



### *Headteacher's Message*

For those of you that do not already know, we are delighted to tell you that Miss Avenell is expecting a baby and will be going on maternity leave at the end of this term! We wish Miss Avenell all the very best and we look forward to welcoming her back to school next year.

In the meantime, Mrs Richards has stepped in to cover Emerald Class for the remainder of the summer term. Ms Foster and Mrs Wall will both be full-time and Mrs Hemmings Class will be covered by Mrs Taylor, who is a teacher that is very well known to some of our teachers.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to me.

Finally, thank you very much to our PTA team who have worked very hard preparing for our Summer Fair tomorrow. We do hope that the weather will be kind to us and that it will be another great success.

*We hope to see you tomorrow!*  
**Mrs Cawson, Headteacher**

### *Parent Partnership*

We would like to invite you to our 'Parent Pit Stop' session on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May from 2.30pm at our school.

This is a NEW opportunity for parents, provided by our local Early Help Hub based at St Paul's School in Tongham.

Tea and coffee will be available and you will be able to speak to friendly outreach staff who can provide information and support on a wide range of issues such as housing, debt, parenting, children's behaviour or any other concerns you may have.

This will be a regular service available to parents and we do hope that you will be able to pop in and meet our new team. If there are any areas you would find particularly interesting, please bring along your ideas.

### *Our Summer Fair!*

Tomorrow is our Annual Summer Fair from 12-3pm and we have many exciting things lined up, including a Punch and Judy Show!

We also have various school performances throughout the afternoon which are as follows:

*12:15 Year Two Maypole Dancing Performance*

*12:30 Punch and Judy Show*

*13:10 Inter-Class Tug of War*

*13:30 Choir Club Performance*

*13:45 Punch and Judy Show*

*14:15 Inter-Class Tug of War*

*13:30 Year One Castle Dance Performance*

*14:45 Raffle Draw / Silent Auction*

If your child is a member of Choir Club or they are in Year One or Two and they would like to take part in their respective performances, please meet at the Arena 5 minutes before the performance time. All children have been practising their performances daily so please do encourage them to take part.

Full details will be given in your programme which you will receive upon arrival.

**In the event of bad weather, the fair will still take place!**

Thank you once again to everyone who has helped to plan this event and those that have offered to help out on the day. We hope to make it a great success.

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### *British Values Day*

On Friday 18th May, we will be talking about British Values in school to coincide with the Wedding of Prince Harry to Meghan Markle on Saturday 19th May.

The British Values are:

- Democracy
- The rule of law
- Individual liberty
- Mutual respect
- Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs.

Most of the work the children under-take will be centred round learning about weddings, our Royal Family and castles. Some of us will be learning about King John, Odiham Castle and the Magna Carta. We will all be thinking about why we are proud to be British. The children will be given a small memento of the Royal Wedding.

### *Wastebuster Homework*

This is a competition being run by Guildford Borough Council and we hope that all the children will look for single use plastics and bring them into school. A worksheet has been sent home with more information today.

We will put all the names of the children who take part in the competition into a hat and the name we pull from the hat will win a lucky dip prize. The closing date for the completion is 24th

### *Keys*

We are collecting any old keys which are no longer used for a display that we are putting together. If you have any hanging around at home, that are no longer used, please could you send them into school with your child. We will let unveil our creation on St Peter's Day! Thank you for your support.

### *Hair Accessories*

Just to remind parents that any hair accessories should be navy white or both, and they should not be excessively large. Thank you.

### *Prayer Week*

This week we have been taking part in St Peter's Church Prayer Week. The children's prayers will be collected on Friday and will be taken to Church on Sunday to be blessed.

### *Parent Helpers*

We need more parent helpers in school to help with extra reading for Year R and Year One children in the afternoons. If you are able to help out please speak to your child's teacher. A DBS check will be required; please speak to Mrs Thorn for more information.

### *School Lunches*

Week commencing 14th May we will be on **week 2** of the new school lunch menu.

### *Newsletter*

Our next edition will be issued on **25th May**. 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.

### *Helping on School Trips*

We have put together some detailed information for Parent Helpers on school trips which we will send home in advance of a trip. Before volunteering to help on a trip, please consider the following. Volunteers need to:-

- Be free for the whole of the trip until the return to the school premises
- Attend the pre-briefing meeting at the start of the day
- Refrain from smoking and vaping for the entire trip, including lunchtime
- Bring their own packed lunch and socialise with the children during picnic time. There is no opportunity to buy lunch at the location.
- Provide their own child with a separate pack lunch and bag
- Be willing to talk to the children about the trip to encourage vocabulary and language development
- Follow the guidance provided by the staff in school
- Be prepared to look after children other than their own. Our policy is not to put children with their parents to ensure that all children are treated equally in the very unlikely event of an emergency
- Expect to travel on the coach with the group
- Smile and enjoy the day whatever the weather

It is compulsory for volunteers to be DBS checked with our school well in advance of the visit. Please speak to Mrs Thorn if you need further information.

### *Year R Trip to the Basingstoke Canal Centre*

We are in need of DBS checked parent helpers to accompany us on our Year R trip to the Basingstoke Canal Centre on 12th June.

Please let the school office know if you are DBS checked with the school and you are able to help. We will then provide you with further information.

### *Year One Trip to Alice Holt*

We are in need of DBS checked parent helpers to accompany us on our Year One trip to Alice Holt on 20th June.

Please let the school office know if you are DBS checked with the school and you are able to help. We will then provide you with further information.

### *Year Two Trip to Ash Museum*

We are in need of parent helpers to accompany us to Ash Museum on 17th May. Emerald Class will be leaving at 9am and returning at 11am, Sapphire Class will be leaving at 10am and returning at 12pm. You do not need a DBS check for this visit as you will not be left unsupervised with the children. Please let the school office know if you can help.

# Dates for your Diary

| Date           | Event   | Time           |
|----------------|---|----------------|
|                | <b>Spring Term 1</b>  |                |
| 17th May       | Year One Castle Day (more info to follow)   |                |
| 18th May       | Royal Wedding Celebrations (different pudding on offer as per email correspondence) |                |
| 24th May       | Parent Pitstop  | 2.30pm         |
| 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   |                |
| 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.

### *Coding Club*

Ms Foster's Year Two Coding Club has one session remaining which is on 23rd May from 3pm-3.50pm.