



Wallands Community Primary School

Monthly Newsletter

Friday 6th September 2019



Message from Mrs Collis

A very warm welcome back to everyone, I hope you have all had a relaxing holiday and enjoyed the break in preparation for the new term ahead.

We would like to welcome all the new children and their families who have joined us, and we are sure that you will soon settle in to our warm and friendly school and make many new friends.

We welcome our new members of staff: Mrs Buchan, who joins us in Year 4, Miss Jenkins who will be teaching in Year 6, Mrs Hunt who will be teaching Year 1 with Mrs Scanlan, Miss Merry who joins us in Year 1 and Miss Cade who will be working as a teaching assistant in Year 5.

I am really looking forward to the year ahead, and hope you are too. Remember, we would rather know about something than not, so please come and see us with any concerns and questions.

Class names

As you will already be aware we have new class names this year, each class has a gem name, here is a reminder of the names:

Nursery	Sarah Haskoll	Sunstone
Reception	Kim Hart	Diamond
Year 1	Patricia Scanlan/Sharon Hunt	Onyx
Year 1	Laura Merry	Sapphire
Year 2	Sally Walters	Ruby
Year 2	Danni Ginn	Jet
Year 3	Jackie Drake	Opal
Year 3	Ella Mynott	Garnet
Year 4	Sally Buchan	Moonstone
Year 4	Kate Foster/Layla Dyer	Topaz
Year 5	Kylie Gibney	Amber
Year 5	Oli Palmer	Emerald
Year 6	Jake Clay	Quartz
Year 6	Hannah Jenkins	Amethyst
Language Centre	Emma Mann	Pearl

Meet the Teacher

Next week there are 'Meet the Teacher' meetings for all year groups; these are useful for parents/carers find out about expectations and the year ahead. If you are not able to attend the meeting, information will be available either via the website or a paper copy. Please see diary below for specific dates.

Work during the holidays

The nurture rooms have been painted and re-carpeted over the summer holidays, and they look really good, many thanks to FoW for kindly donating money for this project.

The toilets for KS1 boys and girls have also been painted and new flooring put in place, they are fantastic and the children really noticed the difference yesterday.

School values

This year we will continue to work on embedding our school values which are: cooperation, responsibility, pride, resilience, aspiration and kindness. The children have already been speaking about these values in class and in assemblies this week and we look forward to celebrating our first Charter Champions next Friday.



School Uniform Reminder

All children are expected to wear **full** school uniform every day unless previously agreed for special days.

The uniform consists of:

- Grey or black shorts, trousers, pinafore dresses, skirts or green and white summer dresses
- White polo shirt or shirt (polo shirts with new logo now available)
- Green sweatshirt, jumper, cardigan or fleece (sweatshirt, cardigan and fleece with new logo now available)
- Sensible, smart dark coloured footwear, shoes should be flat/low heeled shoes or boots, sandals are allowed in the summer, but no flip-flops or crocs.

The PE uniform consists of:



Plain green t-shirts and black shorts, when the weather is colder, children should bring black leggings, jogging bottoms or track suit bottoms.

Uniform is available from Intersport on Cliffe High Street in Lewes and via Sussex Uniforms, online sales only. <https://www.sussexuniforms.co.uk/>

Book bags (£6.00) and PE bags (£6.00) with the new Wallands logo are available to buy in reception.

Please ensure all items of clothing are named including shoes or trainers.

The full uniform policy is on our website or available in hard copy on request from the office.

Allergies

We currently have children and staff in school with severe nut allergies. Please ensure that you do not send any nut products into school for example in lunch boxes and all food donations. This includes Nutella (and similar chocolate spreads) and of course peanut butter.

Pupil premium

As you know we receive a sum of pupil premium money for every child who is entitled to free school meals. This money is used by the school for the benefit of your child(ren), it is a vital source of income for the school and has had a great impact. If there are any changes in your circumstances, please notify the office and Mrs Peck will take you through the procedures to apply for the premium. You will need to have at hand your full contact details, including your national insurance number and date of birth plus your child's name.

It is really important, even if your child is in Reception or KS1 and therefore has universal free school meals, or if your child has packed lunches that you apply for the pupil premium funding, as it can make a big difference for school.

Who can get Free School Meals?

- Income Support
- Income based Jobseekers Allowance
- Guaranteed Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit with a total annual taxable income of less than £16,190 and are not receiving Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit depending on how much you receive if you or your partner is working
- Have successfully obtained asylum status.

