



Headteacher's Message

Thank you to all of the parents who attended our Maths Mastery Workshop before the half term break. We hope that you found the session useful and informative.

I was delighted to see so many parents join us for our Parent's Forum this week. These sessions are invaluable for the Senior Leadership Team as they help us to take into consideration the view of our parents when working on our School Development Plan and policies. Thank you to those parents for giving up their time to come along and share their views with us. We will be sharing our Relationship and Sex Education Policy with you shortly.

Finally, our children have been busy making beautiful 'Love your neighbour' painted pebbles using their finger prints, which we would like to distribute around the neighbourhood. If you are able to collect any pebbles and leave them in public gardens, on popular dog walks or around the neighbourhood we would be very grateful. We felt that this would be a lovely community project to support our school values - Love, Community and Perseverance. These can be collected from the school office.

*Have a lovely weekend!
Mrs Cawson, Headteacher*

Wasted Meals

We do not encourage packed lunches as the Government would like all Infant School children to have a hot meal.

A number of our parents are not notifying us that they have switched their child from a school dinner to a packed lunch and this is causing a great deal of wastage.

Each meal we order costs the school £2.35, whether or not it is taken, and each school week we are throwing away between 5-10 meals. If you do decide to send your child in with a packed lunch, even if it is just for one day, please let the school office know immediately. School budgets are very tight at the moment and every penny we save counts! Thank you for your cooperation.

School Lunches

Week commencing 2nd March we will be on [Week 3](#) 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.

- Thomas S
- Charlize
- Ellie V
- Abbie
- Oscar B
- Jessica B
- Madison L
- Amelie
- Emily
- Alexis
- Isla S
- Annabelle

A very well done to these children!

Attendance Matters

If your child is unwell, please remember to call the school before 9.30am on the first day of absence, otherwise your child may receive an unauthorised absence mark.

World Book Day—5th March

To celebrate World Book Day, children are welcome to come to school dressed in their pyjamas on [Thursday 5th March](#).

Usborne Books will also be coming into school during the morning and children will be able to buy books with any money they have saved in the book saving scheme.

If your child would like to save some money in the book saving scheme, please put it in an envelope with their name, class, and the amount on and ask them to hand it in to the school office or pop it in the school post box in reception.

Parents will be invited to browse the books available on-line and make purchases if they choose. These will be added to our order. Usborne Books will put some more information about this on our Facebook page shortly.

Our school is lucky enough to earn commission for all books that are purchased and we use the money we earn to buy new books for our School Library.

Parents are invited to come in and share a book with their child's class at 2.30pm on this day.

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Parent Interview

On Wednesday 18th March (Tuesday 17th March for Gold Class) and Monday 23rd March you will have the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss your child's progress in school.

Our on-line booking went live on Monday 10th February at 6pm. We have sent home details about how to book your appointment via email. If you are unable to do this on-line, please contact the school and we will book an appointment for you.

PTA Fundraisers

A huge thank you to our wonderful PTA team who organised a Year Two Cake Sale before half term. We are delighted to tell you that they raised £115.20 which will be split equally between the two classes and used to buy toys and puzzles for wet play and Golden Time. Thank you to everyone who organised it, donated cakes, helped on the day and purchased cakes!

Our children thoroughly enjoyed their school disco before the half term holiday. We tried it in a different format this year as we were mindful of the needs of our younger children and it seemed to work very well. We would be grateful for any feedback you may have. A big thank you to all involved in organising the event, which helped to raise £241.31 for our school funds.

Year One Spring Celebration Day

On Thursday 2nd April children in Year One will be celebrating Spring Day. Therefore, we would ask parents to send their child into school dressed in spring colours on this day. These could be any colour that you believe represents spring.

No dressing up costumes please and please ensure that all clothing is suitable for a normal school day.

Mother's Day Assembly

We would like to invite all Mothers **or** Grandmothers to a Mothering Sunday Assembly on **Friday 20th March** from 9.10am to 9.55am in the school hall.

Please take a seat in the hall after dropping your child off. We are only able to accommodate **one female family member** on this occasion due to space constraints and health and safety.

We would prefer to have this as an adult only performance but if you are unable to arrange childcare you are welcome to bring your child to the assembly. However, please take your child to the library if they are being noisy and bring them back in when they have settled. Some of our younger children have very small voices and it is difficult to hear them if there is a lot of background noise, so for everyone's enjoyment, we ask that this is adhered to. You are welcome to return to the hall when your child has quietened down.

