



### *Headteacher's Message*

Welcome back, we hope you had an enjoyable half term break.

This weekend we are sending home a poppy for children to write on the front the name of someone in your family who they would like to remember. If your child would like to take part, please send the poppy into school before **Tuesday 6th November**.

The poppies will form part of our Children's Remembrance Service which is taking place on Friday 9th November. We will be holding a one minute silence at 11am.

On another note, we would like to congratulate Jacey and Scarlett W who won the Co-op Fireworks Colouring Competition. Their artwork was displayed in the Co-op—we hope you spotted it! They will each receive a box of sweets in our celebration assembly! Well done to them both.

Today the children in Year Two had a very special treat. Children from Year Four at Walsh Junior School came to visit them to read their wonderful Superhero stories they had written. We were all very impressed with the stories and would like to thank Miss Quinn for organising a lovely Friday afternoon treat for us all.

*Have a safe and enjoyable Bonfire weekend!*

*Mrs Cawson, Headteacher*

### *Remembrance*

We will be selling Poppies and other Remembrance accessories every morning in the playground from 8.30am on 5th November to through to 9th November. We would like to invite Year Two children and their parents to come and sell the poppies each morning. Please let Mrs Thorn or Mrs Sanders know if you are able to help selling poppies, even if it is only for one morning, it will make a difference. Thank you.

### *Newsletter*

Please note that our newsletter is issued fortnightly. Our next edition will be issued on 16 November. Copies of our newsletter can be found on our website: [www.walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk).

### *Individual School Photos*

On **Monday 5th November** our school photographer will be coming into school to take individual photos of the children for you to purchase if you wish.

We will be opening the school at 8.00am for any parents who would like to have a family portrait taken or a photo of their infant and junior school children together. If you would like a family photo, please come to our reception area at 8.00am. You may need to queue for a short while.

Children who have siblings in our school will be photographed together and individually during normal school hours.

### *Parent Interviews*

On Monday 5th November (early slots) and on Wednesday 14th November (evening slots) you will have the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss your child's progress in school.

If you have booked a slot for either session and you are now unable to attend, please let the school office know on [info@walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk).

If you have not yet booked a slot, please contact the school office to make an appointment as soon as possible. Thank you.

### *School Lunches*

Week commencing **5th November** we will be on **Week 2** of the new dinner menu.

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## Class Reps

We are looking for Class Reps for each of our classes. It is not an arduous job and it can be very rewarding. It will involve organising class cake sales, social events, tug-of-war teams etc. If you are interested in the role, please let Mrs Thorn or Mandi Law (PTA Chair) know. Thank you.

## 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.

## Cold Weather

Now that the weather has turned colder, please can you ensure that your child comes to school with a warm coat that has a hood everyday. Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly named with your child's name.

## Recorders—Year Two

Year Two recorder lessons started this week. If your child is bringing a recorder in from home and they have not brought it into school yet, please could you ensure that it is brought to school on Monday. Thank you.

## A Big THANK YOU



### Walsh Infant School

for donating 98.5kg of food

Your donations make a BIG difference to local people in crisis.

Farnham foodbank is part of the Trussell Trust's UK wide foodbank network.

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## Defibrillator

Did you know that there is a defibrillator that is jointly owned by the Infant and Junior School on-site at the Junior School? It is outside of the building and it is in a green box. It is for use of the general public and there are full instructions in the box.

## Book Saving Scheme

We are re-opening the Book Savings Club to encourage children to start to have good saving habits and to be more money aware. We hope to help them learn that saving little amounts adds up.

If your child wants to join the savings club you must simply:

1. Pop some pennies in an envelope
2. Put your child's name, class and 'Book Club' on the envelope
3. Ask your child to hand it into the school office or place it in the school post box in reception.

You can pay into the scheme as often as you wish.

If your child joins the scheme they will be able to come along to the wonderful book sales we put on through the year.

Our next book sale will be from 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> November as the Travelling Book Fair will be coming into school. If any parents are free to help run the Fair please let the school office know.

All children who have saved money in the scheme will be invited to take a look at the books during one of these days. There are some books on offer which are wonderful bargains but a majority start at around £5.99.

