



### *Headteacher's Message*

Following the reading update in January, we are continuing to teach the children a range of comprehension skills.

We would really appreciate it if you could record how your child is doing when you ask them the questions that we have suggested in the 'Supporting your child at home' section of our newsletter, whilst reading their book, and whether or not they can re-tell the story. You can record your observations in their Reading Record.

Our website is being updated and is due to go live early February. We are pleased to say that the new site will allow for the much anticipated synchronised calendar function, which will enable you to download our school diary to your phone or other device.

By the time we send out the next newsletter, the children will have been introduced to our very simple, password protected Blog, which will be on our new website. The children will be having an assembly to share this exciting development and to talk about Blog rules and safety. In our next newsletter we will tell you about our half term Blog challenge.

*Have a nice weekend*  
*Mrs Cawson, Headteacher*

### *RM Easimaths*

Everyone should now be in receipt of their child's log on details for RM Easimaths. The log on details appear on a sticky label on the back of their Reading Record. Their Reading Record stays in their book bag.

We recommend that children do three sessions of RM Maths for 20 minutes per week to help improve their maths.

We will be monitoring usage on an ongoing basis and will award children who use the program regularly with a certificate, which is in addition to the virtual certificates that they gain as part of the programme.

### *Newsletter*

Our next edition will be issued on **9th February**. 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.

### *Year One Cake Sale*

Just to remind you that it is the Year One Bake Sale after school on **Monday 29th January**.

Cakes and bakes start at 50p each and will be on sale from 2.45pm Monday in the playground.

If you are able help with the Bake Sale, please come to reception at around 2.30pm to help set up.

Thank you for your support.

### *Friday Friends*

If your child brings a Friday Friend home, please can you ensure that the friend and the book come back into school on Monday. Unfortunately, if we are short of friends, then we are unable to send them home with a group the following weekend and the children get very disappointed if it is their turn to take one home.

### *Year One Historical Toys Day*

On 7th February, Year One will be holding a Historical Toys Day.

Children do not need to bring anything in on Historical Toys Day. However, their parents are welcome to come in at 2.30pm on **Wednesday 7th February** to see what they have been learning about.

We would like the children to bring in one of their own toys on **Monday 29th January**. Please do not send in anything precious, valuable or electronic please.

### *School Lunches*

Week commencing 29th January we will be on **Week 1** of the dinner menu.

### *Exiting the school before 9am*

Just to remind all parents and carers that, if you do need to bring your child into the school building in the morning, please can you leave via the playground before 9am.

To comply with our safeguarding policy, it is not possible for parents to leave via the reception area before 9am.

Thank you for your cooperation.

### *Special Diets*

Please can you inform Mrs Tinkler by 29<sup>th</sup> January if your child's dietary requirements have changed this term.

### *Entering the school grounds*

Please remember there is no parental parking on-site at any time, unless you have been given a parking permit. Parking permits are only granted to people who hold valid disability paperwork.

If you do need to enter the school grounds at any time, please **do not** enter via the 'no entry' area on our side of the grounds. There have been a number of near misses recently with cars coming in opposite ways down a single track lane. **Please abide by this rule at all times for the safety of everyone.**

Please enter via the 'entrance' on the Junior school side of the grounds. After 2.45pm, you will need to open the gate and then close it after you have entered the grounds. Please do not let anyone else through.

### *Change of dinner menu - World Book Day- 1<sup>st</sup> March*

We would like to advise you that, in celebration of World Book Day, the dinner menu on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March (week 1) will change to:-

Jumbo Cod Fish Finger on a Finger Roll

Or Quorn Posh Dog Roll (V)

Served with Potato Smiles, Garden Peas and Sweetcorn

Followed by:

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory's Chocolate Cake with Chocolate Icing.

All the children who normally have a school dinner on this day will be ordered a dinner as usual but if any children who normally have a packed lunch would like to order a hot dinner on this day, please let Mrs Tinkler in the school office know by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February.

### *Milk*

Please note that if your child is in Year R and is due to turn 5 shortly, they will drop off our milk list once they turn 5. If you would like your child to continue having milk, you will need to register at [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com).

Many children do not like drinking milk at this time of year as it is cold, so we would only recommend paying 1/2 termly.

### *AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS*

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

Fee paying club—all year groups. Block 1 started on Monday 8th January and runs every Monday, up to and including 19th March.

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

Fee paying club with team games and sports—all year groups. Started 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 for Year One started up on Thursday 11th January and it runs on Thursdays from 3-4pm. There is two remaining sessions—1st and 8th February.

#### *Puzzle Club (free by class invitation)*

This club is on class rotation for Year One and Two. This club has now been offered to Diamond Class and there is one remaining session on 31st January.

