



Headteacher's Message

Thank you to all the Mums and Grandmas who came to our Mother's Day Assembly, we hope you enjoyed the performance.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the staff and our PTA team for putting together the beautiful Mother's Day gifts for you. We hope you liked them and that you had an enjoyable Mother's Day.

During the final term we will be fundraising to buy a new sound system in the hall which we hope will enhance our performances. We are also hoping to raise funds to extend our Trim Trail in the playground. Please keep an eye out for our fundraising activities.

Thank you to all the children and parents who purchased books at our Usborne book sale. We are delighted to tell you that, coupled with sales from the Christmas Shopping Evening, we raised £400 to buy new books. We spent this money on new books for Early Years, books to inspire boys to read, books to challenge more able readers and some castle books for Year One.

Have a nice weekend

Mrs Cawson, Headteacher

Focus Group

On 21st March at 2.15pm we will be hosting our first Parent Focus Group for 2018. This group has been established in order to obtain parental feedback into how we can improve our school and it provides an opportunity for you to air your views on specific topics. If you are interested in attending, please let Mrs Thorn know in the school office.

If we are inundated with requests to join the group, we will run two separate sessions in order to accommodate everyone.

Our first session will focus on the perception of Walsh Memorial in our school and in the local community. It will also be used to help

School Lunches

Week commencing 19th March we will be on **week 1** of the school lunch menu.

Newsletter

Our next edition will be issued on **29th March**. Copies of our newsletter can be found on our website: www.walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk or in the school reception area.

Half Term Reading Challenge

Thank you to all the children who brought in pictures of them reading in the library over the half term break.

Amy K, our previous winner, chose the picture of Tillie F reading a book in the library at Wisley, in her hat and scarf. Well done Tillie.

Easter Raffle

If you would like to enter our Easter Egg Raffle this year, to be in with a chance of winning our lovely Easter goodies, please return your form to school with the payment on/before 26th March.

There are plenty of copies of the letter in our reception area. You are more than welcome to enter more than once if you choose.

PTA Smartie Fundraiser

A template has been sent home for children to decorate an Easter Rabbit which will be made into a Smartie tube holder. At the end of term, the PTA will add a tube of smarties to the holder and send it home. The children can then eat the smarties and we hope that they will do small jobs around the house to earn 20ps which they can fill the empty tube with.

Please could your child bring the smartie tube back to school after the Easter break, then we will add up how much money each class has made and the winning class will receive a treat. All proceeds will go towards our new sound system for the hall and our extended trim trail for the playground.

All Rabbits received before 26th March will be entered in a competition for the most creative and beautifully decorated Rabbit.

Year Two Trip to Legoland

A letter has been sent home regarding our upcoming trip to Legoland on Wednesday 28th March. If you have not already done so, please can you return your child's permission slip and payment to the school office as soon as possible.

Just to remind you that the coach returns to school at 4pm on this day.

New Menus for the Summer Term

Mrs Tinkler has sent home the meal choices for the summer term in book bags today. Please can you complete and return the form by Monday 19th March. If the meal choices form is not returned we will assume your child is having a packed lunch next term.

Year One Spring Celebration Day

On **Thursday 19th April** Ruby and Diamond Classes are welcome to come to school dressed in spring colours. These could be any colour/s that they feel represents spring.

Progression in Numberlines

Thank you to Mrs Wilford and Mrs Samuel for spotting our mistake in the Progression in Numberlines adding web that was sent home last week. We hope you all enjoy the challenge of spotting our mistake!

Facebook Page

We know that many of you find our Facebook page is a useful tool to ask questions of fellow parents and receive reminders from the school and PTA. However, we would ask that if you have a specific question that needs an answer from someone at school or a copy of a form etc., you speak to your child's teacher, pop to the school office or email us on info@walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk. Thank you.

Calendar Dates

You can now download our school calendar directly onto your mobile phone or home computer by visiting www.walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk then:

1. Click on View our Events Calendar on the right hand side of the screen.
2. Click on Subscribe to Calendar and then you will then have all of our events on your phone/PC.

We would recommend that you do this on a regular basis until we are able to send automatic updates.

End of Term

Just to remind you that school finishes at 1.10pm on Thursday 29th March and reopens on Tuesday 17th April at 8.45am as we have an Inset Day on Monday 16th.

Contacting the office

If your child is being collected by someone who is not in the back of the class 'going home' book please can you ring the school before 2pm on the day. Unfortunately we take a large number of calls after 2.45pm and it makes it very difficult for us manage the requests at such a busy time of the day. Obviously we do appreciate there are sometimes emergencies and parents get held up, but if we could reduce the volume of non urgent calls after 2pm it would help considerably. Thank you.

If there is a family member or friend who will be collecting your child regularly, we can put their name in the back of the going home book and then you will not need to contact us every time they are collecting your child.

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 28th March.

Puzzle Club (free by class invitation)

Ruby Class have now been invited to Puzzle Club and it will run on 21st and 28th March for those that have returned their form to Ms Foster.

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.

Unfortunately there are no further spaces at Choir Club available at the present time.

Re-telling a Story

As you know, we have been working really hard in school and with your support on re-telling and comprehension skills. Shortly your child will have a note in their reading diary if they are one of the children who struggled with this skill and has improved or if they are still struggling. Children with no note in their reading diary by the end of next week are developing these skills at the right pace.

The ability to re-tell a story is a very important part of your child's reading development as it is very easy to read a series of words without actually understanding what they have read or follow the story. Reading is of very little value if your child does not comprehend and enjoy what they have read. Children will only fully develop the love of reading when they can get absorbed in a book.

Sometimes parents get frustrated because they feel that their child's books are too easy for them, however, the teacher will only move the child up a level if they are demonstrating the correct level of comprehension and decoding skills.

Ideas to help your child re-tell a story

Next time your child has finished reading their book, please ask them to re-tell the story to see how much they have managed to follow. If they cannot recount the story to you, they probably did not understand what they read. By having your child tell you the setting, main characters, and plot of the story in sequence, you can help them. Here are some ideas to help:

- If they are struggling to re-tell the story, ask your child to use the pictures to help them and gradually cover the pictures.
- You could read a story to them and ask them to re-tell it to you.
- They could read a book to you and then you re-tell the story to them, showing them the main points and the kind of answers you are looking for.
- You can re-tell the story and miss bits out, then they have to tell you the missing bits.
- Re-telling skills can also be developed after watching a short cartoon or even after a day out. Just ask your child to tell you what they have remembered.

The **MORE** that you **READ**,
the more **THINGS** you will **KNOW**.
The **MORE** you **LEARN**,
the more **PLACES** you'll **GO!**
~ Dr. Seuss

Supporting your child at home

Date	Event	Time
	Spring Term 1	
28th March	Year Two Trip to Legoland	4.00pm return
28th March	Year One Lunch—Ruby Class	12.00pm-12.30pm
28th March	Year One Lunch - Diamond Class	12.15pm-12.45pm
29th March	PTA Smartie Challenge	
29th March	Last Day of Term	1.10pm Finish
16th April	Inset Day—School closed for children	
17th April	Start of Summer Term	8.45am
19th April	Year One Spring Celebration Day	
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
25th May	Last Day of Term	3.00pm Finish
4th June	Inset Day—School closed for children	
15th June	Father's Day Celebration (more information to follow)	9.10am-10.00am
20th June	Year One Trip to Alice Holt (more info to follow)	
25th-28th June	Travelling Book Fair in school (more information to follow)	
29th June	St Peter's Day Family Picnic (more information to follow)	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