



Wallands Community Primary School

Monthly Newsletter

Friday 3rd May 2019



Message from Mrs Collis

The summer term is now well underway, and what a busy term it promises to be, as you will see from the dates included in this newsletter. All year groups have enjoyed starting exciting new topics.

Thank you for your patience with the infant climbing frame, you will have noticed that the soft surface under the climbing frame has now been completed as have the playground markings, which the children are really enjoying using.

We have been waiting for some longer 'grab handles' to be fitted to ensure children are safe to use it, and these have been fitted today, so the good news is that we will be opening the climbing frame on Tuesday. Once the climbing frame is open please could I ask that parent/carers supervise their children if they are using it before and after school, as the school cannot take responsibility for any injuries that occur at these times.

We are sharing the following expectations with staff and children about its use and have been advised to also share this with parents/carers:

- **Maximum** number of children on the equipment at any one time is **30**.
- To use the **Slide** children should go down **feet first** and not climb up the slide.
- **2** children to use the **Traverse Wall** at any time.
- **Fireman Pole** used to descend and **1** child using it at a time.
- **2** children using the **Cargo Net** at any time.
- **1** child using the **Balance Rope** and **Grab Handles**.
- Please **do not use** the equipment if it is **wet** or **icy** as it could be slippery.

Thank you in advance for your help with this, I know the children are so excited about it opening and we want to ensure everyone has fun and is safe.

I hope you all enjoy the longer Bank Holiday weekend.

National Curriculum Tests (SATs)

During Term 5, the children in **Year 6** will be participating in Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs) in reading, writing and maths. The tests happen in the week beginning 13th May and take place in the mornings.

Children in **Year 2** will also undertake some assessments this term but this is done in a more informal manner throughout the term. Children in Year 1 will take a Phonics assessment in June. You will be able to see the children's results in their reports at the end of the year.

We are hoping that this year more children than ever will meet the expected standard for their age as this will mean they can then fully and easily access the learning in the next phase of their education.

Attendance update

A huge well done and thank you to the 24 children who have 100% attendance for the year to date and to the 221 children who have achieved an attendance percentage of 96% and above for the year to date.

The Department for Education tracks attendance carefully and we aim to have an attendance figure in excess of the national average of 96%, our attendance figure to date is 94%, and we need to focus on improving this over the summer term.

Regular attendance is very important for children to achieve the best they can. If children are absent from school, it not only affects their education but they will miss out on the social side of school which affects their ability to make and keep friends and can dent their self confidence to attempt new work and work alongside each other.

It can be tricky deciding whether to keep your child off school when they are unwell. However, there are [government guidelines](#) for schools and nurseries that say when children should be kept off school and when they should not.

Here is a useful link to this information:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

If your child is too ill to attend school, please contact the school office before 9.25am with full details of your child's illness/symptoms. If we do not hear from you, we will ring you to find out why your child is not in school.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club are keen to have any donations of jigsaw puzzles you may have and no longer use, please drop at reception.

Reception and KS1 News – Kim Hart, Foundation Stage and KS1 Leader

This term we will be following the interests of the children and base our topic around dinosaurs. We started the topic with an exciting delivery from a scientist who asked us to look after an egg. The children were asked to guess who laid the egg and what will hatch out of it. There were some interesting comments!

As the week progressed, the crack in the egg got bigger. There was great excitement when the egg cracked, and footprints were left on the floor. The children followed the footprints, which led them to a small world dinosaur scene. The children realised that it was a bit of a joke, as they were quick to tell us dinosaurs are not alive now. "You must have tricked us!"



Year 1

This term we are exploring the Seaside. Last week the children enjoyed looking at the postcards, which had been sent to us. Over the next few weeks, we will be exploring the book The Storm Whale by Benji Davies. This will generate some beautiful artwork and provide opportunities for a variety of writing activities – including making up a beach game for a session on instruction writing.

Year 2

In Year 2, we have just launched our new topic 'Our Wonderful World'. We received a coded message from an alien called 'Zork'! He asked us what the 'blue parts' and 'green parts' of our planet were, so we did some research and sent a message back to Zork, explaining all about the seven continents and five seas.

In Maths, we have been looking at different methods for subtracting a 2-digit number from another 2-digit number, and we have just started learning about position and direction. This means we are learning directional language, such as 'left turn', 'right turn', 'forward', 'backward', 'quarter turn', 'half turn', 'clockwise' and 'anticlockwise'. Give us some simple directions and see if we can follow them!

