



Please note that school finishes at 3pm today and re-opens on Tuesday 5th November as we have an Inset Day on Monday 4th November.

### *Headteacher's Message*

Thank you for coming to our Harvest Festival Assembly. We feel the children shone like the little stars they all are. Thank you for the very kind donations to Unicef and the Shoe Appeal. The shoes have been taken to Clarks to be sent on to Unicef and we raised £130.58 in monetary donations which we will send to Unicef.

A very well done to James and Thomas C who won our Photograph in the Community Project. They sent in a lovely picture of them both making some of the elderly people in a Care Home smile and look so happy! James and Thomas will each receive a voucher to spend at a local cinema.

Well done to the 64 children who entered the colouring competition. There was some beautiful colouring and they should all be very proud. The winner was Sophie J who will shortly receive her prize from the Coop.

Finally, we have been thinking about Christianity around the world and we would like to start a collection of photos from Churches from different places around the world. Therefore, if you are on holiday and see a church, please could you take a picture and send it to us.

*Have a lovely half term break!*  
**Mrs Cawson, Headteacher**

### *Running Competition*

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November there is a running event at Ash Grange Primary School. The event starts at 3.30pm and will be finished by 4pm.

The children will run one lap of the field and there will be a medal for the best boy and girl in each year group.

Miss Pullen and Mrs Richards will be at the event so do look out for them cheering the children on. So that we can let Ash Grange know how many runners will be entering the competition, please return the form we sent home before 13<sup>th</sup> November.

Please note that children will need to be escorted to Ash Grange by their parent.



### *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.

- Connie
- Madison A
- Anjani
- Jacey
- Finley R
- Owen
- Leo C
- Willow
- Dawid
- Emlyn
- Lee W
- Jim
- Sophie J
- Oliver K
- Anastasia
- Isla D
- Tamseel

A very well done to these children!

### *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.

### *School Dinners*

If your child normally has a school dinner and you decide to change them to a packed lunch, please can you ensure that you notify the school office so that we can cancel their lunch.

We have on average 5 meals per day which go to waste and the school has to pay for these meals. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

### *School Lunches*

Week commencing 4th November we will be on **Week 1** of the new dinner menu.

# Useful Information

## IMPORTANT!

### Applying for a Junior School space or for Year R for September 2020

Year Two parents will need to apply for a Year Three space for their child for September 2020, even if they intend for their child to go to Walsh Junior School. It is imperative that you apply before the deadline of January 15th or you may not be offered one of your schools of choice. The on-line system will open on November 4th and you can change your choice of schools any time up to 15th January.

You will need to apply online if you have access to the Internet via the following website:

[www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions) - if you pay your Council Tax to Surrey County Council

[www.hants.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hants.gov.uk/admissions) - if you pay your Council Tax to Hampshire County Council

It does not matter if you are applying on the Hampshire website for a Surrey School or vice versa. After the closing date, the application information will be shared between the two counties.

If you need a paper copy of the application form for a postal application, please let the school office know. Similarly, if you need assistance completing the paperwork please let the school office know.

You can download the 'ParentComms' app to your mobile device to receive notifications about your application.

Once you have submitted your application you will receive a confirmation email.

#### Important dates to remember:

**4th November 2019** - You can apply online for a school place from this date.

**15th January 2020** - Closing date for applications. However, the councils welcome early applications

**16th April 2020** - School offer letters are posted first class. If you applied on-line you will be sent an email in the evening with the outcome and you can also view your school offer online.

**30th April 2020** - You must confirm, by this date, whether you wish to accept or decline the place you have been offered.

Please note that if you are applying for a sibling to start in September 2020, and you have a child in our school or Walsh Junior School, you should tick the box which states that your child is a sibling as you will be given sibling priority status.

## 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 open for you to make an appointment to see your child's teacher. Appointments can be made through Scopay. If you have problems logging on, please contact the school office.

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 contact the school office if you need any help.

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

## PTA Questionnaire

We have recently send home a questionnaire for parents to complete regarding our PTA and the activities they propose undertaking.

We would be extremely grateful if you could complete these and return it by Friday 8th November as we are keen to understand how we can get more people involved. The role of the PTA is two-fold; they put together exciting activities for the children to undertake and they help to raise vital funds for the school which enables us to buy equipment or resources that our budget would not allow for.

It is a very friendly little team and they always welcome new faces, so it is a great opportunity for you to get to know other members of the school community.

The next PTA meeting is on Thursday 21st November at 7.30pm. Please do come along and join us as you can get involved in activities as little or as much as you like or if you wish to come along and just share your ideas —that would be great too!

## Absences

Just to remind parents that if your child is absent from school for any reason, please could you call the school office before 9.15am on the first day of their absence. You do not need to call on subsequent days if your child is unwell, however, if the illness spans a weekend then we do ask that you call again on Monday to let us know how your child is. If you are unsure about exclusion periods for specific conditions, please contact the school office.

# Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
	<b>Autumn Term</b>	
4th November	Inset Day - school closed to children	
5th November	Individual School Photos	8.00am-9.00am Family portraits
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	
21st November	PTA Meeting - everyone welcome	7.30pm
22nd November	Bedtime Story Reading with Silver and Gold Classes (more info to follow)	5.00pm-6.00pm
30th November	Walsh Junior PTFA Christmas Fair	11.00am-2.00pm
2nd December	Pause Day—Advent (more information to follow)	
2nd December	Nasal Flu Vaccinations in school	
9th December	Grandparents Christmas Performance—Grandparents 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
13th December	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day (more information to follow)	
19th December	Church Visit to St Peter's, please collect your child from church.	1.30pm-3.00pm
20th December	End of Autumn Term—early finish	1.10pm
6th January	Start of the Spring Term	8.45am
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.**