Attendance

We believe that every child has a right to a good education. To achieve this, we need to work with you and your child by first, ensuring that your child attends school and comes in on time each day. Without your child in school, we cannot fulfil the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage or National Curriculum. Poor attendance not only impacts on a child's progress and achievement but also on their self-esteem and well-being. The minimum attendance required by OFSTED and the Department for Education is 96%. Please do not hesitate to contact school if you have any attendance issues which you wish to discuss. It is important that you ring the school on 01273 472776, on the first day of your child's absence.

Parent/carer information

Please could you make sure you inform the office of any address, telephone or email address changes.

Safeguarding

Just a reminder that the school gates are opened at 8.40 am and locked again at 9.00 am. They are then opened at 3.00 p.m. If your child arrives to school after 9.00 am, please bring them to reception and sign them in.

Please let school know any re-arranged collection arrangements as soon as possible. If there are any changes to your normal routine, please inform Reception.

Now the children are familiar with where to hang their coats and bags, please remember that parents should remain in the playground when dropping off in the morning and only children should enter the building. If you need to pass a message to the teacher there are members of staff available at all of the doors, thank you for your help with this.



Schools Games Silver Mark

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Silver Mark Award for the 2018/19 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. Our sporting achievements this year include:

Winners of District Sports (for the fifteenth consecutive year!)

Competing in a range of tournaments, including Boccia, football, netball, basketball and athletics

Implementing the Daily mile across the school

Holding several intra-school competitions, including Winter Sports Day, Wallands World Cup, Cricket tournament

Introducing swimming lessons for Year 4 to fulfil curriculum requirements

We are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

Many thanks to Miss Gibney, our PE Leader who did a huge amount of work for this last year and helped the school successfully achieve the silver mark.

Music Lessons

We have the following music lessons taught here by East Sussex Music teachers: Violin, Piano, Guitar, Cello, Flute and Clarinet. Please contact the school office if your child would be interested in learning one of these instruments.

Dates for your Diary

AUTUMN TERM 2019		
September 2019		
Wednesday 4th September 2019 - Inset Day		
Thursday	5	Term 1 starts
Thursday	5	BREAKFAST & TIMEOUT CLUBS START
Thursday	5-6 -9	Reception Home Visits taking place
Monday	9	Y5 Meet The Teacher (9am)
Monday	9	Instrument and Vocal Recruitment Concert - Year 3 and above – 11am
Tuesday	10	Reception Children 1 st Day (8:50-11:45am)
Tuesday	10	Y2 Meet The Teacher (9am)
Tuesday	10	Chess/Orchestra Clubs Starts
Wednesday	11	Reception Children (8:50-11:45am)
Wednesday	11	Y4 Meet The Teacher (9am)
Thursday	12	Reception Children (8:50-12:30pm)
Thursday	12	Y1 Meet The Teacher
Thursday	12	Kings's Academy Ringmer Open Evening (6pm)
Thursday	12	Nursery Children start
Friday	13	Reception Children (8:50-12:30pm)
Friday	13	Y6 Meet The Teacher
Saturday/Sunday	14/15	WallandsFest
Monday	16	ALL OTHER EXTRA-CURRICULAR SCHOOL CLUBS START
Monday	16-20	Kings's Academy Ringmer Open Mornings (9am-11am)
Monday	16	Reception Children Start (8:50-1pm)
Tuesday	17	Reception Children Start (8:50-1pm)
Tuesday	17	Chailey School Open Evening
Wednesday	18	Reception Children – normal hours
Wednesday	18	Reception Coffee Morning (9am)
Wednesday	18	Y6 Quartz Trip
Thursday	19	Parent Forum (9am)
Thursday	19	Full Governing Body Meeting
Thursday	19	Priory School Open Evening
Thursday	19	Y6 Amethyst Trip
Friday 20th September - Inset Day		
Monday	23	Provisional Y6 school Trip
Monday	23-26	Chailey School Open Mornings (9am-11am)
Thursday	26	FoW Meeting
October 2019		
Wednesday - Friday	2-4	Year 5 Residential Trip
Thursday	3	School Census Day – Try a school lunch!
Wednesday	9	Whole School Photos
Wednesday	9	Year 4 Trip
Wednesday	23	Parent Consultations (3.20 (KS1)/3.30 (KS2) - 5.00pm)
Wednesday	23	Y2 homework exhibition – All parents welcome – (9am – Classrooms)
Thursday	24	Parent Consultations (3.20 (KS1)/3.30 (KS2) - 7.00pm)
Thursday	24	Y2 Superhero Dress-Up Day – Look out for letter
Friday	25	Influenza Nasal Spray Vaccination Session R-Y6
Friday	25	End of Term 1
Thursday	31	Year 6 Secondary School Application Deadline
Monday 28th October 2019 – Friday 1st November 2019 - Autumn Term Break		
November 2019		
Monday	4	Start of Term 2
Tuesday	5	No Clubs today except Breakfast and AfterSchool - Lewes Early Road Closures – Check County's website for further details
Wednesday 6th November 2019 - Inset Day		
Tuesday	19	Nursery and Reception (2020 Intake) Open Morning (at 9:15am)
Wednesday	20	Nursery and Reception (2020 Intake) Open Morning (at 9:15am)
Wednesday	27	Nursery and Reception (2020 Intake) Open Morning (at 6pm)
Saturday	30	Fow Christmas Fayre 1pm-3:30pm

