



### *Headteacher's Message*

Dear Parents,

I hope you have all had a good week.

As per my Dojo message on Tuesday, a Teams Agreement will be going out to all parents today. Please can you let the school know by Monday if you accept the agreement. This must be done via email to:

[info@walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk).

Please use the following in your subject heading when replying:

**'I accept the Walsh Teams Agreement Policy'**.

If we do receive your email accepting the agreement, your child's Teams log in details will be sent to you by Tuesday.

Miss Pullen is putting together a Teams help guide and this will go out to all parents on Tuesday. We will then contact you again regarding our Thursday start up.

If you haven't already signed up for Class Dojo, please do so as this is a great way to keep in contact with your child's class teacher and to access whole school messages.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Have a lovely weekend and keep safe.

*Kind regards,  
Mrs Richmond,  
Interim Headteacher*

### *School Lunches*

Week commencing 18th January we will be on **Week 3** of the dinner menu.

### *Reporting a child's illness during lockdown*

The Department of Education requires us to report daily numbers of children attending school and those accessing remote learning during this period of lockdown.

This includes the number of children who are unable to access remote learning due to illness (this could be COVID related symptoms OR any other illness).

If your child is not attending school and they develop symptoms which would mean they are too unwell to attend school, or their remote learning sessions, please let the school office know on the morning of such an absence.

Thank you for your co-operation

### *Arriving at school in the morning*

Our gates are open from 8.50—9.00am in the morning. Children that arrive early are sent into class so that they are not standing in the cold and wet for too long. We are finding that those children who arrive nearer to 9.00am are aware that the playground is empty and are running across the playground worried that they might be late.

Please reassure your children that whilst the gates are open they are not late. We have a 10 minute window where the gates are open to ensure social distancing can be maintained.

With the colder and wetter weather, the playground can be slippery and potentially icy in the mornings so please encourage your child to walk to their class line.

# Reminders

## IMPORTANT!

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

**Deadline midnight tonight (Friday 15th January 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](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions) - if you pay your Council Tax to Surrey County Council

[www.hants.gov.uk/admissions](http://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
	<b>Spring Term</b>	
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)
	<b>Summer Term</b>	
19th April	Start of Summer Term	8.45—9.00am
3rd May	May Day Bank Holiday	
28 May	Last day of term before the start of the half term holiday	Approximate finish 3.00pm
7th June	INSET Day—school closed to children	All day
Wednesday 21st July	Last day of summer 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)