



Headteacher's Message

Welcome back, we hope you had an enjoyable half term break and enjoyed spotting the colourful pumpkins displayed in windows around Ash.

This weekend we are sending home a poppy for children to write on the front the name of someone in your family who they would like to remember. If your child would like to take part, please send the poppy into school on **Monday 9th November**.

The poppies will form part of our Children's Remembrance Service which is taking place on Wednesday 11th November. We will be holding a one minute silence at 11am.

We are pleased to announce that the winner of the PTA Copper Coin Challenge is Ruby Class who collected the heaviest weight of coins. Thank you for all your generous donations.

Thank you for your reading book worms. We enjoyed reading all your lovely sentences about how reading makes you feel and look forward to their display in the school library.

Have a lovely weekend!
Mrs Wall, Deputy Headteacher

Road Safety

Now that we have entered second lockdown restrictions, please can you make sure that once your child has entered the school site in the morning, that you leave promptly.

Please ensure that the area near the crossing is kept clear as it needs to be safe for Kiss and Drop children to enter the playground safely.

If your child is coming to school by bike or on a scooter we would recommend they wear a well fitting helmet.



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.

- Freya
- Kamil
- Sonny
- Olivia v.J.
- Jack C.
- Jessica C.
- Elizabeth
- Melody
- Alexander M.
- Jaxon S.
- Oliver H.
- Kingsley
- Violet
- Matthew O.

A very well done to these children!

Odd Socks Day for Anti-bullying week

On **Monday 16th November** we will all be wearing odd socks. This is a lovely way for us all to express ourselves and celebrate our individuality and that we are all unique! During Anti-bullying week we will be focusing on friendship and how to be a good friend, what to do if you are worried and who to talk to. We will be sending home an anti-bullying and friendship leaflet that we have produced with all our local schools and will update the website soon, so you will be able to see our learning from the week

School Lunches

Week commencing 9th November we will be on **Week 1** of the dinner menu.

Reminders

Coats in School

Now that the weather has turned colder and more unsettled, please ensure that your child comes to school with a waterproof coat with a hood everyday. On wet days please ensure that your child has suitable footwear as we do encourage the children to go outside everyday, unless it is very wet.

Warm clothing

In line with government guidance from 17th September, we must maintain good ventilation within the school. This means that windows and doors will be kept ajar where possible. At times it can be quite cool in the school and likely to get more so. We recommend that if your child feels the cold, you encourage them to wear a vest or other layers under their uniform.

Items from home

We have noticed a few items being brought in from home which children would like to share with their teacher. Please be aware that at this time we cannot allow any additional items being brought in from home.

Applications for Year R and Year 3 – September 2021

Year Two parents will need to apply for a Junior School place for September 2021. The online application system has now opened. You will need to complete this process even if your child is going to Walsh Junior School as allocation of a junior school place is not automatic.

If you are applying for a Year R space for a younger sibling, please ensure that you tick the sibling box, even if your older child is going to Walsh Junior School next September, as siblings are given priority.

PTA Annual General Meeting

This year we are going to try a zoom meeting on Wednesday 11th November at 7.30pm. (A password code will be communicated out nearer the time.)

As parents you automatically become members of the PTA when your child joins the school. It can be a brilliant way to get involved, meet other parents and have fun; helping to arrange activities, help at events and get creative. We are always looking for new ideas and ways to freshen up the annual events. We know your time is precious but any help you are able to give no matter how small is so greatly appreciated.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting on 11th November.

Individual School Photos

On **Monday 16th November** our school photographer will be coming into school to take individual photos of the children for you to purchase if you wish.

For this year only, we have made the decision with the Junior school not to allow sibling photographs on either school site, this includes siblings within the same school.

Nasal Flu Vaccinations

On **Friday 13th November** the Surrey Schools Immunisation Team will be in school to give the nasal flu immunisation to all those children with consent.

Useful Information

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	
10th November	Year One Autumn Celebration Day	
11th November	In school Remembrance Assembly (no parents)	
11th November	Diamond Class parent interviews (via phone or Microsoft Teams)	
11th November	PTA meeting (via Zoom) all welcome. (A passcode will be communicated nearer the time.)	7.30pm
13th November	Nasal Flu Vaccinations in school	
16th November	Individual School Photos (for those who have given consent)	
16th November	Odd Socks day for Anti-bullying week.	
19th November	Pied Piper Theatre visiting school—performing 'ZOOM' (to be confirmed)	
1st December	Pause Day—Advent (more information to follow)	
11 December	Christmas Jumper Day in support of Save the Children	
18th December	End of Autumn Term—early finish	approximate finish 1.10pm (to be confirmed)
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)