



We have had three very successful Reception Open mornings this week, with a number of parents/carers looking around the school. Many thanks to Friends of Wallands for providing the tea and cakes every morning and to our Year 5 and 6 School Council for leading the tours around the school and being fantastic ambassadors.

Year 1 enjoyed a trip to the Raystede Centre this week, and enjoyed meeting a number of different animals as well as telling the Raystede staff all about the guinea pigs in their class story, Olga da Polga.

Year 6 recently took part in a competition to design a Christmas card for Maria Caulfield, the Lewes MP to use. I received a letter from her stating how delighted and impressed she was with all of the entries she had received from the school. Sylvie from 6CS was the winner and her design will form the front of the card sent out by the MP. Well done Sylvie!

Next week we have the Parent Forum on Thursday, if there are any items you would like included on the agenda please email the office and I will include them, the agenda will then be added to the website for your information.

It has been 3 years since our last OFSTED inspection. We could receive a visit anytime this year. Please update your Parent View on the OFSTED website <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>

### Dates for your diary

Friday 17th November	Children in Need
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	12 noon closing date for Aviva votes
Thursday 23rd November	Year 6 Mrs Foster/Mrs Escott's class sharing assembly
Thursday 23rd November	6pm Parent Forum
Saturday 25th November	Christmas Fair
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Intranasal flu vaccinations during school day Rec-Yr4
Tuesday 12th December	2pm Reception and KS1 Christmas Celebration
Wednesday 13th December	9.30am Reception and KS1 Christmas Celebration
Thursday 14th December	Year 3/ 4 Christmas Celebration - 2pm and 7pm
Monday 18th December	Year 5/6 Christmas Celebration - 2pm and 7pm
Tuesday 19th December	Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 2nd January	INSET DAY
Wednesday 3rd January	INSET DAY
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Caroty Wood residential

### Children in Need 2017

This week the children have been involved in different events to raise money for Children in Need. It has been lovely to see the children trying to raise as much as they can for such a worthy cause, from cake sales and pound collections to wearing spots, the children were full of enthusiasm. The pudsey drawing competition certainly produced some brilliant illustrations! A special mention needs to go to Flora and Rosie in year 6 who have been to doing extra jobs and donated their own pocket money to the charity. The total so far (not including the Friday donations) stands at £352.53. Thank you for all your support and well done to all the children for their efforts! Thanks to Mrs Mortimer for all her organisation around the events.

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### Meet the Governors



Laura Halliwell joined the board as an Associate Governor in 2017. She has worked in theatre and the arts for over 15 years, for organisations including Trestle Theatre Company, Little Angel Theatre, Bloomsbury Festival, Mouthy Poets, Nickelodeon, V&A and many more. She has been responsible for planning, programming and delivering arts projects within hundreds of schools and community settings. Laura has also managed and worked with small arts companies undergoing organisational change, assisting them in securing funding and ensuring that they develop and grow in sustainable ways whilst staying true to their artistic vision. Laura has a daughter in Year 1.

Karen Morse has been the Support Staff Governor since November 2014. Karen became an active member of the Friends of Wallands when her eldest daughter started in Reception in 2007 through to 2016 when her youngest daughter left Wallands. Her working career with the school began in 2011 as an MDSA (Midday Supervisory Assistant). She successfully completed the Level 3 Teaching Assistant course and has taken on roles as an INA and Teaching Assistant.



### A message from Friends of Wallands

As a parent/carer **YOU** are a Friends of Wallands, please take a minute to read our update on the Aviva Bid below:

The Time to Vote is **Now!!**

We have only 3 days to go to be in with a chance of winning £25,000 for our playgrounds.

We have 3,600 votes for our Aviva bid to buy a new trim trail, slide and climbing frame for our playgrounds.

We still need more! If you haven't voted then please register and vote at:

<https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/project/view/17-5235>

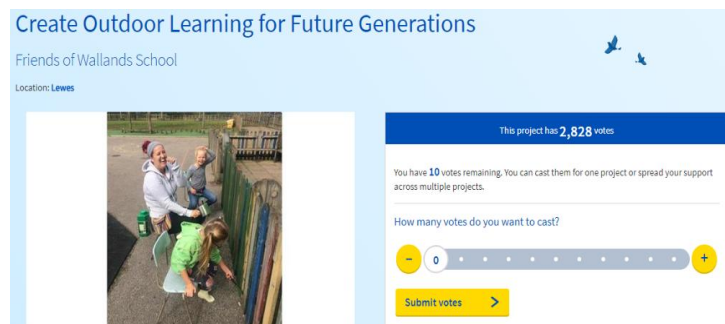
If you have voted, please, please ask and help as many of your friends and family to vote. The site will probably crash on the last day of voting so cast your votes ASAP.

Let's try to get to 10,000 votes. It is possible but we need the help of every parent/carer in the school. If you need help please email [beckytrotman@gmail.com](mailto:beckytrotman@gmail.com) or ask your Class Rep.

Don't let us lose the opportunity to really make our playgrounds amazing for our children and those in the future. If we secure this money we have to spend it within a year and it has to be on playground improvements - so something will happen!!

We have until noon on Tues 21st November to vote - please don't delay.

P.S. Remember to click on the + button to cast your full 10 votes:



**Debbie Collis**  
Headteacher