:00 to 15:00)
Fri 16th December	Last day of term
Mon 19th Dec - Mon 2nd Jan	Christmas holidays
3rd January	INSET day
4th January	Children return to school
25th January	Open classroom (after school)
6th - 12th February	Children's Mental Health Week