## Milk Bottle Tops

We are collecting milk bottle tops for donating to Parity for Disability. There will be a collection box near the staff entrance for children to place their donations in. Please note that it is for standard milk bottle tops only, with no inserts.

Thank you for your support.

## Puzzle Club (free by class invitation)

Sapphire Class Puzzle Club— 6th, 20th and 27th November. *Please note that there will be no Puzzle Club on 13th November.*

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

## Choir Club

Choir Club for Year One and Year Two starts on Tuesday 6th November and will run up to and including 30th November from 3.00-3.45pm. If you have returned your child's form 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 will be invited to join in the Spring.

## *RM EasiMaths*

Another six children received their maths tool kit pencil case for completing the 100 minute challenge on RM Maths. A further 26 children completed the 80 minute October Challenge and received their ruler. We done to those children!

We will be continuing the challenge throughout November and we hope that many more children will use RM EasiMaths for 20 minutes every week.

This programme is very engaging and fun to use and it encourages even the most reluctant mathematician to have a go! It fully supports everything that your child is being taught at school and helps them to commit problem solving skills to their long term memory.



### *Using a ruler challenge!*

In November we would like to set all children a challenge to draw a picture using straight lines only, with a ruler, and to send it into school before **Monday 3rd December**. Each of the winning entries will receive a small prize in our Celebration Assembly. If your child received their ruler in October it is a great opportunity for them to practice using it!

The picture could be anything that interests them and with the Christmas season around the corner, they may wish to draw something festive or they may wish to do a colorful pattern using straight lines.

We hope that this will encourage children to have a go at using a ruler and develop their confidence in using it.

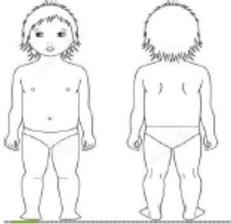
Things to do at home!

# General Information

## First Aid Administration Slip

From 5th November we will be trialing a new system and sending home a slip home if your child has sustained a cut or graze at school that has required medical treatment. The slip will look like this:

Name:----- Date:-----  
has sustained an injury in school today here:-



Please check it as it may need an extra clean.

If your child receives a slip like this, please check the wound carefully as it may need an extra clean.

We will also be trialing the use of a slip to make you aware that your child has had a toilet accident. It will look like this:

Name:----- Date:-----

**OOPS!**  
Your child has had a toilet accident today.  
Their soiled clothes are enclosed.

Please wash and return any borrowed items.

Thank you

We would welcome any feedback and will re-assess the situation before the end of the autumn term.

# Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
	<b>Autumn Term 1</b>	
5th November	Individual School Photos	
5th November	Early Parents Evening	3.30pm-6.00pm
12th November	Flu vaccinations for those with signed consent forms	
12th-14th November	Travelling Book Fair in school	
13th November	Year One visit to the Fast Museum	
14th November	Late Parents Evening	6.00pm-8.20pm
19th November	Introduction to Phonics—Year R (more information to follow)	9-9.30am or 2.30-3.00pm
20th November	The Enormous Present—Pied Piper performance in school, paid for by the PTA	
21st November	On-line Safety Workshop (more information to follow)	2.30pm
30th November	PTA Movie Night (more info to follow)	
7th December	Mufti Day for Raffle Donations (more information to follow)	
10th December	Dress Rehearsal of Christmas Performance for Grandparents only (more details to follow)	9.15am
11th December	Christmas Performance for parents with pre-school children (more information to follow)	9.15am
12th December	Christmas Performance—adults only (more information to follow)	9.15am
13th December	Christmas Performance—adults only with raffle draw (more info to follow)	1.30pm
17th December	Christmas Church Service (walkers needed—more information to follow)	1.30pm
19th December	School Christmas Dinner (more information to follow)	
20th December	End of term	1.15pm finish
	<b>Spring Term 1</b>	
15th January	Deadline for receipt of reception and Year 3 applications for September 2019.	

## 2018/2019 Inset Days (School closed to children)

Friday 4th January 2019

Monday 3rd June

25th February

## Christmas Holidays 2018

*Please note that we break up a day later than the Surrey published dates for the Christmas break. We break up on 20th, not 19th December, but this means that children do not come back to school until Monday 7th January.*