



A very well done to Year 6 KF/FE for their fantastic sharing assembly this week, they looked great dressed as evacuees and shared lots of information about the World War 2 topic they have been focusing on. Year 3 have had a day at Brighton museum this week; they took part in a mummification workshop and enjoyed looking at a range of different artefacts.

Last night we had our second Parent Forum, thanks to all the parents/carers who attended and contributed helpful feedback and comments. The minutes will soon be available on the web site, as well as dates for future meetings.

Thank you to everyone who voted on the Aviva website, it has now closed and we had 8,262 votes, which is fantastic. Next Tuesday we will hear whether we are finalists, fingers crossed. If we have been successful, then our application will be scrutinized by the panel of Judges at Aviva, and we find out if we have won any money (it would be between £10 – 25k) on 16th January 2018. Thanks to Friends of Wallands for all their work with this bid, in particular to Becky Trotman, who has been fantastic at encouraging voting and getting the bid together.

Just to remind you that the front door is not an entry point at the start or end of the day, it should be used only if you need to talk to the office staff. When parents/carers ring the bell please be patient to allow office staff to answer. Other staff members will not open the door, this is to ensure that the office staff have been able to issue the relevant visitor lanyards/stickers and advise parents/carers about necessary safeguarding information. The infant children have done really well at independently hanging up their coats in the cloakrooms, only children should be entering the building through the door near the infant cloakroom. Thank you for your cooperation with this, as the measures are in place to keep your children safe.

We are all looking forward to the Christmas Fair tomorrow, and hope to see many of you there.

Dates for your diary

Saturday 25th November	3pm – 5.30pm Christmas Fair
Monday 27 th 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
Wednesday 20 th December	Last day of term
Tuesday 2nd January	INSET DAY
Wednesday 3rd January	INSET DAY
Monday 4 th June – Friday 8 th June	Year 6 Caroty Wood residential

Children in Need 2017

A huge thank you for all your support with all the activities last week. The final total is an amazing £618.35. Special thanks goes to Imogen & Sylvie for a superb effort in raising extra money with sponsored silences and Leo and Kenzie who helped to count the coins!

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JUNIOR CHOIR - CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

The Junior Choir has been working very hard towards their Christmas performances, and is sounding fantastic! Do go along to these concerts and enjoy the festive spirit!

- Sunday December 3rd, 4pm, St Anne's Church, High Street 'Sing Noel!' - New Sussex Singers & Wallands Choir Tickets £10 on the door; under 14s free
- Sunday December 17th, 7pm, St Anne's Church, High Street Amnesty International fundraiser - 'In the Bleak Midwinter' Tickets £12, from:
<https://bleak-midwinter.eventbrite.co.uk> or Baldwin's Travel, 1 Station Street, Lewes (01273 472466)

Meet the Governors



Debbie Collis started at Wallands as Head teacher in September 2016, she was previously a Deputy Headteacher and Acting Head in Brighton and Hove. Prior to this she worked as a Teaching and Learning Consultant for East Sussex. Over the last year Debbie has really enjoyed getting to know and work with the staff, children, parents and Governors of Wallands, to make the school experience the best it can be for everyone, and to ensure that Wallands gives each and every child the chance to achieve all that they can. Debbie believes

that the Governors work well as a team, are highly committed, and make a valuable contribution to the school, asking challenging questions, supporting the school, holding senior staff to account in terms of the actions taken, and providing a 'strategic steer' for the school.

Ruth O'Keeffe was first connected to Wallands in 1990 when she taught in the Junior Language Unit. Since then she has been involved with the school as a Local Authority Governor for many years, becoming an Associate Governor this year. Ruth continued to teach at a variety of local schools until 2005 when she became the local County Councillor, also having worked for a while in the Education Department at County Hall, in the section concerned with provision for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. As well as being a qualified teacher Ruth has degrees in Psychology and Education and an interest in child development and helping children with additional needs to reach their full potential. Ruth's children went to St Pancras and Western Road in Lewes and are all grown up. She has one grandchild nearly two years old.



Debbie Collis
Headteacher