In English, we have just started to explore the book 'The Tin Forest'. So far, we have explored the vocabulary, used drama to develop our understanding of a character's feelings, described a setting and have recreated scenes from the story using different materials.

We have enjoyed making our bird feeders this term and we would like to say thank you to Year 2 parents for all the donations of bird food and recycled materials.

KS2 News – Fiona Large, KS2 Leader

Over the last couple of weeks, KS2 classes have started new topics for the summer term:

In year 3, the children will be learning about rocks and fossils and are already fascinated by the story of fossil hunter Mary Anning.

In year 4, the children have started to read the brilliant novel, The Explorer by Katherine Rundell, which links to their science and geography based topic focusing on the Amazon rainforest.

In year 5, the topic is River Deep, City High and will involve finding out about the formation of rivers and features of some major cities.

In year 6, the children have begun an enterprise project, which will involve working in groups to start a small business. The programme gives pupils an insight into how business works and helps them to build skills for the future, such as team working, problem solving, leadership, money management and creativity.

Language Unit News – Emma Mann, Language Unit Leader

We had a busy term four, focusing on Pets and Flight as our topics, which we rounded off with a super trip to Raystede to find out about how they care for animals who have been brought to them. We met dogs, chickens, very hissy geese and the two gorgeous kittens, which were just 8 weeks old.

This term our topic is Water, Water, Everywhere. Our focus this half term will be on Rivers and we are hoping to have a trip to Cuckmere Haven and find out a bit more about how rivers are managed, the creatures we might find alongside and in rivers and how to work out how fast a river is moving. Next half term we will be moving on to Seas and Oceans and looking into the world of the creatures who live in the seas and down in the depths of the deepest oceans.

PSHE and Relationships Education at Wallands

Thank you to all the parents who supported the review and development of our new policies, in line with new government guidance. We will now be working with staff, governors and children to complete their development.

Girls for Change Event



Last week, 10 girls from year 5 and 6 were invited to an inspirational event hosted by the Mayor at Lewes town hall. A hundred girls aged between 9 and 17, from across Lewes spent the day discussing their hopes and aspirations for the future. The Mayor, Cllr Baah said: “The girls were focused, attentive, enthusiastic, and articulate. We have very confident girls who are ready to make very positive changes in their and others’ lives. We look forward to seeing them in 10 years’ time to share their aspirations and hopes. They made us very proud.”

Science update – Fiona Large, Science Leader

We will be running a Science week in the week beginning Monday 24th June. This will involve a wide range of activities including a science show. More information about these activities and how parents can get involved will be coming soon.

English Update – Ella Mynott and Sally Walters, English Leaders

Thank you for your engagement with the 500 words story competition during World Book Week. We know many children wrote stories at home to submit as well as spending time in class on these. Well done to Molly (4EM), Meg (5OP) and Essie (2LH) who have made it through to the next round of this national competition; what an achievement!

You should have recently been sent home an updated spelling list showing the words your child has learned since the beginning of the year and the words left to complete on their spelling sheet by the end of the year. Please continue to support your child by practising their spelling words each week at home; it makes such a difference to their writing. Little and often is the key!

Thank you to parents of children in Years 1-4 for taking the time to write comments in children’s reading records. Each time a comment is recorded they earn a point, which helps them to progress in our planet-based reading race. Many of the children are already really enthusiastic about this, which is fantastic to see. The following children have completed the race and started again; some of them have even finished two or three times already!

1ZH: Evan, Arthur, Ollie, Mila, Alfie, Oisin and George (x2).

1ABPS: Orin, Daniel, Rose, Edie, George H, Ted (x2), George P (x2).

2SW: William D, Ciara, Will, Daisy, Harry, Esme, Cleo, Ray, Izzy, William A, Saoirse, Soraya, Tilly, Ella G, Rowan (x2), Ella (x3) and Essie (x3).

2LH: Samuel, Rosie, Louis, Daisy. M, Millie, Mabel and Kian.

3JD: Rebecca, Mason, Matilda, Oliver Q, Jay, Claire and Isobel (x2).

4EM: Karlie, Lila, Moses, Olly, Vivien (x2), Elliot (x2), Ted (x2), Molly (x3) and Erin (x3).

