



Year 2 had their Great Fire of Wallands this week, where their fantastic houses, which they had made for their home learning were burnt, the fire fighters were on hand to talk about how the Great Fire started and spread. It was fantastic to see do many parents/carers at the event.

We all enjoyed a fantastic assembly with Mrs Shinebourne's Year 6 class this week. They shared some very thought provoking work around World War 2 and Remembrance Day, thanks to the many parents/carers who came and watched.

Next week we have Reception Open mornings on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and are looking forward to welcoming potential new parents/carers for September 2018.

Last night was the Friends of Wallands AGM, where a new committee was voted in. I wanted take this opportunity to say an enormous thank you on behalf of staff, parents/carers and children for all the amazing work that Friends of Wallands do. We really appreciate the very hard work that goes into the many events that are enjoyed by the school community. Last night we heard about the incredible amount of money raised and we are really grateful for everything that is funded by them. A special thank you to Holly, who is stepping down as Chair of Friends and has done a brilliant job this year, luckily she has agreed to remain as secretary.

On Thursday 23rd November we have our second Parent Forum, at 6.00p.m. We agreed to alternate the timings of the forum from 9.00 a.m. to after school, to ensure we enable as many people to attend as possible. The minutes from the last meeting are on the website. If you would like to suggest anything to be included on the agenda, please could you email your suggestions to the school office email. I will then put the agenda together and circulate in the next newsletter.

Please can you help children to ensure they have their PE kits in school? Although we do have spare kit it wastes time at the beginning of a lesson when children have to find the right size kit to borrow. Thanks in advance for your support with this.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 14th November	New Reception 2018 Open morning – 9.15 am
Wednesday 15th November	New Reception 2018 Open morning – 9.15 am
Thursday 16th November	New Reception 2018 Open morning – 9.15 am
Thursday 23rd November	Year 6 Mrs Foster/Mrs Escott's class sharing assembly
Friday 17th November	Children in Need
Thursday 23rd November	6pm Parent Forum
Saturday 25th November	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
Tuesday 2nd January	INSET DAY
Wednesday 3rd January	INSET DAY
Monday 4 th June – Friday 8 th June	Year 6 Carroty Wood residential

Children's intranasal flu vaccination letter Reception to Year 4

NHS letters have been sent out last week, if for some reason your child did not get one please pick up a spare from the office on Monday. The NHS will pick them up on Wednesday, thank you. The vaccinations will take place during school on Monday 27th November.

Update on St Peter and St James Sponsored Run

Year 3, 6 and the language unit took part in a sponsored run to support Mrs Davidson, who was raising money for St Peters and St James Hospice. We had a lovely afternoon on Friday 13th October running round the field. The children have raised a massive £573, which is fantastic, a very big thank you to you all.

With our contribution, Mrs Davidson (past Wallands Reception teacher) has raised over £5,000 by walking 70km around the Himalyas. Together with the group of people she went with they will have raised over £17,000 in total, to give to St Peter and St James Hospice! It has been a delight to be part of something so special.

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Meet the Governors



Kevin Scott is Lewes and Wallands through and through. He attended Wallands as a pupil during the late sixties and early seventies and then returned as a Governor in 2000 when his own children started as pupils of the school. Kevin recently completed a term of more than 10 years as Chair of Governors but he has stayed involved as Chair of Finance, a post he has held for over 15 years. When not carrying out his Governor duties, Kevin is a director of successful local financial planners, Herbert Scott, and is a trustee of Patina, the charity which brings us the Children's Moving-On Parade.

Sara Russet is programme manager for a large independent foundation where she identifies and develops projects that aim to improve the quality of life of children, young people and families. She has a background in arts and human rights and ran a theatre company for a number of years. She is a Trustee of Home Start East Sussex and has two children at Wallands - in nursery and juniors. She became a Governor in September 2017.



Boccia

Last week Mr Perry's class represented the school in two teams at the inter school sports Boccia competition. They travelled over to Eastbourne and competed against 9 other teams. Mrs Taylor reported back to me how impressed she was with their sportsmanship, levels of concentration and teamwork. The game has similarities to boules. This competition is primarily aimed at children with physical disabilities or poor gross motor skills, some of the teams may have one had one player who fulfilled those criteria. I'm delighted to report Wallands were runners up. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and a big thank you for the adult support we had.

Girls Cricket

Fun cricket games and skills for girls aged 8 – 11 is happening every Thursday at Plumpton College, Lewes 6pm – 7pm. For more information go to <http://sussexcricketfoundation.co.uk/cricket/girls-cricket-hubs/> or contact Charlotte 01273 827117 or email charlotte.burton@sussexcricket.co.uk

Football League

Tuesday night saw the start of the Lewes & Ringmer District League, Wallands are one of 10 teams participating, this is held at the 3G pitches organised by a SGO Sara Riley. We played 4 matches, losing 2, drawing 1 and winning 1, Mrs Taylor reported back on great sportsmanship and supportiveness towards one another and that it was a delight to see ex-Wallands pupils in their sports leader role at Priory umpiring.

Table Tennis

Wednesday afternoon 8 of our Yr6's went to St Leonards to participate in the East Sussex Schools under 11 area competition, this is part of a national competition. The rules stipulate that you can only feed through to the next stage if you are an all boys or all girls team. We have 9 children at the club and only 2 of them are girls. After discussion regarding the unfairness of the rules the children unanimously voted that they would accept they would be graded in ability 1 -8 regardless of gender. Therefore we entered 2 mixed teams and lodged a formal complaint with the organiser who said they would pass it on, Paul our coach mentioned it seemed strange as the table tennis league is mixed gender, so wasn't sure why the schools competition couldn't be updated too. We weren't the only schools with mixed teams and after playing 4 games each, I'm delighted to report we came back with gold and silver medals. Wallands are the East Sussex Under 11 winners and runners up. A special mention goes to Daisy M who was our 9th player who couldn't go.

The Snow Queen - A Ballet for Christmas

Many current and former Wallands pupils are performing in the Turning Pointe School of Dance production of The Snow Queen - A Ballet for Christmas... a Dance extravaganza not to be missed!

Saturday 16th December, 2pm & 7.30pm, Sunday 17th December, 6pm, Roedean Theatre, Brighton Tickets: £15 / £12.50, Box Office: 01273 667655 email: boxoffice@roedean.co.uk www.roedeantheatre.co.uk

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