



Headteacher's Message

Welcome back to all our children and their families. We hope you all enjoyed your summer holidays.

A very special welcome to our new families. Thank you for choosing our school and we hope our partnership will be a very happy and successful one.

Have a nice weekend.

Mrs Cawson, Headteacher

Reminder!

Parents with DBS Checks

If you have a DBS check with the school please can you ensure that you have signed in the visitors book at least once this term. This keeps your DBS check current. If you do not sign in every term then unfortunately your DBS check will become invalid and we will need to redo it if you would like to help out in the future. Thank you.

VERY IMPORTANT!

Pupil Premium Forms

All Year One and Two children have been sent home a Pupil Premium Form. If you are able to tick any of the eligibility criteria on the back of the form, please could you complete and return this by Monday 11th September. This will enable us to claim extra funding and it forms a critical part of our budget. The information you provide will be held in strictest confidence. Thank you very much for your help in this matter.

School Lunches

Week commencing **11th September** we will be on **Week 3** of the dinner menu.

Important

Newsletter

Please note that our newsletter will now be issued fortnightly. Our next edition will be issued on 22nd September. Copies of our newsletter can be found on our website: www.walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk or in the school reception area.

P.E. Kits

Please can you ensure that your child has a named P.E. kit in school which contains comfortable fitting trainers or plimsolls. During milder weather we do most of our P.E. lessons outside, so it is important that they have the correct footwear.

Healthy Eating

If your child brings a packed lunch to school, please can you ensure that it does not include any chocolate, chocolate spread sandwiches, any products containing nuts (including Nutella), sweets, Coco Pop products or fruit juice. Please ensure that the lunch is balanced and healthy as we are very proud to be a Healthy Eating School.

Please could you also ensure that drinking bottles contain plain water only.

All children in this school are entitled to free school meals, which are nutritional and healthy. If your child has a packed lunch now, please could you encourage them to try school meals again and let the school office know if they would like to.

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Lates

If your child is going to be arriving at school after 9.15am and they require a school lunch, please call the school before 9.15am and ask that they are put on the lunch register. If you do not contact the school before your child comes in then you will need to provide them with a packed lunch on this day.

Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school, please call the school before 10.00am on the first day of their absence. This will avoid any unauthorised absence marks. You do not need to call on subsequent days unless the illness continues over the weekend and into the new week.

If you are unclear what the exclusion period is for a particular condition, please contact the school for advice or visit www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england for guidance.

Holidays during term time

We would like to remind parents that holidays should not be taken during term time and authorisation will only be granted in exceptional circumstances.

If you wish to take your child on holiday, please ask for a holiday form in the school office. If a parent takes their child on holiday during term-time for more than 4 school days they are liable to receive a penalty notice from Surrey County Council.

Special Diets

If your child's dietary requirement have changed over the summer break please contact Mrs Tinkler in the school office. Please note that special diets are those that are required for medical or religious purposes. If your child does not like a particular item of the menu, such as beans, this is a preference, not a special diet requirement and the dinner ladies will be able to deal with most preferences when meals are served.

Library Lending Scheme

Over the next few weeks, children in Year One and Year Two will be invited to choose a book to borrow from our library.

Unfortunately our previous helper's child has now moved onto the Junior School, so we are in need of someone to help the children to change their books on Friday afternoons. If you are able to help with our lending library, please let Mrs Thorn know in the school office. A DBS check will be required before you start helping in school.

Year R Phonics Briefing

Parents of Year R children are invited to a Phonics Briefing in school on **18th October at 2.30pm**. If you are interested in attending, please come to the office reception at this time.

Accessing the School Grounds

We would like to remind parents that there is no parental parking on-site at anytime, unless you are the holder of a disabled badge or you have been called and asked to collect a poorly child from school.

Access to our grounds is strictly one way so please **do not** enter the school grounds where it is clearly marked 'no entry'. Staff members are there in the morning to help to get the children safely into school and to keep the traffic moving.

Kiss and Drop opens at 8.40am, please do not attempt to drop your child off before that time as the gate is not manned before this time. Thank you for your cooperation.

PTA Annual General Meeting

All parents are invited to attend the PTA AGM on 4th October at 7.30pm in the school hall. This is an official meeting where the committee members are elected. Every member of staff and parent are automatically enrolled as a member of the PTA but a core group of committed parents are the driving force behind a very friendly and successful fundraising team.

If you would like to be nominated for the position of Chairperson, Secretary or Treasurer please write to Mrs Cawson stating your name and a short paragraph describing why you would be good at the position by 9.30am on 3rd October.

These statements are then shared with the AGM meeting should a vote be necessary.

We hope to see you there!

Post Box

We have a secure Post Box in our reception area for parents to post any letters, money, forms or other documentation. This box is checked regularly throughout the day.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
	Autumn Term 1	
22nd September	Teddy Bear's Picnic (more information to follow)	3.30pm-5.30pm
26th September	Year One Meet the Teacher	2.30pm
28th September	Year Two Meet the Teacher	2.30pm
29th September	Individual School Photos	
3rd October	New to School Parents Collective Worship (more information to follow)	9.10am
4th October	PTA AGM in the School Hall. Everyone welcome	7.30pm
6th October	Harvest Festival Assembly (more information to follow)	9.10am
18th October	Year R Phonics Workshop	2.30pm
31st October	Flu Vaccinations. (Information to be sent home shortly)	
3rd November	Year Two Cake Sale	3.00pm
6th November	Harvest Festival Assembly (more details to follow)	9.10am
6th November	Parent Interviews—Early slots (more information to follow)	
15th November	Parent Interviews—Late slots (more information to follow)	
18th December	Christmas Church Service (all year groups). More information to follow,	2.00pm-3.00pm

2017/2018 Inset Days (School closed to children)

30/10/2017

04/06/2018

23/07/2018

One further date to be determined.