4DG: Maha, Tillie, Isaac, Oscar C, Archie, Anna, Elsa (x2), Nell (x2) and Oscar E (x2).

PE Update: Kylie Gibney – PE Leader, Ben Burgess – Sports Coach

Year 4 Football Tournament

Just before the end of term 4, we took a team of year 4 children for a football tournament at the 3G pitch in Lewes. Nine children represented the school and for some of them this was the first time playing in competitive matches. Across the 5 matches that we played, goals were scored, saves were made and all of the children demonstrated excellent sportsmanship throughout. A big thank you to the parents who came down to support the team, we look forward to seeing how their football skills develop further next year.

Daily Mile

This term we have re-launched the daily mile across the school. The children will be asked daily to complete five laps of the course at their own speed. It is hoped that over the coming weeks the children will feel fitter and see their speed/time improve. It has so far been a success and many children have set themselves personal challenges. The bar is high!

Cricket Taster

On Wednesday 24th April, we were visited by Oliver Smith (Sussex Cricket Coach) who introduced the sport to years 1, 2 and 3 in the hope of engaging them in Cricket. He used a variety of demonstrations and mini games to encourage the children to try something new. We have received positive feedback from children and teachers alike and we plan to include Cricket in the Key Stage 1 curriculum this term.

P.E. Kit Reminder

With the summer approaching, we would like to teach as much P.E. as possible. In order to do this, please ensure that your child has the correct P.E. kit on their peg from the start of each week.

SEN Update – Julie Mortimer – SENCo

SEND Awareness Raising

This term we will be raising awareness of the different needs our children have and how we can support each other. This will involve assemblies on Autism awareness as well as Neuro-diversity. CLASS+ (an East Sussex Service for parents of children with Autism) are offering a number of workshops “What’s happening to me?” and “Relatives Training” for your information. Booking is essential, as places are limited. They can be contacted via their facebook page or by telephoning on: 01273 336887.

Icontact are another parent support group who offer very valuable workshops. Their next one is on 9th May and is about ‘Looking After and Building Parent Resilience’. Places can be booked via www.tickettailor.com/events/icontact.



[Buy tickets for iContact](http://www.tickettailor.com)
www.tickettailor.com

Friends of Wallands, Christy Peters and Emma Hodgson, Co-Chairs of FoW

A quick word from Friends of Wallands this month. News is in that Mum's Night raised £210 for the school, so thanks again to everyone that helped out and came along. We're looking forward to the next one.

Also, it's not too late to raise a hand and join the Summer Fair Committee for this year's fair which will take place on Saturday June 15th. Please email Christy at friendsofwallands@gmail.com if you are able to help out. The more the merrier.

On Friday 24th May there will be a non uniform day for children. Please bring in a teddy, a bottle for the tombola, a filled jam jar (wrapped sweets and little toys), or a £1 donation for wearing non uniform. Collection points will be set up in the playgrounds.

Secret Art Sale

Online auction from 3rd June and private view at Lewes House, 21st June 5-9pm and Saturday 22nd June 9.30-3pm.

Planning for our new joint fundraiser 'The Secret Art Sale' with Priory School is well underway.

We are collecting art from local artists and already have over 45 contributions committed for this fundraising art auction BUT WE STILL WANT MORE ART / JEWELLERY/ SCULPTURE to sell at the event and online, so if you are an artist, know an artist or are an aspiring artist who could contribute something to the show then please get in touch: haquilina@wallandscp.e-sussex.sch.uk. The deadline for artwork is May 19th.

We will shortly also be asking for children's contributions to the Secret Art Sale and all children's artwork will be on show and for sale at the exhibition, with some pieces selected to sell on the online auction site, which goes live from the 3rd June. Information and materials will be coming soon in book bags.

We have contributions from our own Matt Carr and Leigh Hodgkinson as well as from local artists Julian Bell, Peter Messer, Jo Lamb and Nick Bodimeade, and we have just received a piece by Giles Pilbrow of the Private Eye! So this will be a chance for everyone to bid on something wonderful for their walls.

For sneak previews of the artwork, follow [Wallands_priory_art](#) on Instagram.

School Census Day – Thursday 16th May – Change of School Dinner menu

Below is a poster advertising the next school dinner theme day. There is also a football wordsearch. You were amazing last School Census day as we had 85% of our children trying a school dinner. We are hoping to pass the 90% mark this time with your help. So again, please encourage your child to have a school dinner on this day as the number of meals taken directly relates to the funding we receive in school for all children. Any money that is not used, the school is allowed to keep and use to support the overall aims of the school.

