



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents,

I hope you and your families all have a peaceful and blessed Christmas.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on the 4th January 2021.

Kind regards,
Mrs Richmond,
Interim Headteacher



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 bringing their certificates home today.

- Anjani
- Annalise
- Ruby P
- Jack C
- Dylan
- Harriet
- Frazer
- Ruby B
- Emily N
- Ianthe
- Aofie
- Saeed

A very well done to these children!

Save the Children

It was lovely to see all the children and staff wearing their Christmas jumpers on Wednesday. Thank you for all your generous donations. We are pleased to announce that we raised over £90 for Save the Children.

Thank you

We have been overwhelmed with your kind and generous gifts we have all received. Thank you for taking the time to write a few thoughtful words in the cards. We really appreciate every home made card and lovely gift.

Christmas tree

Our Christmas tree has been looking stunning over the past couple of weeks with all the beautiful decorations created by the children.

At the end of today our tree will be taken down and will be placed outside the staff entrance for anyone to collect who would like a tree for the Christmas period.

Please help yourself.

Christmas Hampers



Congratulations to our Christmas hamper winners. All the hampers have now been collected and we hope you enjoy them with your families. A big thank you to our wonderful PTA for organising this and to all of you who bought tickets.

Class Christmas Videos

The Christmas performance videos have now all been sent out to parents via email. The children have put in a lot of fun and hard work and we hope you enjoy watching them with your children over the Christmas holidays.

Please remember that these videos should not be shared on social media and are for your own use only.

Enjoy!

School Lunches

Week commencing 4th January we will be on [Week 1](#) of the dinner menu.

Reminders

End of Term Covid-19 reminders

What if my child has symptoms during the last few days of term?

If your child misses the end of term because they have developed symptoms of Covid-19 you must get them tested and must let us know if the outcome of their test is positive. Our school office will be open until 3pm today. After this time you must email head@walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk.

What if my child develops symptoms after 18th December?

If your child develops symptoms of Covid-19 over the weekend of 19th December – 20th December, you must arrange for a test and inform the school if your child tests positive. Please use the main school email to inform us of this head@walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk

What if my child develops symptoms from Monday 21st December?

If your child develops symptoms from Monday 21st December, you need to get them tested but do not need to inform the school of the outcome.

If your child or any other household member tests positive at any point during the holidays, you must self-isolate for ten days as per the guidance and your child must not return to school until their isolation period is complete.

IMPORTANT!

Applying for a Junior School space or for Year R for September 2021

Year Two parents will need to apply for a Year Three space for their child for September 2021, even if they intend for their child to go to Walsh Junior School. For both Junior and Reception places it is imperative that you apply before the deadline of 15th January 2021 or you may not be offered one of your schools of choice. The on-line system will open on 2nd November and you can change your choice of schools any time up to 15th January 2021.

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:

2nd November 2020 - You can apply online for a school place from this date.

15th January 2021 - Closing date for applications. However, the councils welcome early applications

16th April 2021 - 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 2021 - You must confirm, by this date, whether you wish to accept or decline the place you have been offered.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
	Spring Term	
4th January 2021	Start of the spring term	8.45—9.05am
15th January 2021	Deadline for receipt of Reception and Year 3 applications for September 2021	
12th February 2021	Last day of term before the start of the half term holiday	Approximate finish 3.00pm
22nd February 2021	INSET Day—school closed to children	All day
Thursday 1st April 2021	Last day of spring term	Approximate finish 1.10pm (to be confirmed)

Inset Days 2020/21:

22nd February 2021

7th June 2021

(one more inset day still to be confirmed)