



Headteacher's Message

Happy New Year to you all, I hope you had a thoroughly enjoyable Christmas and New Year. I would like to take the opportunity to thank you on behalf of all our staff for our very generous Christmas gifts—we were all delighted and overwhelmed with your generosity.



We hope you had the opportunity to visit the Nativity display at Guildford Cathedral over the Christmas period. This is a picture of the Shepherd that we created, in case you did not get an opportunity to see it. There is a finger print from each child in our school down the front of the Shepherd's smock. The picture at the top is of the whole nativity scene which was collectively created by other schools in the area.



Thank you very much to the Coop who donated £250 and Ash Music Festival who gave us £300 before Christmas. We have used this money to buy eReaders which are now up and running in school.

On another note, please remember that Year Two parents **must** apply for a Junior School space for their child **before** Tuesday 15th January. You will need to complete this process before **15th January**, even if your child is going to Walsh Junior School, as allocation of a Junior School place is not automatic.

If you do not submit your application before this date, you may not be allocated a space at a Junior School in the first round and you may end up with a school out of the area.

Please also note that 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 in September, as siblings are given priority places.

If you have any problems completing the application, please speak to a member of the school office who will be happy to help.

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. Thank you.

Pupil Premium

If your circumstances have changed and you feel that your child would be eligible for Pupil Premium, please speak to the school office who will give you a form to complete. This will enable us to claim extra funding and it forms a critical part of our budget. The information you provide will be held in strictest confidence.

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.

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 for **each child** from Surrey County Council.

School Lunches

Week commencing 14th January we will be on **Week 2** of the dinner menu.

Maths Open Morning

On Wednesday 30th January, we will be holding a Maths Open Morning for you to come along and see how maths is taught in your child's class. If you would like to attend, please wait in the school hall after dropping your child off.

As the workshop will take place in the classroom, unfortunately we are unable to admit pre-school children to this workshop as it is too much of a distraction for the children.

Christingle

We are delighted to tell you that we raised a very respectable £168.69 for the Children's Society this year. Thank you very much for all your generous donations.

Save the Children

Thank you to everyone who made a donation on Wear a Christmas Jumper Day. As you know, it was completely optional so we are really pleased to advise you that we raised £78.51 which has been sent off to this very worthy cause.

After School Collection / Koosa Kids

It is very important to notify the school office immediately if there has been any change to after school collection arrangements for your child.

If your child is not going home with their mum or dad, or anyone who is not recorded in the back of the 'going home book', please let the school office know so that we let your child's teacher know. Where possible, please could you do this before 1pm on the day of collection.

With regards to Koosa, if you book your child into Koosa at the last minute, please ensure that you have notified the school too.

Similarly, if your child is not going to Koosa but they are down on the Koosa register for that day, please ensure that Koosa and the school are aware.

This prevents a lot of unnecessary upset for the child and ensures that the teachers are certain of who your child is going home with that evening.

If your child is going to be collected by someone other than mum or dad on a regular basis, we can write it in the back of the 'going home' book so that you do not need to call in every time.

Year One Bake Sale

The Year One Bake Sale is on **Monday 11th February**. Please could Year One parents bring in cakes for us to sell. Donations could include cup cakes, Chocolate Brownies, Rocky Road or anything that the children would like to buy! We always sell out, so all donations are gratefully received!

All proceeds go directly to the two classes for the children to spend.

Please can you bring your bakes in on the morning of 11th and leave them by the staff entrance.

If you are able to help on the day please let the school office know.

Year One Winter Celebration Day

On Thursday 17th January Year One children will be celebrating Winter Days and all of their learning will be centred around the changing seasons. Therefore, we would ask parents to send their child into school dressed in winter colours on this day. These could be shades of blue, grey or white, or any colour that you believe represents winter. Your child may even want to wear something sparkly to represent the frost!

This is a non-school uniform day for Year One children who would like to dress in winter colours.

World Book Day—7th March 2019

To celebrate World Book Day, children are welcome to come to school dressed as their favourite book character on **Thursday 7th March**.

Usborne Books will also be coming into school and children will be able to buy books with any money they have saved in the book saving scheme.

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.

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

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Chelsea Football Club (External provider)

Fee paying club—all year groups. Block 1 starts on Monday 14th January and runs every Monday, up to and including 11th February.

Choir Club

Choir Club for Year One and Year Two will start up again on Tuesday 15th January and the club runs from 3pm-3.45pm.

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.

Learning Zone

Please take a look at our Learning Zone on our website, where you will find links to interactive phonics and maths games online. You can access the page by going to our website, then clicking on the Learning tab, then the Learning Zone.

Please be aware of internet safety when using on-line websites.

We will be adding a new link shortly, which will cover information shared in our Parent Workshops.

RM EasiMaths Challenge

We will be continuing the challenge throughout January and we hope that many more children will use RM EasiMaths at least 3 times a week. The children have already chosen a highlighter as their reward if they complete 100 minutes or more in January.

Year R children have now been sent log on details for this learning programme and many children have completed their first 100 minutes and received their maths toolkit.

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.

Please keep the kit safe as we hope it will help the children with their homework. New mathematical items are added each month and we hope all the children will enjoy their own set of maths equipment.

Things to do at home!

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
Spring Term 1		
15th January	Deadline for receipt of reception and Year 3 applications for September 2019.	
16th January	PTA Meeting—all welcome	7.30pm
17th January	Year One Winter Celebration Day	
30th January	Maths Open Morning	9.10am-10am
11th February	Year One Bake Sale in the school playground	3pm
15th February	End of term	3pm finish
Spring Term 2		
6th March	Final day to send in clothing donations for Bags2School (more information to follow)	3pm
7th March	World Book Day and Usborne Books visiting school	
29th March	Mother's Day Assembly (for Mothers and Grandmothers only)	9.10am-9.55am
1st April	Year Two Trip to Legoland	4pm return
5th April	End of term	
Summer Term		
11th May	Walsh Memorial Summer Fair	12-3pm
14th June	Father's Day Celebration (for Dads and Grandads only) — Morning—timings to be advised	
12th July	Sports Day (Timings to be advised)	
22nd July	Year Two Leaver's Assembly	2pm
24th July	End of term	

2018/2019 Inset Days (School closed to children)

Monday 25th February

Monday 3rd June