December 2019

Thursday	5	Late night shopping – Lewes High Street
Tuesday	10	Reception/Year 1/Year 2 Christmas Performance (2pm)
Wednesday	11	Reception/Year 1/Year 2 Christmas Performance (9:30am)
Sunday	15	Sing Noel! - Wallands Junior Choir performing
Tuesday	17	Year 5/6 Christmas performance (2pm and 7pm)
Wednesday	18	School Christmas Lunch – Wear something Christmassy - donations welcome.
Friday	20	End of Term 2
Saturday	21	A Christmas Cracker – Wallands Junior Choir performing

Monday 23rd December 2019 – Friday 3rd January 2020 - Christmas Break

Introduction to Mindfulness for Parents

with Teresa Gane from Everyday Space

This introductory workshop will give you an understanding of what mindfulness is and a sense of what mindful practices are and how they might be beneficial for you as a parent. You will have the option to try a guided meditation, do a mindful eating activity and to ask any questions you may have. Everything on mindfulness courses is optional and there is never any pressure, so come along to find out more.

You will:

- 1) Find out more about what mindfulness is all about
- 2) How you can use mindfulness to benefit yourself and your family
- 3) Get information about Mindfulness courses



Thursday 19th September

The Phoenix Centre
26 Malling St. Lewes, BN7 2RD

7pm - 9pm

To book a place on the above event visit: www.tickettailor.com/events/icontact

2019-2020 School Term and Holiday Dates

Wallands School Term and Holiday Dates 2019-2020

	SEPTEMBER 2019	OCTOBER 2019	NOVEMBER 2019	DECEMBER 2019
Monday	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30
Tuesday	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31
Wednesday	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25
Thursday	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26
Friday	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27
Saturday	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28
Sunday	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29
	JANUARY 2020	FEBRUARY 2020	MARCH 2020	APRIL 2020
Monday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Tuesday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Wednesday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Thursday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Friday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24
Saturday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Sunday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
	MAY 2020	JUNE 2020	JULY 2020	AUGUST 2020
Monday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31
Tuesday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Wednesday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Thursday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Friday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Saturday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Sunday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30

■ INSET DAYS
 ■ Start of term
 End of Term
 Public Holidays
 ■ School Holidays
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Term Length (Days)

Term 1	4 September 2019	-	25 October 2019	38
Autumn term break	28 October 2019	-	1 November 2019	
Term 2	4 November 2019	-	20 December 2019	35
Christmas break	23 December 2019	-	3 January 2020	
Term 3	6 January 2020	-	14 February 2020	30
February break	17 February 2020	-	21 February 2020	
Term 4	24 February 2020	-	3 April 2020	30
April break	6 April 2020	-	17 April 2020	
Term 5	20 April 2020	-	22 May 2020	24
May break	25 May 2020	-	29 May 2020	
Term 6	1 June 2020	-	22 July 2020	38
Total				195

INSET DAYS 2019/2020

Wednesday 4th September 2019
 Friday 20th September 2019
 Wednesday 6th November 2019
 Monday 27th January 2020
 Monday 2nd March 2020

Bank and Public Holidays 2019/2020

Christmas Day Wednesday 25 December
 Boxing Day Thursday 26 December
 New Year's Day Wednesday 1 January 2020
 Good Friday Friday 10 April 2020
 Easter Monday Monday 13 April 2020
 May Day Bank Holiday* Friday 8 May 2020 (75th VE Day)
 Spring Bank Holiday Monday 25 May 2020
 Summer Bank Holiday Monday 31 August 2020