Please note that there is no parental parking on-site, at the Library or the Pub and please do not use the parking spaces outside the hairdressers. Please park responsibly in the area, showing consideration for our neighbours by not blocking drives or paths or you may be asked to move.

Our Voice Surveys

The User Voice and Participation team at Surrey County Council are running a survey for children and young people to share their views on the things that matter to them. We want to check in with Surrey children and young people and ask about their community, their health and happiness and give them a forum to have their voices heard. If successful we'll run this survey annually to consider the impact of service changes, the differences across the demographics and how the needs of our children may adapt.

Please share the links to the surveys far and wide and keep an eye on our social media feeds for links and updates.

We are printing easy read and paper versions, get in touch with our.voice@surreycc.gov.uk if an alternative version of the survey is needed.

Please see links below.

The OUR voice survey for Primary – 4-11 years

<https://www.surreysays.co.uk/csf/our-voice-matters-survey-primary/>

The OUR voice survey for Secondary/College – 11/12-25 years

<https://www.surreysays.co.uk/csf/our-voice-matters-survey/>

The Big Survey for Care Leavers – 18-25 years.

<https://www.surreysays.co.uk/csf/big-survey-2020>

The Big Survey for Looked After Children – 7-17 years.

<https://www.surreysays.co.uk/csf/7-17-big-survey-2020>

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Chelsea Football Club (External provider)

Fee paying club—all year groups. Block 1 runs every Monday, up to and including 10th February from 3.00pm-4.00pm. Block 2 starts on 2nd March and runs until 30th March (inclusive).

Choir Club

Choir Club for Year One and Year Two is held every Tuesday from 3pm-3.45pm. Choir Club will run all the way up to and including Tuesday 7th July.

Unfortunately there are no further spaces available at present. This club will be opened up to Year R after the Easter break.

Sewing Club (Year Two only)

Group Two started on 27/02/20 and will run through until 21/05/20.

| Date | Event | Time |
|-------------------------|---|---------------|
| Spring Term 2020 | | |
| 5th March | Wear your Pyjamas to school for World Book Day | All day |
| 11th March | Sing Up Day at Shawfield School for Choir Club | 1.30pm-3.00pm |
| 17th March | Parents Evening (<u>Gold Class only</u>) | 3.30pm-6.20pm |
| 18th March | Parents Evening (all classes except Gold) | 3.30pm-6.20pm |
| 19th March | Wear Odd Socks to School Day (more information to follow) | All day |
| 20th March | Mother's Day Assembly (one female family member only due to space restraints) | 9.10am-9.55am |
| 23rd March | Parents Evening - all classes | 3.30pm-6.20pm |
| 26th March | Ball Skills Inter-school Competition (more information to follow) | 1.30pm |
| 30th March—3rd April | Money Week (more information to follow) | |
| 30th March | PTA Stationery Sale (more information to follow) | TBA |
| 30th March | Miller's Arc Farm visiting Year R and Year One | |
| 1st April | Year Two Trip to Legoland | 4pm return |
| 1st April | Year One Parent Lunch (more information to follow) | 12.00-12.30pm |
| 2nd April | Year One Spring Celebration Day | |
| 2nd April | Year One Bake Sale (more information to follow) | 3.00pm |
| 3rd April | Easter Bunny Visit (please keep this quiet!) and early finish | 1.10pm finish |
| 6th—17th April | Easter Holiday | |
| Summer Term 2020 | | |
| 20th April | Back to school and start of the summer term | 8.45am |
| 1st May | Mufti Day for toys (more information to follow) | |
| 7th May | V.E. Day Family Picnic with Walsh Junior School (more info to follow) | |
| 15th May | Mufti Day for Jolly Jars and Bottles (more information to follow) | |
| 16th May | Walsh Memorial Summer Fair | 12-3pm |
| 22nd May | INSET Day—school closed to children | All day |
| 25th—29th May | Half Term Holiday | |
| 1st June | INSET Day—school closed to children | All day |
| 22nd June | NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. Assembly (more info to follow) | |
| 29th June | St Peter's Day Family Picnic (more information to follow) | 12.00-1.00pm |
| 10th July | Sports Day | Timings TBA |
| 20th July | Leaver's Assembly | 1.45pm |

Remaining Inset Days 2019/20: 22nd May 2020 and 1st June 2020. **Please note that the early May Bank Holiday has changed to Friday 8th May in 2020.**

