



Please note that school finishes on Thursday 21st December at 1.15pm for the Christmas break. We look forward to welcoming you back on Thursday 4th January 2018 at 8.45am.

Headteacher's Message

This week we were all dazzled by the wonderfulness of your children's performances and we felt very proud of them all. We hope we have created some lasting memories for you all.

Thank you to the teaching staff for all their hard work and to Mrs Hemmings for being our wonderful Play Director.

Thank you very much to the whole team of PTA parents for their continued support throughout the performances and for creating the amazing hampers.

This will be our last newsletter for 2017 so may I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from myself and all my staff.

We look forward to welcoming you back in 2018.

Have a lovely break!
Mrs Cawson, Headteacher

Reading Challenge

The reading challenge for the Christmas holiday will be for you to send in a photo of your child reading under a Christmas Tree or in a festive place.

Please send the photo into school before Monday 8th January. If you do not have access to a printer, please send it to info@walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk and we will print it for you.

There will be prizes for the most creative ones. Scarlett T won the last competition for reading in the most unusual place so we will ask her to judge this competition.

Newsletter

Our next edition will be issued on **12th January**. Copies of our newsletter can be found on our website: www.walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk or in the school reception area.

Christmas Service

IMPORTANT!

Weather permitting, we will be walking all the children to Church for a Christmas Service on **18th December**. We will be leaving school at around 1.15pm.

During this time the school will be locked and unmanned as all staff will be attending church with the children.

If you have offered to walk to the church, please come to school for 1.10pm.

Children who attend an after school club will be walked back to school by staff, but please let us know if your child requires this service.

If you are not walking to church with the children and your child is not going to an after school club, you will need to collect your child from St Peter's Church at around 2.45pm on this day.

Please wait outside the main door until we open it, you can then collect your child and leave through the exit on the left hand side of the church.

School Lunches

Week commencing 18th December we will be on **Week 2** of the dinner menu.

Please remember that Wednesday 21st is Christmas lunch day. All children who normally have a school lunch on a Wednesday will be given their usual red or green meal on this day.

Year One Winter Day

On Thursday 18th January Year One children will be celebrating Winter Days and all of their learning will be centred around the changing seasons. Therefore, we would ask parents to send their child into school dressed in winter colours on this day. These could be shades of blue, grey or white, or any colour that you believe represents winter. Your child may even want to wear something sparkly to represent the frost!

This is a non-school uniform day for Year One children who would like to dress in winter colours.

Year R and Year 3 –September 2018

A letter has recently been sent home to all Year Two parents regarding applying for a Junior School place for September 2018. You will need to complete this process before **15th January**, even if your child is going to Walsh Junior School, as allocation of a Junior School place is not automatic.

If you are applying for a Year R space for a younger sibling, please ensure that you tick the sibling box, even if your older child is going to Walsh Junior School next September, as siblings are given priority.

Reminders for the Spring Term

Please ensure that you send your child to school with the following items on the first day of term:

- ◇ Washed and named P.E. kit (please ensure that plimsolls or trainers fit comfortably)
- ◇ Warm coat
- ◇ Book bags
- ◇ Details of any changes to contact details

Thank you.

Parents with DBS Checks

If you have a DBS check with the school please can you ensure that you have signed in this term, if you have not already done so. This enables us to keep 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.

Book Saving Schemes

Throughout the spring and summer terms, we will be running a number of Book Fairs where children can buy books for a very reasonable price.

If your child would like to save some money in the book saving scheme, please put it in an envelope with their name, class, and the amount on and ask them to hand it in to the school office or pop it in the school post box.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Chelsea Football Club (External provider)

Fee paying club—Year One and Two only. Block 1 starts on Monday 8th January and runs every Monday, up to and including 19th March.

C&S Multi Sports (External Provider)

Fee paying club with team games and sports—all year groups. Starts on Wednesday 10th January and runs every Wednesday up to and including 7th February.

Year One Sports Club (free by year group invitation)

Mrs Brett's Sports Club has now finished and will start up again for Year One after Christmas. It runs on Thursdays from 3-4pm. A letter will be sent home to Year One shortly.

Puzzle Club (free by class invitation)

This club is on class rotation for Year One and Two. A letter will be sent home to Diamond Class shortly.

Choir Club

Choir Club for Year One and Year Two has now finished and will start up again in January. We will let you know the start date in due course.

If you have returned your child's form for Choir Club you will automatically be allocated a place until the end of the summer term, however, please let us know if your child no longer wishes to attend.

Christmas Craft Club

Thank you to all the parents who helped out at our Christmas Craft Club on last Tuesday. The children all had a wonderful time and made some lovely Christmas keepsakes. We could not run these events without you.

Family Learning

If you are interested in joining our Family Learning workshops on helping your child to read and spell, please pop along and see Mrs Thorn in the school office. The courses are being run on 1st February and 8th February respectively.



Christmas Activities

This week we wanted to share a beautiful piece of work that Darcey Grubb, one of our Year Two children, made. The Year Two children have been making 'shape poems' and we were particularly impressed with this one. Well done Darcey.

Shooting stars like a rainbow. Star so bright like the moon light. Christmas decorations in the sky. Star so yellow like a bright yellow bauble. Star twinkling like gold. The star of Bethlehem. millions of glittery stars like diamonds, billions millions. Stars shining like treasure. Stars so glittery like a diamond. dancing happy smiling people. Gold star shining bright. Stars shining like jewels and stars.

Dates for your Diary

| Date | Event | Time |
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| Autumn Term 2 | | |
| 18th December | Christmas Church Service (all year groups). | 2.00pm-3.00pm |
| 20th December | School Christmas Dinner | |
| 21st December | End of Autumn Term (early close) | 1.15pm |
| Spring Term 1 | | |
| 4th January 2018 | Start of the Autumn Term | 8.45am |
| 15th January | Deadline for receipt of reception and Year 3 applications for September 2018. | |
| 18th January | Year One Winter Celebration Day | |
| 23rd January | Maths Open Morning (more information to follow, all year groups) | 9-10am |
| 28th March | Year Two Trip to Legoland (DBS checked helpers will be needed—more information to follow) | |
| 25th April | Other Curriculum Subject Open Morning (more information to follow, all year groups) Please note change of date following requests from parents. | 9-10am |
| 6th July | Sports Day (more information to follow) | |
| 16th July | Leaver's Assembly (Year Two only—more information to follow) | |

2017/2018 Inset Days (School closed to children)

16/04/2018, 04/06/2018, 23/07/2018