



A very warm welcome back to the new school year. It has been lovely to welcome families new to the school and to see children pleased to be back and enthusiastic about their new topics. We are also happy to welcome some new staff to Wallands; Sarah Haskoll in the Nursery, Amanda Bennett-Tomlin in Year 1, Lauren Hamblett in Year 2, Sally Walters in Year 2, Jackie Drake in Year 3, Oli Palmer in Year 5, Jake Clay in Year 6, Cara Catchpole has joined us as a INA in KS2 and we also welcome our new office team, Fiona Adams who is our Business Manager, Caroline Peck our new School Secretary and Jasmine Swan who started at the end of last term as our Receptionist. We also welcome Mrs Wilberforce back from her maternity leave.

This year we will be moving to monthly newsletters; it will go out on the first Friday of a month.

Changes to school over the summer

Over the summer, our reception area has had a bit of a make-over with carpets and some new display boards.

Thank you very much to Friends of Wallands who have paid for two new interactive whiteboards in Year 6, which look fantastic. The staff and children are really enjoying using them.

You will have noticed the new fencing by the Nursery, work is about to start to repair the slide and replace the woodchips, this work will be funded by Friends of Wallands, and we are really grateful for their contribution to this.

At the end of the summer term we worked on renewing our vision and values. You will notice from the top of the newsletter that the school logo has been updated and it now includes our motto, 'Happy together. Learning forever', which was voted for by children, staff and governors. We have also launched our new **Wallands' Values Tree** which includes the 6 values agreed by children, staff, parents and governors. At Wallands Community Primary School we have agreed that our values are to:

- have high **aspirations** and have ambitious hopes and dreams for the future
- ensure everyone knows that they have rights and **responsibilities**
- take **pride** in ourselves, in our school and in being part of a community
- demonstrate **cooperation** and know we learn best by working together and listening to each other's ideas
- show **resilience** by learning from our mistakes and persevering to be the best we can be
- are **kind** to each other and think about other peoples' feelings



We have also introduced an animal to represent each of our values, this was successfully trialled in a number of classrooms last year. Children have heard about the values in assembly this week, and class teachers have been introducing them in class. Ask your child about the new values, and there will be more information about them appearing soon on our website.



Many thanks to Ben Aquilina for developing an original tree design by Julie Mortimer and for designing our fantastic new logo and animals, we really appreciate the huge amount of work that has gone into this and are excited about embedding them into school life. Thanks to Holly Aquilina for ensuring all the relevant resources were ready to launch our values at the start of the school year.

Meet the Teacher meetings.

We start the year with an opportunity for parents/carers to 'Meet the Teacher'. In these meetings teachers will give an overview of the year and share year group expectations around reading and home learning. Each meeting lasts about 20 minutes and will be held in the main hall starting at 9.00 a.m. The meetings proved to be very successful last year, and feedback was really positive. If you are unable to attend, the resources or handouts discussed at the meeting will be placed on the website. The website has been updated for each year group and includes information about topics over the year, home learning and spellings.

Tuesday 11th September – Year 6

Wednesday 12th September – Year 5 (this will be a slightly longer meeting as information about the Year 5 residential will be shared).

Thursday 13th September – Year 3

Friday 14th September – Year 4

Monday 17th September – Year 2

Wednesday 19th September – Year 1

A reminder about uniform.

The children have arrived back at school looking very smart in their uniforms, thank you very much for your support with this. A reminder that our PE uniform now consists of a green t-shirt and black shorts.



Plain green t-shirts and black shorts can be bought from Intersport on Cliffe High Street in Lewes. Alternatively, you can buy on line from Amazon or many supermarkets.

When the weather is colder, children should bring black leggings, jogging bottoms or track suit bottoms.

Thank you for your support with this, uniform is an important part of a school's identity. It reinforces who we are as a community and helps children to feel pride (one of our new values) in their school.

Pupil Medication Reminder

If your child requires medication to be administered at school such as an asthma pump or EpiPen, please ensure the school has been informed and that you bring updated, labelled medication. Please remember that it is your responsibility to verify expiry dates regularly.

Important dates for your diary for the Autumn Term:

Friday 21st September	INSET day
Monday 24th September	INSET day
Tuesday 6th November	INSET day
Friday 5th April	INSET day
Saturday 15 th -16 th September	Wallandsfest
Wednesday 10 th October	Individual photos
Monday 22 nd to Friday 26 th October	Half term
Thursday 18 th October 9pm	Year 6 sharing assembly
Tuesday 30 th October and Thursday 1st November	Parent Consultation Evenings
26 th November	Flu vaccination dates (Reception to Year 5 – more information follow)

Secondary School dates

King's Academy Ringmer

Open Evening - Thursday 13th September – 17:50 – 20:30

Open Mornings – Monday 17th to Friday 21st September – 9:00 – 11:00

Chailey School

Open Evening – Tuesday 18th September – 18:30

Open Mornings – Monday 24th to Thursday 27th September – 9:00 – 11:00

Priory School

Open Evening - Thursday 20th September - 18:00 - 21:00

National Closing Dates for Secondary Applications - 31st October 2018 - up to three schools can be named on your application

Adult dance classes

Jo Taylor, will be running 2 different dance classes on Thursdays, both starting on 20th September in St Thomas a Beckett Church Hall, Cliffe High Street.

Salsa 7.15 – 8.00pm

Come along with a partner and learn in 6 weeks enough Salsa to be confident out on the dance floor, a fun, lively class that will take you through all the basics, show you how to style them and start advancing you through intermediate moves too. £36 per person for 6 weeks.

Latino Solo 8.00 – 9.00pm

We are bringing this unique idea back to Lewes, following our successful launch earlier in the year. Do you watch Strictly and think "Oh I wish I could do that!" well now you can! . . . Latin Solo over a 5 week period will take you through each of the 5 Latin dances that you see on Strictly, the beauty of this class is you don't need a partner so don't have to concentrate on anyone except yourself, whilst learning the basics of a Cha Cha Cha, Rumba, Jive, Samba and Paso Doble with a few extra 'Strictly' moments. If you came to our previous course, we have all new routines!! £35 per person for 5 weeks.

Both classes require advance booking, either class may be booked via:

Instagram: salsainlewes

Facebook: Latino Solo

Email: info@latinosolo.co.uk

School Angel

Don't forget to raise money for our school by going via the School Angel Wallands web page before starting your online shopping

<https://www.schoolangel.org.uk/wallands-community-primary-school.html>

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