



Headteacher's Message

Well done to all the children who took part in the Ash Schools Running Fun Competition at Ash Grange School yesterday. Thank you to Mrs Richards and Miss Pullen for cheering the children on.

Thank you to everyone who sold poppies for us leading up to Remembrance Day. We will let you know in due course how much money was raised.

The children took part in a Remembrance Service on Monday 11th November and made thoughtful contributions to our discussion. The Royal British Legion asked schools to remember our friends and allies who helped support Britain to win the war and the children were shown the Kohima Epitaph. They had great respect during our service and remained still for our 1 minute silence.

Our school has recently signed up as a charity for Amazon Smile, so please do select us every time you make a purchase from Amazon and we will then receive a monetary donation from them. Every penny counts when school budgets are so tight! Thank you for your support.

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Cawson, Headteacher

Mufti Day for Christmas Hampers

On Friday 29th November, children are welcome to come into school dressed in casual clothes – this is called Mufti Day.

In exchange, we would ask that everyone in school makes a donation towards our Christmas Hampers, which are raffled off at the end of our last Christmas performance on 12th December.

Suitable donations might be wine, chocolates, Christmas crackers, mince pies, sweets, biscuits or chutneys.

Please ask your child to take their donation to the school hall and a member of our PTA will give them a sticker. Thank you very much for your support.



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.

- Emilia
- Ryan
- Thomas Cu
- Violet

A very well done to these children!

Church Service

On Thursday 19th December we will be walking to St Peter's Church for a Christmas Service, leaving the school at approximately 1.30pm.

If you are able to help with the walk, please let a member of the office staff know. Please note that you will not need to be DBS checked on this occasion as you will not be left alone with the children. Thank you.

All children need to be collected from St Peter's Church at 2.45pm.

If you need your child to be walked back for Koosa, please let a member of the school office know.

Christmas Decoration

Today we are sending home a Christmas Bell template for the children to decorate, make and bring into school to hang on our Christmas tree. Please send back to school before Monday 2nd December to enter our competition for best in class! Therefore, please ensure that your child's entry is clearly labelled with their full name. We are hoping for a really beautifully decorated Christmas tree this year!

School Lunches

Week commencing 18th November we will be on **Week 3** 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 is now open 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 - if you pay your Council Tax to Surrey County Council

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.

Christmas!

Please do not send any Christmas Cards into school until Monday 2nd December when the special Year Group post boxes will be put out ready for the children to use. Please ensure that the child's full name and class appears on the envelope. Thank you!

On Friday 20th December, the children will be having a visit from Father Christmas but please keep this to yourself!

Ticket Allocation for 'EVERYONE Loves a Baby!'

A letter will be sent home w/c 18th November regarding ticket allocation for our Christmas performances this year.

Everyone is allocated 2 tickets per family. Tickets will be strictly allocated on a first come, first served basis. Therefore in order to avoid disappointment, please return your form to school as soon as possible after receiving it.

Please see the attached diary for the different performance times. Please note that on Monday 9th December it is the Grandparent only performance, no pre-school children will be admitted.

Toddlers will only be able to attend on Tuesday 10th December as 11th and 12th December are also adult only performances.

Please note that we do not allow photos or videos to be taken during any of our performances as some parents have not given permission for their child to appear in them. However, the PTA will be selling photographs of the children in their costumes and there will be a DVD of the performance on sale too, however, this will only apply to the children who have permission on file. If you wish to check your preferences, please speak to the school office.

Raffle Tickets

Yesterday we sent home raffle tickets for families to purchase.

The prizes will be a number of luxury Christmas hampers which will be put together by the PTA.

Raffle tickets need to be returned to school by Monday 9th December in order for the draw to take place at the end of the afternoon performance of 'It's a Baby!'.

Please return the tickets to the school office even if you do not wish to purchase any. Thank you for your support.

Save the Children

On 13th December, children are welcome to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper or Christmas colours, in exchange for a small donation which will be sent to Save the Children.

This is one of our nominated charities so it will be nice to dress up and get the children in the Christmas spirit after all their hard work on the Christmas performances and raise a little for charity at the same time. Participation is purely optional.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
	Autumn Term	
18th November	Parent Ofsted Questionnaire due back in school	
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	5.00pm-6.00pm
29th November	Mufti Day for donations to the Christmas Hampers (more information has been sent home in book bags)	
29th November	PTA Movie Night (a letter has been sent home in book bags)	5.00pm-6.30pm
30th November	Walsh Junior PTFA Christmas Fair	11.00am-2.00pm
2nd December	Pause Day—Advent	
2nd December	Nasal Flu Vaccinations in school	
2nd December	Christmas Craft Club (for those with tickets)	3:00pm-4.15pm
3rd December	Christmas Craft Club (for those with tickets)	3:00pm-4.15pm
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	
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 2020	Start of the Spring Term	8.45am
15th January 2020	Deadline for receipt of Reception and Year 3 applications for September 2020	
12th February 2020	Maths Mastery Open Morning	9-10am

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.