



It has been another busy week at school, with children becoming very engaged in their new topics, there has been some lovely home learning from Year 5 this week, some of which can be seen outside the hall. Mr Blount is busy getting the pool ready, and we will let you know when we can start timetabling swimming sessions. We hope you all enjoy a sunny bank holiday weekend.

Safeguarding

Over the course of the year we have, as you know, changed the arrangements for children coming in to school, and have been grateful for support from parents in putting this into place. A reminder of the arrangements: at the start of school children should come into the playground via one of the three gates. Only parents who need to see someone at the office should enter school via the front door, all other parents and children will be reminded to enter one of the three gates. The gates are opened at 8.40a.m. and the doors to school are opened at 8.50a.m. when the first bell goes. The second bell goes at 8.55a.m. and children should be in class by this time. The gates will be closed again at 9.00a.m. (the Nursery gate is closed at 9.10a.m. to allow for the later nursery start) 9.00a.m. is also the time staff close the Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 door. Thank you for your support with this, it is intended to keep all children safe once they have entered the school building.

At the end of the day, we ask that parents enter through one of the three gates and wait in the playground to collect their children. Thank you for your ongoing support with this.

Last week I mentioned about a child who had got 100 Charter stars, completing forgetting that Lily, Edie and Megan R have also got 100 Charter stars – so sorry I left these names out. There have been more children achieving 100 this week, very well done to all of these children, every time a child gets 100 we will celebrate by putting their name on a star and displaying it outside the hall.

We are saying goodbye to a number of colleagues next week, Lisa Joseph will be leaving us, over the years that Lisa has been at the school she has worked with a large number of children in groups as well as doing a fantastic job on the front desk, we wish her lots of luck in her new role. Helen Boyes and Lula James will also be leaving us. Helen has worked at Wallands since 2008 and has been in the Nursery supporting our youngest children. Lula has worked with us for the last couple of years and has supported a number of children across year 6, as well as supporting children at lunchtime. Thank you to all of you for your hard work over the many years at Wallands, we will miss you.

Dates for your diary

Monday 14th-17th May

Friday 18th May

Friday 25th May

Friday 25th May

Monday 4th June

Monday 4th–Friday 8th June

Saturday 9th June 1-3.30 pm

Thursday 14th June 9 a.m.

Thursday 21st June 9 a.m.

Thursday 28th June 9 a.m.

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Friday 29th June

Monday 2nd July

Tuesday 3rd July

KS2 SATs week

Own Clothes day for year 6 only (for the summer fair – more information to follow)

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Last day of Term 5

First day of Term 6

Year 6 Carrot Wood residential

FoW Summer Fair

Year 3 Mrs Dickson's Class Sharing assembly

Year 5 Miss Gibney/Miss Gulland's Class sharing assembly

Year 5 Miss Gibney/Mr Skeels's Class sharing assembly

Reception to Year 1 transition meeting (more information to follow)

INSET day

District Sports (**please note change of date**)

am Nursery & Reception Fun Day

pm KS1 Fun & Games

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Wednesday 4 th July	Reserve am Nursery & Reception Fun Day pm Reserve KS1 Fun & Games
Thursday 5 th July 9 a.m.	Reception Mrs Hart and Mr Jones's Class sharing assembly
Friday 6 th July	Year 6 Patina
Wednesday 11 th July	am KS2 Sports Day
Thursday 12 th July 9 a.m	am Reserve KS2 Sports Day Year 4 Miss Mynott's Class sharing assembly (please note change of date)
Friday 20 th July 9.15 a.m.	Year 6 Leaver's assembly
Friday 20 th July	Last day of Term 6

Nursery places

We have available 15 hour & 30 hour funded sessions available from September. If you are interested please pick up an application form from the front desk or for more information call 01273 472776 option 3.

Parenting Matters E Bulletin is available via Reception.

Support for Parents!

The following Facebook pages have a wealth of information for parents:

<https://www.facebook.com/InformationForFamilies/> & <https://www.facebook.com/igoEastSussex/>

We have also received some Parenting newsletter which are available from Reception.

Family Night at St Mary's Supporter's Club

Come join the fun tonight, Friday 4th May, at the free Family Night at St Mary's Supporter's Club, from 6pm, with indoor skittles, pool, shuttleboard, toads and a dress-up corner. The club is behind St Mary's Social Centre on Christie road, just round the corner from Wallands!

Bikeability

We had a successful first week with Bikeability, two pupils passed level 1 and have been invited to try to pass their level 2 later in the year and seven pupils achieved their certificates for level 1 and 2, well done to you all and we hope to see you out and about safely using the roads.

Chess

At the National County Chess Finals held in Solihull both Sussex teams did well in their age groups. Out of 16 teams the Under 11's came 8th and the under 9's came 9th. Well done to Jacob Wynn, Solomon Mitchell & Austin Mitchell who were part of these teams. Solomon also recently qualified to join the National Junior Chess squad.

Many thanks to Gary McCulloch who runs the school chess club and has inspired and encouraged the boys. If anyone is interested in attending training days or competitions please see Sussex Junior Chess website. Good luck to Wallands players who will be entering the Sussex Megafinal on 12th May!

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