



Alfriston School



Fair, friendly, fulfilling and fun!

Newsletter - 30th November 2023

Spotlight on Safeguarding

This newsletter we will be introducing our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead, 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.

Ruby Class Trip to Drusillas

Ruby Class had a wonderful visit to Drusillas. The children loved exploring and learning about all of the animals in the zoo. They participated in a Fur, Feathers and Scales workshop where they got to handle three different



mammals: a snake, a chinchilla

and an armadillo! They also squeezed in a ride on the train and a quick play in the afternoon - all in the brilliant sunshine!



Keeping Warm!



Just a little note as the weather is colder

to remind parents/carers to provide cardigans and jumpers for children in school, as well as fleeces / coats for outdoors and hats and gloves!

You may wish to consider a thermal vest for the children to wear to give them that extra layer of warmth.

Just make sure any clothing brought in is named, please!

School Uniform Reminder

A few uniform reminders

- Socks should be white, black, red or grey ankle or knee length socks or tights (no trainer socks)
- Footwear should be plain black or red shoes/black boots with low heels; these should be fastened by means of buckles, velcro or laces to ensure a good fit (**no trainers**).
- Long hair should always 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** 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.

The Big Ambition Survey



The Big Ambition aims to hear from children across England on what they think is important!

In the lead up to the next General Election, the Children's Commissioner wants to take

children's thoughts, opinions and ideas to decision-makers, to make sure that the Government hears young people's voices on what they think needs to be done to make children's lives better in England.

If your child would like to have their say they can complete the survey using the following link -

www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition.

The survey will be open until **Friday 15th December**.

Christmas Arrangements

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

Friday 1st December - Christmas Tree decorating

Celebration assembly will start earlier at 2.30pm to incorporate decoration of the Christmas Tree. Children should bring in their homemade Christmas decorations to hang on the tree. To ensure we can return them to the children, please make sure they are named.



Monday 4th December - Christmas decoration afternoon

Children will spend the afternoon making Christmas decorations to decorate the school.

Thursday 7th December - Pearl & Ruby Nativity

Please see separate letter sent out yesterday.



Wednesday 13th December – Christmas jumpers, lunch & party day

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 the local charity, Raystede Centre for Animal Welfare, following suggestions from our current School Council reps. So if your child would like to wear a Christmas jumper please bring in a contribution to the charity on the day.



A huge thank you to everyone who came to our first School Disco on the 24th November. The children had a great time and danced the night away! Through your amazing support we raised over £600.

We would like to thank Morrisons at Seaford for their generous donation of crisps, squash and chocolate; all of our fabulous team for organising and running the disco and Mrs Fitzgerald for giving up her evening to help us.

We are so excited to welcome you to our Christmas Fair on **Friday 8th December at 3.30pm**. We have lots of stalls for you to enjoy, some amazing raffle prizes, refreshments, mulled wine, cakes and even Father Christmas is popping by!

Dates for the Diary 2023-2024

Any new or amended dates will be shown in bold

1st December	Christmas Tree Decorating Celebration Assembly (2.30pm start)
4th December	Christmas decoration afternoon
6th December	Pearl & Ruby Class Nativity dress rehearsal to rest of the school (pm)
7th December	Pearl & Ruby Class Nativity performance to parents (pm)
8th December	Friends of Alfriston School Christmas Fair (3.30pm start)
13th December	Christmas Jumper Day (donation to Raystede Animal Welfare)
13th December	Christmas lunch
13th December	Christmas class party afternoon
14th December	FoAS non-uniform day
15th December	Christmas Carol Service at St Andrew's Church (2.00pm start)
15th December	Last day of Term 2
18th Dec - 1st Jan	Christmas holiday
2nd January 2024	Children return to school - start of Term 3
9th January	INSET Day
24th January	Open classrooms (after school)
30th January	'Our English Curriculum' presentation to parents/carers
5th February	Children's Mental Health Week