



The school has certainly started to feel very christmasy this week, thanks to Friends of Wallands for kindly donating the tree in the entrance, which children have enjoyed decorating this week.

Arrangements for the Christmas celebrations next week: Could we ask you all to please remember to bring your ticket with you for the correct performance. Tickets have been allocated according to the space available and there are therefore no spare seats.

Parents/carers arriving for the 2pm Christmas celebrations should wait outside the Crush Hall door, which will be opened at 1.30p.m. At the end of the afternoon celebrations children will return to their classrooms to get changed and parent/carers will be asked to collect them from the playground at the usual time.

For the 7pm celebrations could we remind parents/carers to arrive no earlier than 6.30p.m, and children will need to be in their classrooms by 6.45p.m.

For the 9.30 a.m. Reception and KS1 celebration could parents/carers drop children to their classrooms at the normal time, at 9.00 we will open the hall doors and parents/carers will be able to access from the playground.

Parent Fourm: The minutes from the last Parent Forum are now available on the website. Dates for forthcoming forums will follow. Thanks again to all those who attended.

Pupil Attendance Policy: The Headteachers in Lewes have recently worked together to produce an agreed Lewes Pupil Attendance Policy, which will be added to our website. It is very much in line with our previous policy, but is summarised into a three page document. One change to draw to your attention is that we are requesting parent/carers send a note in with the child on the first day of their return after a sickness. There is also a slightly amended withdrawal from learning application form. These are available from the office and will also be added to the website. If you need to request removal from learning for either unavoidable or exceptional reasons these should be completed and returned 10 days before the requested absence date. If it has been requested for an appointment, please attach a copy of the appointment letter. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Due to the field being muddy, the best routes into and out of school are via the paths, this is particularly the case in relation to buggies. The Nevill gate entrance provides a step free entry to the school, and is currently the best route for buggies, although we are looking at other possible routes.

Extreme Weather

Should we need to need to close the school due to extreme weather, you will be able to find this information out by looking on the school website: <http://wallandsschool.org/> There will be an announcement posted as soon as possible after the decision to close the school has been made. In addition a list of school closures will be posted on the East Sussex County Council website:

<https://apps.eastsussex.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/schoolclosures/> East Sussex radio stations will use this list to broadcast closures.

Dates for your diary

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
Thursday 4th January	First day of Term 3
Monday 4 th June – Friday 8 th June	Year 6 Carroty Wood residential

Poppy Appeal: Thank you also to everyone who made a donation as part of the recent Poppy Appeal. As a school, we raised £50.57 which contributed to a total of £22,047 across the Lewes District.

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Reverse Advent calendar: Thank you for all your contributions so far, we will continue to collect until Friday 15th December. If you are able to donate anything from pasta and rice to biscuits and cereal or any other non-perishable food such as tins of meat, fish and vegetables or tea, coffee and sugar, toiletries or baby food, we will then donate to the Food Bank at Landport.

Meet your governors

Natalie Swallow has been a governor since June 2015.

Natalie's professional background over the past 18 years has been in HR. Within her role she has dealt with all aspects of Human Resources including; recruitment, writing and reviewing policies, managing performance, organisational design and HR operations. Natalie currently works as Head of HR Operations for The Pensions Regulator in Brighton, where she sits on the senior Leadership team and The Regulator's Remuneration committee.

Natalie has had children at Wallands since 2007 and has been an active and supportive parent within the School. Natalie combines her professional HR experience, her approachability and her experience of being a Wallands parent to support the school in delivering the best educational opportunities for all the children.



Alison Moore was appointed as an Associate governor on the 30th November 2017.

Alison has worked in digital communications in local government and the voluntary sector for the last 15 years. This includes 8 years in the East Sussex County Council Children's Services department working directly with schools and the teams who support them. Before that she worked as a language teacher and Spanish translator. She has 2 children at the school.

Apologies for an error in last week's newsletter, congratulations should have gone to Jacob Wynn for his excellent behaviour, manners and attitude in a recent chess competition.

Rocking Horse Appeal

Solomon Mitchell (6CS) will be taking part in a 5K Santa Dash along Hove Seafront to help raise money for this charity for Brighton Children's Hospital. All money will go towards funding a new x-ray imaging machine for the Trevor Mann Baby Unit. Any donations would be gratefully received. Well done Solomon.

Lewes Bridgeview judo club players have had a busy few weeks with some competitions and grading taking place. Mia Goode fought at the South Coast Open and did fantastically, taking the gold medal for her group. Joss Kearley-Light fought at the Class Master Christmas event and did very well, securing a bronze medal and the Spirit of Judo award. At the club's most recent grading, Mia, Joss and Eddie Baker all successfully passed, with Mia now a 6th Mon, Joss a 5th Mon and Eddie a 2nd Mon. Well done to them all! The club has a couple more sessions before the end of the year and then will be back in full swing for the competitive season, with the British Schools Southern Area regional competition and a Green Belt and Under event both taking place in January.

Debbie Collis
Headteacher