



Headteacher's Message

Our Governing Body is looking for a Parent Governor to join our Governing Body. We have sent an email home today with full details and if you would like to apply for the role, the closing date for applications is 25th October at noon. You may pick up a paper copy of the document from our reception area if you prefer.

Thank you very much to our wonderful PTA team who organised the Teddy Bear's Gathering last month. Despite the fact that we had to move it inside, due to the poor weather conditions, there was a lovely atmosphere and we hope everyone enjoyed themselves. We are also delighted to tell you that we raised £149.48 through the sale of cakes and uniform. Thank you to those who helped run the event and to those who came along to support us.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Cawson, Headteacher

Meal Choices

Please note that our new winter menu will start after the half term break. New meal choices forms have been sent home in book bags today, so please could you ensure that they are completed and returned by [Wednesday 16th October](#).

Additionally, we have sent home a letter regarding a special lunch on Thursday 24th October. Please could this also be returned to school on Monday 14th October.

Charities

We have recently completed the charity wish list that parents informed us that they would like to support.

This year we are asking parents to nominate a charity for the school to support over the next couple of years. If there is a charity that is particularly close to your heart, please could you drop us a little note and put it in the school post box in the reception area. Alternatively you can drop the school an email on info@walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk.

School Lunches

Week commencing 14th October we will be on [Week 2](#) 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.

- Feranmi
- Betsy
- Jessica R
- Sophia C
- Madison L
- Jodee
- Madaline B
- Stuart
- Oscar P
- Jack C
- Tommy C
- Zoha

A very well done to these children!

Fast Museum Trip

Our Year One children will be going to the Fast Museum on Tuesday 12th November. Diamond Class will be going in the morning, Ruby in the afternoon.

In order for the trip to go ahead we will need DBS checked parents to accompany us. If you are able to help on the trip, please speak to Mrs Thorn or Mrs Sanders in the school office who will give you the Parent Helper information leaflet.

Year One Phonics Briefing

On Monday 21st October, parents of Year One children are invited to a Phonics Workshop at school at 2.30pm. This session will run for approximately half an hour. Pre-school children can attend if their parents are unable to find a baby-sitter, but please bring something along to occupy your child.

This workshop aims to explain how your child will be progressing in phonics and how you can support your child at home. We will also be informing you of the National Phonics Screening Test your child will take in June 2020. We hope you will find the session useful and informative.

If you would like to come along, please come to the reception area at 2.30pm on this date.

Useful Information

Individual School Photos

On Tuesday 5th November, our school photographer will be coming into school to take individual photographs 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.

Year One Autumn Day

On **Thursday 24th October**, our Year One children will be celebrating Autumn. On this day they are welcome to come into school dressed in coloured clothes that they believe best represent autumn, such as reds, oranges and browns.

All of the learning on this day will be centred around Autumn and is one of four days that help the children learn about the different seasons.

No Halloween costumes please and children should wear clothes that are suitable for a normal school day. If your child does not want to wear autumnal clothing, please could they wear their normal school uniform. Thank you.

Harvest Festival Assembly

All parents are invited to our Harvest Festival Assembly on Friday 18th October at 9.10am.

This year we are supporting Unicef at our Harvest Festival Assembly. Unicef believe, as do we, that every child, in every country, in every neighbourhood, in every household, has the right not only to a seat in a classroom, but to a quality education – starting in the early years of life, the single most important stage of brain development.

To support this campaign, we are asking parents to donate any old or unwanted shoes to the ShoeShare Campaign. For every tonne of shoes collected, a donation is made by Clarks to Unicef which goes towards education programmes around the world. If you have any unwanted paired shoes, please bring them into school from Wednesday 16th October and leave them in the box by the staff entrance.

We will also be doing a monetary collection for Unicef. If you would like to make a donation, please pop it in an envelope, clearly marked 'Unicef', or our school councillors will have a collection bucket after the assembly. Please note this is completely voluntary and you are under no obligation to make a donation.

All parents are welcome to come along and watch our assembly. Year R will be making a very short appearance at the end of the Collective Worship.

Pre-school children are welcome but please take them to the library if they are noisy as some of our children only have little voices and we would like everyone to enjoy the experience.

Please note that we do not allow buggies or pushchairs in the building, under any circumstances. This is due to health and safety reasons. Wheel Chairs are the obvious exception.

Parent Interviews

On Wednesday 6th November (late slots) and on Monday 11th November (earlier slots) you will have the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss your child's progress in school.

Our on-line booking system is now open for you to make an appointment to see your child's teacher. An email will be sent home with instructions for you to book appointments via Scopay.

Year R children and children who are new to our school and those that have not used the system before have been sent home with a letter containing a unique ID which will enable parents to access our booking system. Please keep an eye open for this in book bags.

If you are unable to use our on-line system for any reason, please contact the school office who will endeavour to help you.

Nasal Flu Vaccinations

We wrote to you recently to inform you that the Immunisation Team will be moving to e-consenting for our school based immunisation programme from the start of the 2019/2020 academic year.

Using e-consent is quicker and easier for you and can be completed on any platform i.e. mobile phone, tablet or computer. However in the event that this is not possible, please contact the immunisation team on 01483 728201, ext 377 and they will be able to take consent for your child to have the vaccination over the phone.

Your child is due to receive the Flu vaccination on **Monday 2nd December**, subject to receipt of authorisation from you. You can find out further information about this vaccine in this leaflet and at the following links:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/806857/PHE_Protecting_Child_Against_Flu_leaflet.pdf

<https://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/product/3296/smpc>

Please complete the e-consent form for your child's flu vaccination at: www.surreyimmunisations.co.uk (our school's unique code/URN number is **SR125135** which you will need to enter on to the flu consent form)

Please complete the e-consent form by **MONDAY 25/11/19**. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
	Autumn Term	
18th October	Harvest Festival Assembly	9.10am
21st October	Year One Phonics Workshop	2.30pm
23rd October	Open Evening for Prospective Parents for Early Years 2020	7.00-8.00pm
24th October	Year One Autumn Celebration Day	
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	
6th November	Parent Interviews—later slots	5.50pm-8.20pm
11th November	Parent Interviews—earlier slots	3.20pm-6.00pm
12th November	Year One Fast Museum Trip	
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 (more information to follow)	
2nd December	Nasal Flu Vaccinations in school	
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.