



### *Headteacher's Message*

We all hope you had a lovely Easter holiday and enjoyed the lovely weather.

Thank you to all the parents who came into school to see our Other Curriculum Open Morning, we hope you enjoyed seeing the children working hard.

Just to remind parents that if you have a child going into Year 3 or Year R in September, you will need to accept or decline your school place otherwise it may be withdrawn. We would urge you to do this immediately as the deadline has now passed.

Thank you to the 8 children who contributed to our school Blog over the Easter break. Our Blog will continue for a little longer.

Finally, just to remind you that Monday 6th May is a Bank Holiday so school will be closed. We look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 7th May.

*Have a lovely weekend!*  
*Mrs Cawson, Headteacher*

### *Year One Castle Day*

On Thursday 23rd May, to enhance our Castles topic, Year One will be having a 'Castle Day'. The children will be taking part in a range of activities through a day full of medieval fun and learning.

As we have been learning about the people who lived in a castle, we feel it would add to the fun if your child dressed up for the day. Castle residents include Kings, Queens, Lords, Ladies, Knights, Guards, Jesters, servants etc. A letter has been sent home recently with further information.

### *Easter Reading Challenge*

Well done to all the children who completed the Easter Reading Challenge. In order to qualify for extra play-time, children had to read at least 10 times over the Easter break with their parents and they had to have the book mark that we provided signed each time and returned to school.

These children were given extra play-time with Mrs Wall yesterday.

### *Easter Activity Book*

Well done to all the children who completed their Easter Activity Book and returned it to school. We hope they had lots of fun filling it in!

The winner of the lucky dip was Amelia M.

### *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.

### *Coaster Cards*

This year the children have been designing their own coaster card for their Dad to celebrate Father's Day.

These lovely cards feature a wooden coaster showing the child's individual artwork. The coasters have felt surface protectors and a high gloss wipe-clean surface and are priced at £3.50 each.

We have sent an order form home in book bags but if you would like a copy of the letter, there are more copies in reception.

The deadline for receipt of orders is 23rd May at 3pm. However, should you wish to order Coaster Cards for other family members, such as Grandad, the deadline will be Friday 10th May as your child will need to do another design.

Unfortunately we cannot accept any orders without full payment.

### *School Lunches*

Week commencing 6th May we will be on **Week 3** of the new dinner menu.

## *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 we 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 or Mrs Sanders if you would like further information.

## *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.

## *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.

## *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.

## *Class Photos*

Just to remind you that our school photographer will be in school on 13th May to take class photos of our children with signed consent forms.

## *Poetry Pals Project for Year Two*

We have been lucky enough to have been chosen to take part in a new Guildford Borough initiative to work with a poet and the older generation. Year Two visited Japonica Court last week to see a short 45 minute show by a poet who will then be working with the children at Walsh and the residents and visitors at Japonica Court to write poetry.

A final celebration of poems will take place in July. We will let you have further information as the initiative develops.

## *Our Summer Fair!*

On Saturday 11th May it is our Annual Summer Fair from 12-3pm and we have many exciting activities lined up, including a visiting Princess!

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

**12.00 Grand opening by youngest and oldest pupils at school**

**12.30 Parade with the singing Princess**

**12.30 Year Two Maypole Dance**

**13.00 Inter-class Tug of War!**

**13.15 School Choir Club Performance**

**13.30 Singing Princess returns**

**14.15 Tug of war Finals**

**14.30 Year One Dance**

**14.45 Grand draw**

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.

*We hope to see you on 11th May!*

**We need your help!**

### **Dates to Remember**

**Mufti day for Bottles — Friday 10th May** - Please bring in your donations of any bottles for the bottle tombola, such as wine, spirits, squash, lemonade or bubble bath! In exchange, children are welcome to come to school dressed in home clothes on this day (Mufti Day).

**Summer Fair—Saturday 11th May** from 12-3pm

**Raffle tickets** have been sent home for you to purchase if you choose! With top prizes of **£100 cash** and we are sure they will be popular so keep an eye out for them. Please return your stubs or unsold tickets on or before Wednesday 8th May.

### **How can you help?**

- By helping on a stall during the day, please see sign up slip overleaf
- Helping to clean up on the day – this is vital as the team get very tired at the end of an event
- By helping sort and label tombola items on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May
- By helping with setting up for the fayre (on the day, both during and after fayre)
- By saving us your empty Ice Cream tubs or margarine tubs
- By baking some cakes for the cake stall
- We need parents to take part in a class v class parents tug of war game!
- Does your employer have a fund matching scheme? If so by helping on a stall, or in some way, you could help to possibly double the takings!

If you can help in any in anyway, please let the PTA core team know by returning your reply slip (sent home recently), putting a note on our Facebook page or emailing the team on [walshinfantspta@gmail.com](mailto:walshinfantspta@gmail.com).

#### **Do you have your own business? Do you work for a local business?**

- Would you be willing to donate a prize for the raffle or other stall? (e.g. Beauty treatment, carpet cleaning) Gifts of prizes or donations may be sent to the school marked PTA Summer Fayre.
- Maybe you'd like to sponsor a stall? Some stalls have expenses which eat into the profit we make, if you'd like to sponsor a stall by making a donation to cover such expenses please contact us about how we can promote your support and help us increase our profits further!

***So much effort goes into putting this Fair together and it is our biggest fundraiser of the year by far, therefore, we are incredibly grateful for every minute of time offered by our parents!***

**Summer Fair - 11th May 2019**

| Date         | Event  | Time          |
|--------------|--|---------------|
|              | <b>Summer Term</b>   |               |
| 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<br>Year 1 9.15am – 10.05am<br>Year 2 10.05 am – 10.55 am<br>Year R 10.55 am – 11.45am |               |
| 22nd July    | Year Two Leaver's Assembly   | 2.00pm        |
| 24th July    | End of term  | 1.10pm finish |

Dates for your Diary