Dates for your Diary

SUMMER TERM 2019		
May 2019		
Monday	6	Bank Holiday – school closed
Tuesday	7	Y3SG Trip (9am-12)
Monday	13	KS2 SATS WEEK
Monday	13	No School Choir
Thursday	16	Football Fun Day - School Census – All children encouraged to try a school dinner! See menu below.
Thursday	16	Y4EM Trip
Monday	20	Patina - Artist presentation in school – School Hall (9:15am)
Friday	24	Non uniform day for Summer Fair – see FoW section in Newsletter
Friday	24	End of Term 5
Monday	27-31	School Holiday
June 2019		
Monday	3	Start of term 6
Monday	3 - 7	Year 6 Residential Visit
Saturday	15	FoW Summer Fayre
Monday	17	Patina costume making starts
Tuesday	18	Priory Secondary School Induction Day – Year 6 to 7 September
Wednesday	19	Priory – New Parents Sept 2019 Workshop
Thursday	27	Year 4 DG Class Sharing Assembly
July 2019		
Monday	1	District Sports
Wednesday	3	EYFS Fun and Games (AM)
Wednesday	3	KS1 Sports Day (PM)
Thursday	4	Backup EYFS Fun and Games (AM)
Thursday	4	Backup KS1 Sports Day (PM)
Thursday	4	New Reception Parents Evening (4-6pm)
Friday	5	Patina Parade
Saturday	6	Patina Moving On Parade Exhibition
Monday	8	Music Summer School Starts for Y3 and above
Monday	8	KS2 Sports Day (AM)
Monday - Friday	8 - 12	Peacehaven Community School Transition week for Year 6 to 7 September
Monday and Tuesday	8/9	Chailey Secondary School Induction Days/Parents Evening
Tuesday	9	Backup KS2 Sports Day (AM)
Wednesday	10	New Reception Children – Stay & Play (1:30-2:30pm)
Friday	12	Nursery 'Pop-IN & Play@ (9:30am-10:30am)
Monday	15/16	Priory Secondary School - Meet Year 7 Tutors (4:30-6pm)
Wednesday	17	Nurse Family Picnic (2pm-3:15pm)
Friday	19	Year 6 End of Year Performance
Tuesday	23	End of Term 6

AUTUMN TERM 2019		
September 2019		
Wednesday	4	Inset Day
Thursday	5	Term 1 starts
Saturday/Sunday	14/15	WallandsFest

Information

Sadie's looking forward to the...



KS1 Free
KS2 £2.10

16/05/19

Football Fun Day

Choose a Main Meal...

Sausage Hot Dog
or
Quorn Burger (v)
both served with Cajun Potato Wedges

Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (v) or Cheese (v)

On the Side...

Chop Chop Salad
Sweetcorn

For Dessert...

Vanilla Mousse
or
Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Please contact your Catering Manager for more information



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2018-2019 School Term and Holiday Dates

	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Monday	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31
Tuesday	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25
Wednesday	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26
Thursday	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27
Friday	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28
Saturday	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29
Sunday	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
Monday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Tuesday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Wednesday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24
Thursday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Friday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Saturday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Sunday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
Monday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Tuesday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Wednesday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Thursday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Friday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Saturday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31
Sunday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25

Inset Days 2018 -2019	Bank and Public Holidays	
Monday 3 rd September	Christmas Day	Tuesday 25 December 2018
Tuesday 4 th September	Boxing Day	Wednesday 26 December 2018
Friday 21 st September	New Year's Day	Tuesday 1 January 2019
Monday 24 th September	Good Friday	Friday 19 April 2019
Tuesday 6 th November	Easter Monday	Monday 22 April 2019
Friday 5 th April	May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 6 May 2019
	Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 27 May 2019
	Summer Bank Holiday	Monday 26 August 2019

School Holidays 2018 - 2019	
October Break	Monday 22 October to Friday 26 October 2018
Christmas Break	Thursday 20 December 2018 to Wednesday 2 January 2019
February Break	Monday 18 February 2019 to Friday 22 February 2019
Easter Break	Monday 8 April 2019 to Monday 22 April 2019
May Break	Monday 27 May 2019 to Friday 31 May 2019
Summer Break	Wednesday 24 July 2019