



Headteacher's Message

Thank you to the parents who gave up their time to help with the Easter Egg hunt on the last day of term. The children had a lovely morning.

Thank you to all the children who completed the Easter Smartie Challenge—we raised significantly more than we anticipated and I am delighted to tell you that it was so close between Silver and Diamond classes (80p!) that we have awarded them both an additional mufti day—this is what both classes had chosen as their prize. We will let you know in due course what the date will be. In total we raised over £550 which will be spent on new signs and blackboards to jazz up our outside music area which will be officially opened at our Summer Fair.

We are delighted to inform you that we have a new sponsor at school—Surrey & Hants Property Agents. We are very grateful for their sponsorship and we look forward to working with them over the coming years.

Finally, preparations are well underway for our Summer Fair which is our biggest fundraiser of the year. We will be reaching out for plenty of help over the upcoming weeks so please keep an eye out in book bags for more information. All proceeds raised will go towards our new sound system for the hall and our extended trim trail in the playground.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Cawson, Headteacher

Parents with DBS Checks

If you have a DBS check with the school please can you ensure that you have signed in within the past 3 months, 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.

The school has to pay for all DBS checks so please help us to keep it current. Thank you.

Newsletter

Our next edition will be issued on **11th May**. Copies of our newsletter can be found on our website: www.walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk or in the school reception area.

Class Photos

On Wednesday 9th May, our school photographer will be coming into school to take class photos of the children during the school day. Please ensure that your child has a clean school sweatshirt or cardigan with them in school that day.

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 four school days, each parent is liable to receive a penalty notice from Surrey County Council.

Curriculum Maps

This week we will be sending home our Curriculum Maps for the Summer Term. The Curriculum Maps outline what the children will be learning at school over the coming term.

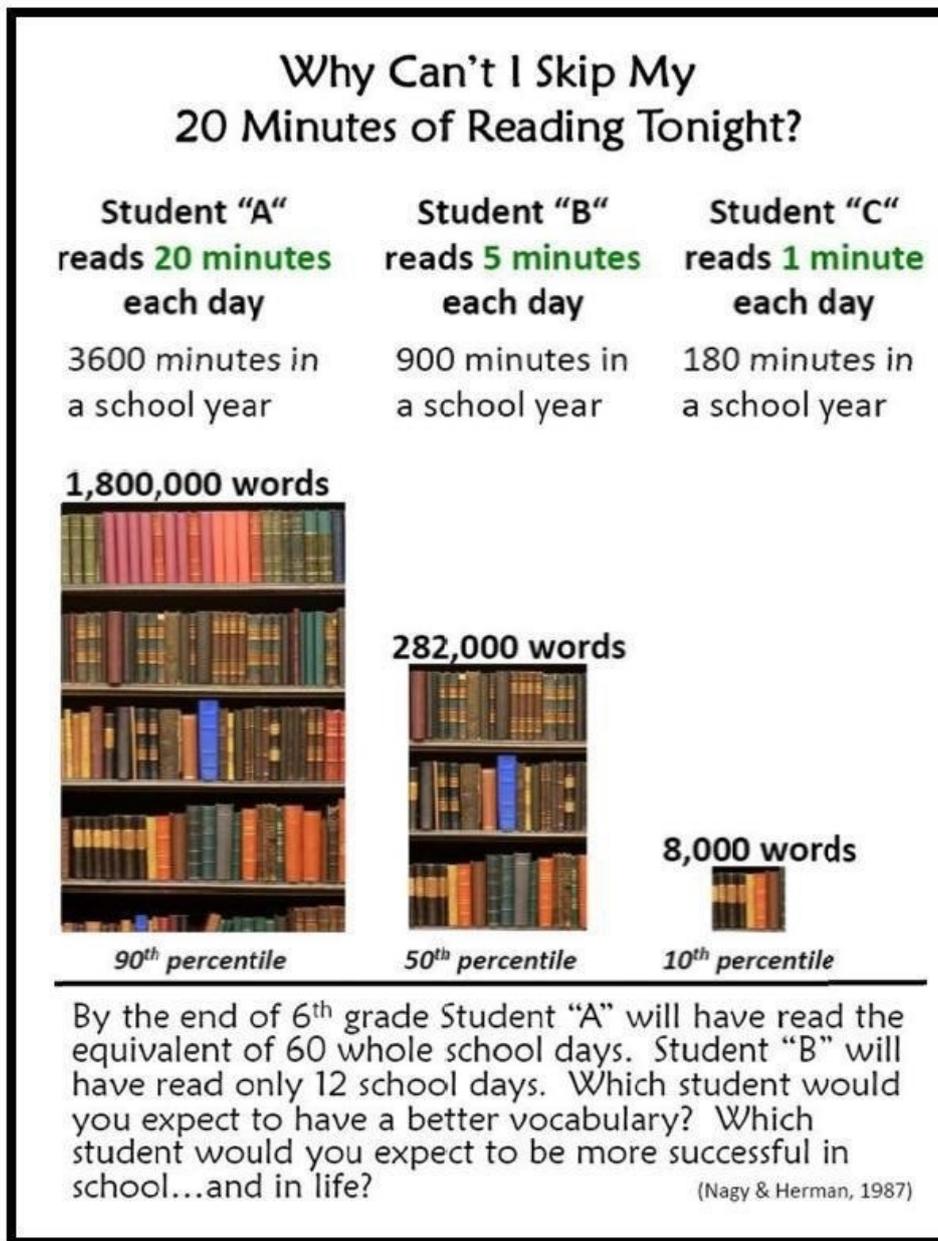
We would be interested in hearing from any parents who have a profession or hobby that compliments the curriculum and they are happy to come in and share information with our children. Please speak to your child's teacher or the school office if you are interested.

School Lunches

Week commencing **30th April** we will be on **week 3** of the new school lunch menu.

The Importance of Reading Regularly

Whilst this was taken from an American website, we thought it was a great visual way of explaining the importance of children reading on a regular basis.



Please do not forget to fill in your child's Learning At Home Diary when they read with you at home and let us know how you get on or if you have encountered any challenges.

Supporting your child at home

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
	Spring Term 1	
9th May	Class Photos	
11th May	Mufti Day for bottles (more info to follow)	
12th May	PTA Summer Fair (Beach theme)	12-3pm
15th May	Year One Castle Day (more info to follow)	
18th May	Royal Wedding Celebrations	
25th May	Last Day of Term	3.00pm Finish
4th June	Inset Day—School closed for children	
10th June	Children are invited to a church service at St Peter's	10am
12th June	Year R Trip to the Basingstoke Canal Centre	9.15am-3pm
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

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Chelsea Football Club (External club)

Fee paying club—all year groups. Block 1 starts up on Monday 23rd April and runs every week up to 21st May. Block 2 starts on 11th June and runs to 2nd July.

Choir Club

Choir Club for Year One and Year Two will start again on 24th April and will run through the summer term up to and including 26th June. The club runs from 3pm-3.45pm on a Tuesday. If your child had a space in the spring term, they will automatically be given a space in the summer term.

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