



### *Headteacher's Message*

Thank you very much to all the parents who came along to our English Open Morning last week. We hope you enjoyed seeing and participating in a live lesson.

Well done to all of the children who decorated an Angel and brought it into school to go on our tree. There were some very beautiful Angels, some were very colourful, some were very sparkly.

The overall winner was Ewan M in Gold Class. Very well done to Ewan!



The class winners were:

Gold: Izashar and Alexis

Silver: Tomasz and Mia

Diamond: Stanley and Libby

Ruby: Reggie and Scarlett

Emerald: Harry and Grace

Sapphire: Riley and Amy

Well done to all of these children who will be given their prize shortly.

Any late comers will still be displayed on our tree.

The children have been working really hard this week, practising for the Christmas performance of Baubles. If you have not yet requested tickets, please contact the school office as soon as possible, by calling on 01252 321426 or by emailing [info@walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk).

Finally, thank you very much for your wonderful efforts in encouraging your children to come into school independently. Please keep up the good work.

*Have a lovely weekend!*  
*Mrs Cawson, Headteacher*

### *Newsletter*

Our next edition will be issued on **15th December**. Copies of our newsletter can be found on our website: [www.walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk) or in the school reception area.

### *Mufti Day for Christmas Hampers*

On Friday 8th December, children are welcome to come into school dressed in casual clothes – this is called Mufti Day.

In exchange, we would ask that everyone in school makes a donation towards our Christmas Hampers, which are raffled off at the end of our last Christmas performance on 14<sup>th</sup> December.

Suitable donations might be wine, chocolates, Christmas crackers, mince pies, sweets or Christmas sauces.

Please ask your child to take their donation to the school hall on 8th before 9am. December and a member of our PTA will give them a sticker.

### *Letters to Santa*

Just to let you know that Santa's Elves have now delivered the Post Box to school and children are welcome to use this to post their letters to Father Christmas and his helpers.

Please remember to include their full name, class and your address, as Santa will be sending his personalised responses to the children concerned.

### *School Lunches*

Week commencing 4th December we will be on **Week 3** of the dinner menu.

### *Movie Night Arrangements*

If your child is attending Movie Night this evening, please come to the reception area at 5pm where you will be asked to sign your child in.

Please ensure that they wear warm clothing and bring a warm coat, hat and gloves as they will be spending some time outside. They are welcome to bring a small, named torch.

Under 5s do need to be accompanied by an adult at all times, but not necessarily their parent. Unfortunately we cannot accommodate *any* siblings.

Children can be collected from reception at 6.30pm.

### *Christmas Craft Club*

If your child is coming to Craft Club on Tuesday, please could they bring a named shoe box or similar sized box to school on Tuesday 5th December to put their artwork in safely throughout the evening.

Please wait at the main door at the front of the school at 4.30pm to collect your child.

If you are helping out at the event, please come to reception and sign in at 2.45pm. Thank you!

### *Attendance Matters*

Please remember to call in before 9.30am on the first day that your child is going to be absent from school. If you do not call in, the absence may be recorded as unauthorised. You do not need to call again on subsequent days, unless the illness spans a weekend.

If your child has a sickness/diarrhoea bug, they will need to stay off school until they have been completely clear for 48 hours, even if they seem well. This measure is put in place to prevent the infection spreading.

### *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.

### *Walsh Junior Breakfast Club*

We are pleased to announce that, following a successful trial, the Breakfast Club will continue to open at the new time of 7.30am. The cost of £3.50 will remain the same, however there will be a price review and increase with effect from 1st April 2018.

### *AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS*

#### *Chelsea Football Club (External provider)*

Fee paying club—club full. Block 2 finishes on 4th December.

#### *C&S Multi Sports (External Provider)*

Fee paying club with team games and sports. Spaces are available and forms can be found in reception. This club has now finished but it will start up again in January and will be open to Year R too.

#### *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)*

Emerald Class Puzzle Club—the last one will be on 6th December.

This club is on class rotation for Year One and Two.

#### *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.

### *Year R and Year 3—September 2018*

Please can Year Two parents note that we will shortly be sending a letter home regarding applying for a Junior School place for September 2018 as the application system has now opened. You will need to complete this process 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.

## *Christmas Performance of Baubles!*

If you have not yet collected your tickets for one of our Christmas performances, please contact the school office as soon as possible. Due to space constraints there is a *maximum of two tickets will be allocated per family for one performance of their choice* (subject to availability).

Monday 11th December at 9.15am—ticketed Grandparents only. This event is now full.

Tuesday 12th December at 9.15am is for families and pre-school children. If a pre-schooler attends they will either need their own ticket or they will need to sit on a parent's lap. *Pre-schoolers are not permitted on any other day.* There are still tickets available for this performance.

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – 9.15am. Adults only, no children—this performance is now full.

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – 1.30pm. Adults only, no children. Our Christmas raffle will be drawn at the end of this performance. There are still some tickets available.

We will hold a waiting list for any requests for additional tickets, which will again be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Any spare tickets will be allocated to the people on the waiting list once we have allocated tickets to all of the families who want them.

There is no charge for the tickets.



## *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 1.15pm. *During this time the school will be locked and unmanned as all staff will be attending church with the children.*

If you are able to help with the walk to church, please let Mrs Thorn know. You do not need to be DBS checked as you will not be left unsupervised with the children.

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 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.*

## *Christmas Cards*

On Monday 11th December our Christmas post boxes will open for children to send cards to their friends. There are three post boxes, one for each year group and they will be placed near to the classrooms of each year group. To help our Postman, a member of staff will assist the children in ensuring that they are being posted in the box for the correct year group.

Please help your child to write their friends' names on the envelope.

If your child is sending cards to their entire class, please pop the cards in a bag or secure them with an elastic band as this will help our distribution process!

## *Raffle Tickets*

We have sent home raffle tickets for families to purchase.

The prizes will be a number of luxury Christmas hampers which will be put together by the PTA.

Raffle tickets need to be returned to school by 11th December in order for the draw to take place at the end of the afternoon performance of Baubles.

# Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
<b>Autumn Term 2</b>		
1st December	PTA Christmas Movie Night	5pm
5th December	Christmas Craft Club	3pm-4.30pm
8th December	Mufti Day for Hamper Donations	
11th December	Christmas Production Dress Rehearsal (ticketed Grandparents only)	9.15am
12th December	Christmas Production for parents with pre-school children	9.15am
13th December	Christmas Production—adults only	9.15am
14th December	Christmas Production followed by Raffle—adults only	1.30pm
15th December	Save the Children—Wear a Christmas Jumper Day	
18th December	Christmas Church Service (all year groups).	2.00pm-3.00pm
20th December	School Christmas Dinner	
23rd January	Maths Open Morning (more information to follow, all year groups)	9-10am
21st December	End of Autumn Term (early close)	1.15pm
<b>Spring Term 1</b>		
4th January 2018	Start of the Autumn Term	8.45am
15th January	Deadline for receipt of reception and Year 3 applications for September 2018.	
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)

04/06/2018, 23/07/2018

One further date to be determined.