



Year 1 have been involved in a big seaside art project this week, thanks to the many parents/carers who helped the children and got covered in glue! We look forward to seeing the finished results on the wall in the dining room soon.

Last night the Patina Dream Team football tournament at Lewes Dripping Pan took place, 15 teams took part, made up of children from different primary schools. The Red Arrows team, which was made up of children from Wallands, Southover, St Pancras and LOGs won the tournament, well done to all who took part and thanks to the many supporters. It was a great fundraising event.

Next week is a big week for our Year 6 class as they will be sitting their end of Key Stage assessments (SATs), Year 2 have started theirs this week and will be completing theirs the following week. The staff and children have worked extremely hard to ensure that all the children are prepared to do as well as they can. I am sure you will want to join with me in wishing them all the best of luck. We know that they will do themselves proud!

### Grounds Project update

Our priority in the Grounds Project is currently focused on clearing the old trim trail equipment, replacing the wood chips, mending the slide and replacing any missing bits on the climbing frame and replacing the parallel bars, which are currently a little bent. We are just agreeing which contractor will undertake the work and when this will take place. Friends of Wallands have generously committed funds towards this project, and have also been working alongside a fundraiser from Priory who has helped with the submission of some other bids to get some matched funding for the amounts already raised by FoW. As a result of this, we are very excited to say we have been successful in bidding for our school to be one of the three community projects supported by the Lewes Waitrose Green Token Scheme during the month of June. For the whole of June when you shop at Waitrose in Lewes, you can support our campaign to raise funds to replace our playground equipment by popping a green token into our tub. A big thank you to Waitrose for giving Wallands this opportunity and for the four seed classroom starter kits they gave the school when they visited this week.

### School attendance

Our school attendance currently sits at 94.6%. The target is for this to be above 96%, so can I please ask you to ensure that every day counts and that all children are attending for every possible day that they can.

### Dates for your diary

Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs week
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Own Clothes day for year 6 only (for the summer fair – see below)
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Own Clothes day (for the summer fair – see below)
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> –Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Carrotty Wood residential
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> June 1-3.30 pm	FoW Summer Fair
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> June 9 a.m.	Year 3 Mrs Dickson’s Class Sharing assembly
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 Miss Gibney/Mr Skeels’s Class sharing assembly
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> June 9 a.m.	Reception to Year 1 transition meeting (more information to follow)
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>INSET day</b>
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	District Sports ( <b>please note change of date</b> )
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	am Nursery & Reception Fun Day
	pm KS1 Fun & Games

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

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May - Royal Wedding Menu Change** - Fish & Chips/Veggie Hot Dog in a Bun & Chips

### Little Princess Trust

Nikhita in Year 5 recently donated four 20-inch plaits to the Little Princess Trust, which provides real hair wigs free of charge to children and young adults up to the age of 24 that have sadly lost their own hair due to cancer treatment and other illnesses. Well done Nikhita!

### Fleeces & Sweatshirts

Please can all sweatshirts be named so that when the children take them off we can match the child to the sweatshirt, thank you.

### Summer Fair

There will be an 'Own Clothes Day' for Year 6 only on 18<sup>th</sup> May and for the rest of the school on 25<sup>th</sup> May. Please bring donations of either £1, a wrapped jam jar surprise (no food items), or an item for the tombola or raffle. There will be tubs available in the playground by the entrances for classes to collect your donations.

### Hockey

Three year fives Sophie George, Jess Williams and Harry Walsh-Black represented Lewes Hockey Club Under 10s teams last weekend at the Southern Region finals in Surbiton. The boys' team had previously won the Sussex cup and on Sunday made it through to the quarter finals only to lose on penalty flicks. The girls had got through as runners up in the cup and fought hard in all three of their matches. A great effort from each of these Wallands students!

### Chess

Last week Wallands entered the 2nd round of the Sussex Schools Primary Cup U11 competition. Solomon Mitchell, Jacob Wynn, Austin Mitchell and Will Smithyes represented the school very well and were complimented on their standard of play. We narrowly missed winning (by ½ point) against 3 other schools. Mrs Taylor reported that it was a pleasure to be out with the boys and was impressed with their attitude and concentration. Well done boys.

### Tennis

Eight Y4 children participated in the Lewes District Southdowns tennis festival Thursday morning. This event is held every year, run by Sara Riley with the help of her year 9 sports leaders. Mrs Taylor said how lovely it was to see 5 ex-Wallands pupils there. The children participated in a variety of timed, skills based games to accrue points; all the children had a smile on their face the whole morning 'giving it a go'. Well done to the team who finished 3rd overall.

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