



It had been another busy week at Wallands this week, with a Reception pirate day, the children and staff looked great dressed as pirates and there were opportunities to walk the plank, write to Pirate Pete and play games with buried treasure. On Tuesday the orchestra and junior choir did a fantastic performance, with some beautiful songs performed. Many thanks to Mrs Hurlock for organising the event, and to Briony for her continued work with the choir.

Year 1 had their homework exhibition this morning and it was fantastic to see such a wide range of learning. Children had made shields, visited castles with their families and written stories about knights, princesses and dragons. Well done to Year 1 and thanks to parents/carers who supported the projects at home.

Yesterday Patina organised the egg rolling competition, with about 130 egg rollers! It was a fun event, enjoyed by all and there were five age categories including a reception and under 5s race, and an adult race. £102.65 was raised for Patina, and they would like to thank Waitrose, Tesco and SS Food and Wine on the Nevill estate for their generous donations. There were 20 big Easter eggs to offer as prizes. Many thanks to Patina for organising the successful event.

As you may already be aware, the schools in Lewes are working increasingly in partnership with each other in order to provide an excellent education for all the children across the town. One of the things we have started doing as part of this partnership is to share some of our resources, our training and some of our staff. As part of this initiative, after Easter we will be welcoming Adam Moylett, who will be seconded to Wallands School for the summer term from South Malling and will be the class teacher in the Year 2 class, replacing Ms Teager. Also, as part of this initiative staff have been out to local schools to observe good practice, particularly in relation to maths teaching, which has been a focus for us this term. In addition, some maths leaders from other schools have been in to Wallands to work alongside our staff on planning and assessment. These partnerships will continue to build as we go into the summer term, and our focus for next term will be on further developing the teaching and learning of English across the school. This week as a staff we have been looking at the Calculations Policy, this is following the focus on maths we have had this term, the maths leaders are finalising this policy and we will then share with parents/carers next term. This policy outlines how we teach calculations across the school and will be a useful guide to parents.

East Sussex and the governors have agreed an additional INSET day in the final half term of the year, this is to enable us to address the priorities outlined in our School Development plan. The date for this will be **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June.**

We hope you all enjoy a restful Easter holiday and look forward to seeing you on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April.

### Dates for your diary

Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of Term 4
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of Term 5
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	9.00 a.m. Year 6 SATs information parents meeting
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 9 a.m.	Year 4 Miss Mynott's Class sharing assembly
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Last day of Term 5
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	First day of Term 6
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June–Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Carroty Wood residential
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> June 9 a.m.	Year 5 Miss Gibney/Miss Gulland's Class sharing assembly
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> June 9 a.m.	Year 5 Dr Lerner's Class sharing assembly
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET day
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> July 9 a.m.	Reception Mrs Hart and Mr Jones's Class sharing assembly
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of Term 6

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### **Kaleidoscope Drama & Movement Classes at Wallands**

Kaleidoscope have a few places available in their Infant and Junior Drama & Movement Classes next term on Tuesday afternoons at Wallands:

Infants: 3.10-4.30pm

Juniors: 3.20-5pm

Kaleidoscope are offering an Early Bird Discount for their popular Summer School in Lewes from Monday 30th July to Friday 3rd August. For further information see their website: [www.kaleidoscopedrama.uk](http://www.kaleidoscopedrama.uk)

### **St Mary's Children's Sports Day – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018, Nevill Green, Lewes**

Celebrate the Big 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Nevill Sports. They need volunteers and children to attend morning and afternoon sporting events. Open to all children up to year 8, trophies and medals for winners.

Deadline for entries is 10<sup>th</sup> June. Children need to register in advance, email details of their address to get a form delivered [stmaryssportsbn7@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryssportsbn7@gmail.com) See [facebook.com/stmaryssports](https://facebook.com/stmaryssports)

### **Intrepid Theatre Centre - Saturday Drama School for 4-12 year olds**

Intrepid celebrates 20 years in 2018 - join us this summer term. See our website

[www.intrepidtheatre.org.uk](http://www.intrepidtheatre.org.uk) for information, dates, times and prices or call/text Richard on 07840166947

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