



Important Notice!

School finishes at 1.10pm today. Children return to school on Tuesday 23rd April. Have a lovely Easter!

Headteacher's Message

Thank you to all the mummies who helped with the Easter Egg Hunt this morning, the children had a lovely time!

The Government has recently collated a list of activities that they believe a Reception, Year One and Year Two child should do at home; this is called an Activity Passport. More details will follow during the summer term.

To start the children off, our school Blog will have three suggestions from the Activity Passport for children to do over the Easter Holiday. To access our school Blog, please visit our website www.walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk and click on the Blog tab. You will then need to enter the password and then look for the Activity Passport. We would like to see some comments from the children about what they have been up to, even a few pictures would be lovely! Please do not share the password with anyone outside of the school.

Have a lovely Easter Holiday!
Mrs Cawson, Headteacher

Easter Reading Challenge

Today we have sent each of the children home with a book mark. We would like to set the children a challenge to read as much as they can over the Easter break.

The challenge is for your child to read to you at least 10 times over Easter. Each time your child reads to you, please put the date and your signature on the back of the book mark and return it to school before 24th April. Please ensure that your child's name is clearly marked on the book mark.

All the children who return their book mark signed 10 times will be awarded with extra playtime on a date to be determined.

Please note that entry to the challenge will only be accepted on the bookmark and not through use of the Reading Record or an email etc. We launched this challenge in Assembly this morning.

Competition Winners

Well done to all the children who decorated their Easter Bunny Basket and submitted an entry for the Co-op colouring competition. There were some very beautiful and creative designs!

The winners of the Easter Bunny Basket Competition were Lexi-May C, Alex R, Trinity C, Leo C, Edward A and Liam S.

The winner of the Co-op Colouring Competition was Felicity W-K.

Easter Activity Book

We have sent home an Easter Activity Book for the children to enjoy.

We would like to encourage as many children to complete their book as possible, so any that are returned on 23rd April will be entered into a Lucky Dip for a small prize. Please ensure that your child's name is clearly marked on the book if they would like to enter the competition.

Easter Raffle

The winner of the main Easter Egg, donated by Surrey and Hants Property Agents, was Daniel J. All prizes have been sent home with the children today.

Thank you very much to the Co-op who also donated an egg to our raffle.

St George's Day

Children who attend Beavers, Rainbows or Brownies are welcome to wear their uniforms to school on Tuesday 23rd April to celebrate St George's Day. All other children should wear their school uniform, as normal.

School Lunches

Week commencing 22nd April we will be on **Week 1** of the new dinner menu.

Things to do at home

Easter Challenge!

Further to Mrs Cawson's note in the Headteacher's Message regarding Activity Passports, here are a few things to get you started:

1. Visit the library and choose books to share with your family
2. Go for a walk near a river or canal with friends or your family—what can you see and hear? Remember to keep safe
3. Have a Teddy Bear's Picnic in your garden, at home or somewhere different

Please visit our Blog and tell us all about your adventures! There will be more challenges on the Blog to complete and share your news soon.

Happy Easter Blogging!

RM EasiMaths Challenge

We will be continuing the challenge throughout April and we hope that many more children will use RM EasiMaths at least 3 times a week. The children will be given a maths prize if they complete 100 minutes in April.

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.

Date	Event	Time
	Spring Term 2	
5th April	End of term	1.10pm finish
	Summer Term	
23rd April	Back to school	8.45am
24th April	PTA Meeting—all welcome	2.30pm
26th April	Mufti Day for Garden Toys (see note sent home in book bags)	
29th April—10th May	Living Eggs in school (more information to follow)	
30th April and 11th June	School Nurse visiting Year R for weights and measurements	
1st May	Parent's Forum (please let the office know if you wish to attend)	2.30pm
2nd May	Open Morning—other curriculum areas (no pre-school children please as this is a working lesson)	9.10am-10.00am
6th May	Bank Holiday Monday—School Closed	All day
May	Year Two SATS (please do not take any holidays)	
10th May	Mufti Day for Bottles	
11th May	Walsh Memorial Summer Fair	12.00-3.00pm
13th May	Class Photos (for those who have signed consent forms)	
23rd May	Year One Castle Day (more information to follow)	
3rd June	INSET Day—School closed for children	All day
10-14th June	Year One Phonics Screening (please do not take any holiday)	
12th June	Year R trip to the Basingstoke Canal Centre	9.00am-3.00pm
14th June	Father's Day Celebration (for Dads and Grandads only)	TBA
20th June	Year One Summer Celebration Day (more information to follow)	
27th June	Year One trip to Alice Holt	9.00am-3.00pm
28th June	St Peter's Day Family Picnic (more information to follow)	12.00pm
12th July	Sports Day (Timings to be advised)	
22nd July	Year Two Leaver's Assembly	2.00pm
24th July	End of term	1.10pm finish

Dates for your Diary