



Well done to Miss Ginn’s class this week for their class sharing assembly, they looked fantastic dressed as Romans, and shared some great learning from their current topic. There was such an array of cross-curricular learning which really reflected how much the children are enjoying the Romans topic this term. It was lovely to see so many parents/carers, thanks for your support.

As you know this term we have had a big focus on maths, and we have:

- Introduced children self selecting their level of difficulty in relation to maths tasks, either mild, spicy or hot.
- Given more opportunities for all children to use Reasoning (being able to explain how they have answered a question and how they know they are correct or incorrect).
- Purchased new resources to use in lessons – many thanks again to FoW for their support with this
- Had a focus in staff meetings and support staff training on maths teaching. This has included training in how to use the new mathematical equipment to support children’s calculation skills.

It would really help your child (and us!) if you helped them to learn their times tables. Children who know their times tables are at such an advantage when learning maths. The expectation is that all children from the end of Year 4 upwards know all the times tables up to and including 12 x 12.

All children should now have access to the TT Rockstars app that they use in school and can also be used at home. It is free and great fun, as well as giving valuable practice and it has been very popular with the children since we introduced it.

Dates for your diary

Week beginning 19th March	Open Classrooms
Tuesday 20th March 9 a.m.	Parent Forum
Wednesday 21 st March	Sport Relief
Thursday 22nd March 9 a.m.	Year 3 Mrs Clark/Mr Gunningham’s Class sharing assembly
Saturday 24th March	FoW Jumble sale
Thursday 29th March 9 a.m.	Year 3 Miss Dickson’s Class sharing assembly
Thursday 24th May 9 a.m.	Year 4 Miss Mynott’s Class sharing assembly
Monday 4th June–Friday 8th June	Year 6 Carrotty Wood residential
Thursday 21st June 9 a.m.	Year 5 Miss Gibney/Miss Gulland’s Class sharing assembly
Thursday 28 th June 9 a.m.	Year 5 Dr Lerner’s Class sharing assembly
Thursday 5th July 9 a.m.	Reception Mrs Hart and Mr Jones’s Class sharing assembly

Parent Forum

We have the Parent Forum on Tuesday 20th at 9.00am in the Hall, and the focus will be on the new partnership with Priory School and Tony Smith will be present. If you are unable to attend but would like a specific question to be included, please forward to the school office. Minutes will be taken and shared following the meeting.

Open Classrooms

Next week we have open classrooms, this is an opportunity for parents/carers to visit your child/ren’s classrooms and have a look at the learning they have been involved in. You are welcome to come in to Reception and Key Stage one classrooms on Tuesday 20th March and Key stage 2 classrooms (Year 3 to 6) on Thursday 22nd March. Please come straight after school until 3.45pm.

Uniform reminder

A reminder that all children should be wearing school uniform every day and we would ask for your support to remind children as they get ready for school. We believe it is important that all the children wear the full school uniform as it gives them a sense of pride and ownership by being part of Wallands.

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Staffing update

Ms Teager will be leaving us at Easter; she has been in Year 2 since September. She has recently moved house and has now been successful in securing a job, closer to her new house. We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Collins at Easter. Mrs Collins has been our Clerk to Governors since September 2016 and more recently has been a teaching assistant and midday supervisor in KS1. I know you will join me in wishing Ms Teager and Mrs Collins every success in their new roles and we will be sad to see them go.

Netball

Wallands hosted the Lewes District High Five Netball tournament last Wednesday. 20 children represented the school and were split into 4 teams. Three other schools participated, each bringing two teams. We were very lucky with the weather as it was a mild, sunny afternoon. The A team won all of their games and will now go through to represent the Lewes District at the area tournament. There was a mixture of results with the other teams, the second team finished second in their pool, the third team finishing third and the fourth team last. Mrs Taylor reported many personal achievements witnessed by her throughout the afternoon and how proud Mrs McConalogue, Mr Perry and herself were of all the children involved. We would like to say a big thank you to ex-pupils Ellie Kearley- Light and Millie Swallow for volunteering to umpire alongside Mrs McConalogue and Mr Perry.

Indoor Athletics

Last Thursday morning 19 Year 5/6 children from Wallands represented the South Downs Area at the Sussex School Games Final held at The Triangle in Burgess Hill. There were eight other schools representing their areas competing, the children were extremely supportive of one another throughout the morning and whole-heartedly got stuck into their events. The school is very proud of the team for making it to this competition, overall they placed 9th out of 154 schools that entered the competition.

Easter Soccer School

Lewes Football Club are holding soccer school during the holidays at The Dripping Pan, Mountfield Road, Lewes, BN7 2XA Ages: 5 - 12 Course Code: ADSS-LFC-X-2. Price £3. Any queries: soccerschoolsouth@chelseafc.com.

All bookings made online: chelseafc.com/foundation

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