



This week has been a busy one with Sport Relief, Year 3 class assembly, Parent Forum and open classrooms. It was fantastic to see the children dressed as their sporting heroes on Sport Relief day, and they all did fantastically as they ran around the field doing their laps. A huge thank you for the sponsorship money you have helped your child/ren to collect. Thank you to Ms Gibney for organising the event and for running/skipping or hopping round with every year group, she must have run a least a mile with each one, meaning she ran a minimum of 8 miles for Sports Relief!

Year 3 performed a fabulous Viking assembly with a play all about Eric the Viking, very well done to the class for learning the many lines involved. Thanks to Mrs Clark and the other staff in the class for their support with the play and for the many parents/carers who came and watched.

The Parent Forum this week focused on the partnership with Priory, and we discussed what had already been put into place, it was great to welcome Tony Smith to the meeting to answer questions from parents/carers. We are just completing a Frequently Asked Question sheet and this will then be circulated and added to the website.

Dates for your diary

Saturday 24th March	FoW Jumble sale
Tuesday 27 th March	9.10 a.m. Orchestra and Junior Choir
Wednesday 28 th March	PATINA Easter egg rolling competition
Thursday 29 th March	Last day of Term 4
Monday 16 th April	Start of Term 5
Thursday 19 th April	9.00 a.m. Year 6 SATs information parents meeting
Thursday 24th May 9 a.m.	Year 4 Miss Mynott's Class sharing assembly
Friday 25 th May	Last day of Term 5
Monday 4 th June	First day of Term 6
Monday 4th June–Friday 8th June	Year 6 Carroty 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
Friday 20 th July	Last day of Term 6

Dinner Swap Thursday 29th March

On the last day of term the lunch menu will be swapped to Friday Fish Fingers and chips/Bean and Potato Burrito and chips.

Easter Egg-rolling competition! Wednesday 28th March, 3.30pm in the school grounds.

Come and join in the Easter fun, help us raise funds for PATINA and celebrate the end of term in style! Pupils and their families and carers are all invited to compete in our different age categories, with PRIZES to be won in each category! Decorate your egg at home and bring it along with 50p to enter the competition and extra pennies if you want a drink and Easter snack. The competition will take place on the slopes by the junior playground where you can also meet our Easter Bunnies and pose for a photo with the legendary Golden Egg (20p to PATINA!). If you attend after-school club you can still join in, just remember to bring your egg and pennies!

Dance

Universal Dance in conjunction with LOGS organised and hosted for the second year 'Lewes Big Dance' day. four Year 6 pupils were invited to participate in a workshop and choreography day which then culminated in a performance at Lewes Town Hall the next evening. Daisy McDonald and Skye Homan who both performed reported back how much they had enjoyed the whole experience and how 'awesome' it was. Well done girls, we hope you continue to enjoy dance in its many forms.

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Judo

Last Sunday Mia Goode competed in the British schools judo championships representing Wallands School in Sheffield at the England institute of Sport. She competed in the Year 6/7 u44kg category against competitors from England, Scotland and Wales.

She put on a great performance winning her first three fights keeping her in the main competition which put her into a final for the gold medal. She lost to a great player but she put on a great performance, narrowly missing out. Mia brought home a national silver medal and was delighted, it was very tough, her first competition of this scale after winning the southern area in January. She brought her medal in to show her class this week. Very well done Mia, what a fantastic achievement.

Football

Wallands were represented by 16 Year 6 pupils who participated in the annual Lewes District football tournament held at Southover School last week. Mrs Taylor & Mr Burgess were impressed with the children's attitude to the weather throughout the afternoon, it was not pleasant, and the children did not complain once; motivation of playing a sport they love was obviously key! We entered two teams and they both rose to the challenge of the day, with a mixture of wins and losses, there was some excellent play witnessed, in particular by the goal keepers. Well done to all of the children involved.

Netball

This week, on a rather cold Monday afternoon, our Netball team having successfully won the previous Lewes District competition were in Eastbourne playing in the area tournament. The children participated in a round robin, playing five, 10 minute games. Wallands won every single one making them the South Downs winners and they will now go on to the County tournament which is held at the Sussex Games at the K2 in Crawley on 27th June. Mr Perry and Mrs Taylor reported back on the good play, excellent sportsmanship and commitment to play without complaint in the cold. Well done to you all and good luck in your next competition.

Kitchen Vacancy

The kitchen has a vacancy to cover maternity leave. The position is for 10 hours a week and will start after the Easter holidays. If you are interested please enquire at the school office or ring the kitchen on 01273 473028.

French and Spanish Clubs

There are a few places in these clubs for next term. KS1 clubs are at lunch time and KS2 clubs after school until 4.30(French on a Wednesday, Spanish on Thursday). Please contact Jane Sparrow if your child would like to try a free taster or to find out more (Tel: 07769 250650).

Chess

On Saturday the Sussex Under 11's chess team came joint 1st in a tournament against 8 other counties giving them a secure place in the National Finals in April. Well done to Jacob Wynn, Solomon Mitchell & Austin Mitchell who were all part of the team.

Austin also played for the Under 9 team the week previously – they came 1st so are also through to the finals. Good luck to all three boys.

Cottage Pre-School Easter Fair – Wednesday 4th April 11am-2pm St Mary's Social Centre. £1 entry children free.

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