



Happy New Year to everyone and hope that you all enjoyed the Christmas break. On behalf of all staff a big thank you for the kind messages, lovely cards and gifts that you generously gave at the end of term.

As you know staff started the term with an INSET day and we focused on the fine tuning of the teaching of maths, this will be a focus over the spring term and there will be more information about how parents can get involved. We have bought into an on line based times table programme called TT Rock Stars, all children will be able to access this from home and information about how to log in and use the programme will be sent home with children.

We also spent time agreeing a 'Wallands behaviour blueprint', this is something that was discussed at the recent Parent Forum, and parents/carers were keen for a one page summary of our agreed behaviour system, focusing on our three agreed expectations, being 'Ready, Respectful and Safe'. The summary will go on the website and a paper copy will be sent out next week.

A huge thank you to Friends of Wallands for supporting the buying of the new Welcome to Wallands sign in the reception area, we think it looks great.

Another huge thank you to all of you who gave very generously to the different collections at the end of the Christmas performances. Overall, we raised an amazing £651.50, the money will be sent to the six different charities with a note from the School Council.

Dates for your diary

Monday 4th June – Friday 8th June

Year 6 Carrot Wood residential

Week beginning 5th February

Parent Consultation Meetings

Week beginning 19th March

Open Classrooms

Judo Club

Lewes Bridgeview Judo Club gave out their annual awards at the final session of the year. Two Wallands pupils were among the winners. Mia Goode took the award for Most Improved Judoka - well deserved in recognition of the hard work she has put in this year and all her achievements. Jocelyn Kearley-Light took the Spirit of Judo award - which recognises her determination and positive attitude across the year. Well done to both players who will be back in action in the New Year!

Anyone interested in judo should contact Lisa Kearley on 07944851648 or email lewesjudo@gmail.com

Lunch Club need any small world figures, cars, animals, games, or construction toys if you are having a sort out after Christmas, thank you.

Press Play After School Animation Club

Animation club is a fun introduction to the art of animation. They produce animations using flipbooks, whiteboards, clay, Lego, light boards and Pivot Animator. Children photograph and edit their animations using dedicated laptops, web cams and animation software. By the end, children have completed some short, high-quality animations to take away. Children will be able to keep flipbooks, clay models/stage props. We hope the films will be screened at a parent/child screening at the end of the 10 week block. For more information or to book a space please contact Lara on pressplayfilms80@gmail.com

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