



In last week's newsletter I mentioned a times table programme we have bought into called, TT Rock Stars. It has already proved to be very popular with the children, your child (from Year 2 to Year 6) should have received a log in to enable them to access the programme.

We have recently added some curriculum information to the different year group pages on the website. For each year group there is now a summary document which details the National Curriculum expectations for all subjects.

Could I just remind parents/carers how important it is for children to arrive at school on time. The gates open at 8.40 a.m. and the bell then goes at 8.50, which is when children should be entering the building, so that learning can start at 8.55. As I know you will appreciate the beginning of the day is an extremely important time for your child. When late, a child misses important information and also has the embarrassment of walking into a class that has already started work. During the last half term many children were arriving late for school, and a few children are regularly late. Your support and co-operation on this matter is vital. The gates around the school will now be shut at 9.05 am; this is to ensure the safety of the children.

Our Wallands Behaviour Blueprint is a one-page summary of our agreed behaviour policy, it lists the rewards we have in place as well as detailing our agreed stepped consequences and the language we use around this. At the Parent Forum it was suggested that such a document would be useful for parents/carers, so a copy will be sent home with children, and added to the website. If you have any further questions, please do ask your child's class teacher or come and see me.

### **Dates for your diary**

Thursday 1st February 9 a.m.	Year 1 Mrs Hurlock's Class Sharing assembly
Thursday 8th February 9 a.m.	Year 1 Mrs Mickelburgh/Mrs Scanlan's Class Sharing assembly
Thursday 15th March 9 a.m.	Year 4 Miss Ginn's Class Sharing assembly
Week beginning 5th February	Parent Consultation Meetings
Week beginning 19th March	Open Classrooms
Monday 4th June – Friday 8th June	Year 6 Carrot Wood residential

### **St Mary's Pantomime 13<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

Elliot (Yr3), Lola (Yr4) and Mia (Yr6) are all performing in 'Aladdin' at St Mary's Social Centre. Great fun for all the family. Tickets available online [www.stmaryspanto.org](http://www.stmaryspanto.org) or call 01273 477733.

### **Cross Country**

The South Downs Area School Games finals were held on Thursday, 7 of our children had qualified for this event; unfortunately through sickness only 3 could attend. Esme Stephenson (Y5) Isaac Tarafder (Y5) & Martha Weisskopf-Strange (Y6) Mrs Taylor reported how proud and extremely impressed she was of them all, they all finished in the top 15 qualifying to represent the South Downs Area at County level. The run is 2.5km in rather muddy conditions, the girls ran first, Esme and Martha both ran a relaxed race, with Esme finishing 5th and Martha receiving a silver medal in a presentation for a fantastic race where she maintained 2nd place from the very beginning. Isaac held off a few children to finish 11th, we are looking forward to hearing how they all do at the next stage, well done to the children.

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