



### *Headteacher's Message*

Welcome back to all our children and families. We all hope you enjoyed your time with your children during the summer holidays.

A very special welcome to our new families. Thank you for choosing our school and we hope our partnership will be a very happy and successful one.

The PTA kindly purchased new Parent Information Boards which have been placed outside each year group. Please keep an eye on these for up-to-date information and requests for help or resources. We will also use these Information Boards to share some words with you which are important to your child's learning at school. Please familiarise yourself with these words and help your child to understand their meaning. We will be updating the words regularly.

On September 20th our Curriculum Maps will be sent home. These will show you the topics that your child will be learning about in school this term. We hope you find them useful.

Please note that we have sent a paper copy of the newsletter home to all families this week as it is the first one in the new school year. However, our next newsletter, on 27th September, will be sent via email. If you do not receive this email from us, please check your junk mail box and if it is not in there please speak to the school office who will be able to help you. We will always have a few paper copies in the reception area and you can find it on our website too [www.walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk).

*Have a lovely weekend!*

*Mrs Cawson, Headteacher*

### *Meet the Teacher*

Year One Parents are invited to meet their child's teacher on Wednesday 25th September who will present an overview of expectations for Year One.

Year Two Parents are invited to meet with their child's teacher on Thursday 26th September to obtain an understanding of Year Two expectations.

If you would like to come along, please come to the school office at 2.30pm on the respective day.

### *School Lunches*

Week commencing 16th September we will be on **Week 1** of the dinner menu.



### *Little Stars!*

This fortnight we are celebrating the achievements of the following children who have received a Headteacher's Award for exceptional work and wonderful behaviour or attitude to learning. These children will be awarded their certificates on Monday:

- Rayyan
- Aaliyah
- Max H
- Daisy
- Isabelle
- Jovie
- Jake P
- Ben E

A very well done to these children!

### *PTA Annual General Meeting*

All parents are invited to attend the PTA AGM on 10th October at 7.30pm in the school hall. This is an official meeting where the committee members are elected. Every member of staff and parent is automatically enrolled as a member of the PTA but a core group of committed parents are the driving force behind a very friendly and successful fundraising team.

If you would like to be nominated for the position of Chairperson, Secretary or Treasurer please write to Mrs Cawson stating your name and a short paragraph describing why you would be good at the position by 9.30am on 4th October.

These statements are then shared with the AGM meeting should a vote be necessary. We hope to see you there!

### *Year One Phonics Briefing*

Parents of Year One children are invited to a Phonics Briefing in school on **23rd September**. There are two sessions running—one at 9.00am and one at 2.30pm.

If you are interested in attending one of the sessions, please come to the office reception at this time. Pre-school children are able to attend if you are unable to find a baby-sitter. However, please note that pushchairs and buggies are not allowed in the building under any circumstances, due to health and safety reasons.

# REMINDERS

## **VERY IMPORTANT!**

### *Pupil Premium Forms*

All Year One and Two children will shortly be sent home with a Pupil Premium Form. If you are able to tick any of the eligibility criteria on the back of the form, please could you complete and return this by **Friday 20th September**.

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.

Thank you very much for your help in this matter.

### *Parents with DBS Checks*

If you have a DBS check with the school please can you ensure that you have signed in this term, 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.

### *Absences*

If your child is going to be absent from school, please call the school before 10.00am on the first day of their absence. This will avoid any unauthorised absence marks. You do not need to call on subsequent days unless the illness continues over the weekend and into the new week.

If you are unclear what the exclusion period is for a particular condition, please contact the school for advice or visit [www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england) for guidance.

### *Accessing the School Grounds*

We would like to remind parents that there is no parental parking on-site at anytime, unless you are the holder of a disabled badge or you have been called and asked to collect a poorly child from school.

Access to our grounds is strictly one way so please **do not** enter the school grounds where it is clearly marked 'no entry'. Staff members are there in the morning to help to get the children safely into school and to keep the traffic moving.

Kiss and Drop opens at 8.40am, please do not attempt to drop your child off before that time as the gate is not manned before this time.

Please also note that dogs must not be taken into our playground or the Junior School playground at anytime.

### *Data Collection Sheets*

We have recently sent home Data Collection Sheets to parents of Year One and Year Two children.

These sheets show the contact information that we have on file for your child, so please check through the document carefully, make any amendments and sign and return it to school by Monday 16th September.

It is imperative that the information we have on file for your child is kept up-to-date, in the unlikely event that we need to contact you urgently.

### *Special Diets*

If your child's dietary requirements have changed over the summer break and they now require a special diet, please contact the school office. Please note that special diets are those that are required for medical or religious purposes.

If your child does not like a particular element of the menu, such as beans, this is a preference, not a special diet requirement. The dinner ladies will be able to deal with most preferences when meals are served.

### *Koosa*

Please can we remind parents that when collecting their child from Koosa Kids that they must not access other parts of the school to collect any items that may have been left behind. Any items that are not in the hall will need to be retrieved the following morning.

We are unable to permit access to other parts of the school after hours as the building will have been secured for the evening. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

### *Holidays during term time*

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their child out of school without authorisation for 5 or more days, they will be liable to receive penalty notices.

Currently, the amount payable under a penalty notice is £60.00 and payable within 21 days, rising to £120.00 if paid within 21- 28 days. If the penalty notice is not paid within 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court.

Please note that Penalty Notices are issued per parent/carers per child, so a family with 2 parents/carers and 2 children will receive 4 penalty notices.

# Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
	<b>Summer Term</b>	
23rd September	Year R Phonics Workshop (more information to follow)	9.00am-9.30am or 2.30pm-3.00pm
24th September	Year One Meet the Teacher	2.30pm
26th September	Year Two Meet the Teacher	2.30pm
27th September	PTA's Teddy Bear's Picnic	3.30pm-5.-30pm
1st October	English Open Morning, followed by PTA Coffee morning and New Parent Collective Worship	9am-10.45am
10th October	PTA AGM—everyone welcome	7.30pm
18th October	Harvest Festival Assembly (more information to follow)	9.10am
23rd October	Open Evening for Prospective Parents for Early Years 2020	
25th October	Break up for Half Term Holiday 28/10/19—1/11/19	3.00pm finish
4th November	Inset Day - school closed to children	
5th November	Individual School Photos (for those who have given consent)	
6th November	Parent Interviews—later slots (more information to follow)	6.00pm-8.20pm
11th November	Parent Interviews—earlier slots (more information to follow)	3.30pm-6.00pm
19th November	Pied Piper Theatre visiting school—Star in a Jar	
22nd November	Bedtime Story Reading with Silver and Gold Classes (more info to follow)	5.00pm-6.00pm
2nd December	Pause Day—Advent	
2nd December	Nasal Flu Vaccinations in school (more information to follow)	
9th December	Grandparents Christmas Performance—Adults only (more information to follow)	9.15am
10th December	Christmas Performance with pre-school children permitted to attend	9.15am
11th December	Christmas Performance—Adults only	9.15am
12th December	Christmas Performance—Adults only	1.30pm
19th December	Church Visit to St Peter's	1.30pm-3.00pm
20th December	End of Autumn Term—early finish	1.10pm
15th January	Deadline for receipt of Reception and Year 3 applications for September 2020	

**Inset Days 2019/20:** 4th November 2019 and 1st June 2020. **Please note that the early May Bank Holiday has changed to Friday 8th May in 2020.**