#### *Choir Club*

Choir Club for Year One and Year Two has started up again and will run through the spring term. The club runs from 3pm-3.45pm on Tuesday.

If you returned your child's form for Choir Club before Christmas 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. Unfortunately there are no further spaces available at present.

#### *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 in reception.

On **Friday 2nd March** Usborne Books will be coming into school and children will be able to buy books with any money they have saved in the book saving scheme.

Parents will be able to come into school and look at the range of books available from 2.45pm on this day.

## Lending Library Class Timetable

We are having to change the way in which the children access our School Library.

All children will be given the opportunity to choose a fiction book from our library and take it home to read.

We plan to change the books weekly and all children will have the opportunity to change their book on the days stipulated below.

Day of change	Class/es
Tuesday	Sapphire 
Wednesday	Ruby and Silver  
Thursday	Emerald 
Friday	Diamond and Gold  

Please could your child bring their Lending Library bag and book in on the day that they are due to change and put it in the Lending Library box which is located outside of their classroom.

If you are able to help with our Lending Library please speak to Mrs Thorn in the school office. You will need to be DBS checked before helping out in school.

Classes Library Days

## Common Exception Words

Common exception words are words in which the English spelling code works in an unusual or uncommon way. They are not necessarily words that cannot be read using normal phonics rules, but they may be exceptions to spelling rules, or words which use a particular combination of letters to represent sound patterns in a rare or unique way.

### Year One

These are the words that Year One need to be able to read and spell by the end of the academic year:

*the, a, do, to, today, of, said, says, are, were, was, is, his, has, I, you, your, they, be, he, me, she, we, no, go, so, by, my, here, there, where, love, come, some, one, once, ask, friend, school, put, push, pull, full, house, our.*

### Year Two

These are the words that Year Two need to be able to read and spell by the end of the academic year:

*door, floor, poor, because, find, kind, mind, behind, child, children\*, wild, climb, most, only, both, old, cold, gold, hold, told, every, everybody, even, great, break, steak, pretty, beautiful, after, fast, last, past, father, class, grass, pass, plant, path, bath, hour, move, prove, improve, sure, sugar, eye, could, should, would, who, whole, any, many, clothes, busy, people, water, again, half, money, Mr, Mrs, parents, Christmas.*

## How to help your child to improve their reading

Questions you could ask your child whilst reading together:

- ◆ Ask them to tell you three interesting facts that they have learned from their book.
- ◆ Encourage your child to skim through the story and tell you what the book might be about.
- ◆ Ask your child to tell you the title of the book.
- ◆ Ask your child to tell you who the author is.

“The more you **read**  
the more **things** you know.  
The more that you **learn**  
the more **places** you’ll go.”

Supporting your child at home

Date	Event	Time
	<b>Spring Term 1</b>	
29th January	Year One Cake Sale in the playground	2.45pm
7th February	Year One Historical Toys Day	
8th February	PTA School Disco (more information to follow)	5pm-6.30pm
9th February	PTA 1/2 Term Fun Challenge (more details to follow)	
21st February	PTA Meeting re Summer Fair	7.30pm
26th February	Year R Cake sale in the playground	2.45pm
1st March	World Book Day (more information to follow)	
2nd March	Usborne Books coming into school	
3rd March	Year R—Moving on in Phonics Workshop (more information to follow)	2.30pm
7th March	Late Parents Evening (more info to follow)	
9th March	Mother's Day Assembly (all Mums and Grandmothers welcome)	9.10am
12th March	Early Parents Evening (more info to follow)	3.30pm-6.00pm
23rd March	PTA Easter Fun Night	5-6.30pm
28th March	Year Two Trip to Legoland (DBS checked helpers will be needed—more info to follow)	4.00pm return
28th March	Year One Lunch (more details to follow)	
29th March	PTA Smartie Challenge (more details to follow)	
16th April	Inset Day—School closed for children	
25th April	Other Curriculum Subject Open Morning (more information to follow, all year groups)	9-10am
9th May	Class Photos (more information to follow)	
11th May	Mufti Day for Summer Fair donations	
12th May	PTA Summer Fair (Beach theme)	12-3pm
4th June	Inset Day—School closed for children	
20th June	Year One Trip to Alice Holt (more info to follow)	
25th-28th June	Travelling Book Fair in school	
29th June	St Peter's Day Family Picnic	12-1pm
6th July	Sports Day (more information to follow)	
13th July	Family BBQ and Disco (more info to follow)	
16th July	Leaver's Assembly (Year Two only)	1.30pm
20th July	Last Day of Term	1.10pm finish
23rd July	Inset Day—School closed for children	

# Dates for your Diary