



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents,

I hope you have all had a lovely week. It is really hard to believe that we only have two weeks left until the Christmas holidays!

Well done to all of you for ensuring that your children are attending school regularly. Whole school attendance is really impressive at 97%.

This week, I have had the pleasure of handing out certificates in all the classes and I was most impressed by how well the children were able to articulate their ideas and the positive attitudes to learning they all displayed. This was also seen in our first remote assembly!

As mentioned previously, in order to ensure a smoother drop off and pick up, we will be introducing the use of a chain post system. This will mean that all children will be able to enter through the main playground and will not need to be dismissed or dropped off facing the main road. We are hoping to have this in place at some point next week and will send out further information prior to implementing.

As you may all be aware, the children will be performing a Christmas song which will be recorded and then uploaded to one of our platforms for parents to view. The office will be sending out permission slips for the recordings so please make sure you get these back to school on the specified date if you want your child to take part.

Finally, a huge thank you to one of our Reception families who entered a competition to win a Christmas tree for the school and won! The Christmas tree is now situated in the main corridor looking absolutely stunning. This was a very kind act and much appreciated by the children and staff.

Have a lovely weekend.

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 on Monday.

- Jack R
- Daisy M
- Joseph
- Azra
- Lois
- Zainab
- Aurelia
- Oliver B
- Toby H
- Liam
- Madison A
- Betsy

A very well done to these children!

Christmas tree decoration

Today we are sending home a template and instructions to complete a Christmas tree decoration. Please encourage your child to decorate their template in whatever way they like, including as much sparkle and bright colours as you wish. Make up the Christmas tree following the instructions and return to school next week.

The decorations will take pride of place on our Christmas tree at school.

Angels in the Community

We are keen to continue our tradition of Angels in the Community. This year to ensure we keep our community safe, our children will make the Angels, bag them and then take them home and choose who in their community they would like to give them to.

School Lunches

Week commencing 7th December we will be on [Week 2](#) of the dinner menu.

REMINDERS

Christmas Lunch

Christmas dinner will be served in school on **Wednesday 16th December**. The red option will be roast chicken with all the Christmas trimmings. The vegetarian option will be a quorn Christmas cracker with all the trimmings. If your child would normally have a packed lunch or a jacket potato on Wednesday week 3 and you have not ordered a Christmas meal then you will need to provide a packed lunch for your child on this day.

Christmas cards and gifts

Children can bring Christmas cards into school next week. We will close the class boxes on **Friday 11th December** so that all cards in them can be quarantined, before being distributed and taken home during the last few days of term.

Any gifts for teachers can also come into school during next week so that they can be similarly quarantined.

Thank you.

Save the Children

On **Wednesday 16th 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. The suggested donation is 50p. This jumper should be worn in place of their school jumper or cardigan.

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.

Raffle Tickets

We have recently 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 7th December**. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 16th December.

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

Christmas Craft Club

The last day for Christmas craft club forms and money to come into school is **Monday 7th December**. If we have more than 15 children per class, names will be pulled out of a hat on Monday. Tickets will be sent home in book bags on Tuesday 8th December.

Christmas Performance photos

Last day to order Christmas performance photographs is **Monday 7th December**. Children will only be photographed if an order has been placed for their photos.

Mufti Day for Christmas



Hampers

On **Friday 11th December**, 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 on 16th December.

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

Thank you very much for your support.

Reminders

What to do if a member of your household is showing COVID symptoms

There seems to be a bit of confusion over the procedures we need to follow if a member of a household is showing COVID symptoms.

We would like to clarify the guidelines as follows:

- The person showing symptoms should request a test and the entire household must self-isolate at home pending the test result.
- This means that you should keep your children at home until the result is received. Please inform the school on the first day of absence.
- If the test result is positive your whole household must continue to self-isolate until the date advised by the NHS. Please advise us of this date.
- Please keep in communication with the school and inform us if any other member of your household develops symptoms and subsequently has a positive test result, as this could impact on our school bubbles.
- If the result is negative we ask that you send your child back to school as soon as possible. Please send them in on the day that the result is received if that is practical, or on the next day if that is not feasible. If your child is the one who had the negative result they can return as soon as they are well enough. Please inform the school of the negative test result.

Please follow these guidelines very carefully to help us keep our community safe.

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.

Please note that if you are applying for a sibling to start in September 2021, 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.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
	Autumn Term	
7th December	Last date to order Christmas performance photographs	
7th December	Last date for Christmas Craft Club forms and payment	
10th December	Christmas Craft Club for those with tickets	3.00pm - 4.00pm
11th December	Last day for Christmas cards and gifts to be brought into school.	
11th December	Mufti-day for donations to the Christmas Hampers	
16th December	Christmas Jumper Day in support of Save the Children	
16th December	Christmas Lunch served in school	
18th December	End of Autumn Term—early finish	approximate finish 1.00—1.15pm
15th January 2021	Deadline for receipt of Reception and Year 3 applications for September 2021	

Inset Days 2020/21:

22nd February 2021

7th June 2021

(one more inset day still to be confirmed)