



### *Headteacher's Message*

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a good weekend.

It's hard to believe the children have already been back in school for three weeks now!

This week we have the PTA Easter Bonnet Parade on Thursday 1st April and all children are invited to make and wear their Easter bonnets to school. The Easter egg hunt is also taking place on Thursday this week.

It is wonderful that we are able to offer the exciting activities above, but it is also really important that we all remember the significance of Easter as Christians. We are therefore really pleased that Father Keith is able to join us remotely to take collective worship this week.

As per last week's newsletter Mrs Cunningham will be on sabbatical for the Summer term and I'd like to take this opportunity on behalf of all the staff and governors to wish her all the best.

Have a lovely week.

*Kind regards,*

*Mrs Richmond,  
Interim Headteacher*

### *Message from Mrs Wall*

It has been lovely to complete our term with all our children back in school, happy and working hard. I hope you all have a peaceful Easter weekend and enjoy the holidays with your families.

*Kind regards,*

*Mrs Wall*

### *Farewell gift for Mrs Cawson*

Thank you for all your generous donations towards Mrs Cawson's farewell gift. Final donations will need to be made by Tuesday evening, so we can purchase a gift by Easter.



### *Little Stars!*

This week we are celebrating the achievements of the following children who have received awards for exceptional work and wonderful behaviour or attitude to learning.

#### **Head Teacher's Award**

##### **Yr R**

- Brenon
- Jenson
- Azra

##### **Yr 1**

- Orson
- Melody
- Harriet

##### **Yr 2**

- Stanley
- Elizabeth

#### **Class Teacher's Award**

##### **Yr R**

- George
- Victoria
- Toby S

##### **Yr 1**

- Gabriella
- James Co
- Lily D

##### **Yr 2**

- Sonny L
- Ella W
- Tommy C

Well done to these children!

### *End of Term finish times*

School finishes for the Easter holiday on Thursday 1st April. Collection times are outlined below:

Year R—13.05pm

Year 1—13.10pm

Year 2—13.15pm

Children return to school on Monday 19th April at the usual staggered drop off times.

### *School Lunches*

Week commencing 29th March we will be on **Week 2** of the dinner menu as detailed overleaf. Menu changes this week are highlighted in **red**.

### Parent Interviews (via Teams)

We will be holding parent evening meetings via Microsoft Teams in the week beginning Monday 26th April. You will have the opportunity to book a 10 minute meeting with your child's class teacher between 13.00 - 17.00 on the following dates:

**Year R:**

Tuesday 27th April or Thursday 29th April

**Year 1:**

Monday 26th April or Tuesday 27th April

**Year 2:**

Tuesday 27th April or Thursday 29th April

**The booking system will open on Scopay at 5pm on Tuesday 30th March.**

<https://www.scopay.com/login.html>

If you have not yet registered your Scopay account, you should have received an online access letter. Please make sure you register ASAP so that you are able to access the parent evening booking system when it becomes available.

If you need a reminder of your child's Microsoft Teams login please contact the school office.

### COVID-19 Tests

We are aware that there is some confusion about the variety of COVID tests now available.

If a member of your family is **showing symptoms** of COVID-19 you must book a **COVID-19 PCR test**, either at a drive through centre or order a postal PCR test kit which is then sent off for PCR analysis. The results of these test normally come back within 24-48 hours.

The lateral flow, rapid COVID-19 tests are **not suitable** for anyone showing symptoms. These tests are for routine use for people who may be asymptomatic.

If any member of your household is showing symptoms you must book a PCR test for them.

If your child is returning to school following self-isolation you must contact the school office, before bringing your child onto the school site. You will need to confirm that a negative PCR test result has been received.

### PTA Easter Bonnet competition

On Thursday 1st April Walsh Infants PTA are inviting the children to come into school wearing their Easter hat creation.

We will be providing a hat template for you to use if you wish, but please be as creative as you like!

A winning hat will be selected from each class and each child will receive an Easter treat.

### Easter Raffle

If you would like to enter our Easter Egg Raffle this year, to be in with a chance of winning our lovely Easter goodies, please return your form to school with the payment on/before Wednesday 31st March. The raffle will be drawn on the last day of term.

There are plenty of copies of the letter in our reception area. You are more than welcome to enter more than once if you choose.

### Week 2 – 29 Mar

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
<b>Red</b> Quorn sausage roll, herby potatoes & baked beans (v)		<b>Red</b> Pork sausages & mashed potato with baked beans		<b>Red</b> Roast chicken, roast potatoes, stuffing & vegetables		<b>Red</b> Fish fingers & chips with baked beans			
<b>Green</b> Cheese and tomato loaded potato skins		<b>Green</b> Quorn sausages & mashed potato with baked beans		<b>Green</b> Cauliflower and Broccoli cheese		<b>Green</b> Vegan sausage roll with chips and baked beans			
Jacket & cheese		Jacket & cheese		Jacket & cheese		Jacket & cheese			
Jacket & beans		Jacket & beans		Jacket & beans		Jacket & beans			
Jacket & tuna with mayo		Jacket & tuna with mayo		Jacket & tuna with mayo		Jacket & tuna with mayo			
<b>Pudding</b> Sprinkle iced sponge (v)		<b>Pudding</b> Vanilla shortbread (v)		<b>Pudding</b> Jelly		<b>Pudding</b> Chocolate crispie nests (v)			

# 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 on Thursday 1st April. After this time you must email [head@walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:head@walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk).

### **What if my child develops symptoms after 1st April?**

If your child develops symptoms of Covid-19 on Friday 2nd April or Saturday 3rd April, you must arrange for a test and inform the school if your child tests positive.

Please use [head@walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:head@walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk) to inform us.

### **What if my child develops symptoms from Sunday 4th April?**

If your child develops symptoms from Sunday 4th April, 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.

## *Surrey County Council survey to understand how children are travelling to and from schools.*

The objective of the research is to develop a better understanding of the different types of travel, how frequently they are used, why that type is used by their child, and if their preferred type of travel has changed or been influenced by Covid-19.

The Safer Travel Team's goal is to assist schools in encouraging safer and more active ways of travelling to school through education and training, to influence changes in behaviour that will improve our children's physical and emotional wellbeing, the impact on our environment and air-quality, as well as road safety and congestion outside the school gates. This also works in supporting a Healthy Schools approach to wellbeing, health, and achievement.

Please support this research by completing the survey, via the following link

<https://www.surreysays.co.uk/iai/41377978/>

The deadline to complete the survey is **Friday 16th April 2021**.

Thank you.

# Reminders

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

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

(Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.)

### **This is a reminder of guidelines sent out earlier in the autumn.**

- 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.

## **Asymptomatic testing information for parents and adults in households with children at school or college**

NHS Test and Trace announced earlier this week, that all adults in households with school and college age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing (laminar flow test).

Test kits can either be collected or ordered online, as set out below.

### **Please share the information below with your parent networks to help answer any questions they may have:**

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are [different ways](#) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most.

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm. Tests are **not available from schools or colleges**.

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

# Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
	<b>Spring Term</b>	
Thursday 1st April	Come to school wearing your Easter Bonnet	
Thursday 1st April	Easter Raffle will be drawn	
Thursday 1st April 2021	Last day of spring term	Finish time Year R—1.05pm Year 1—1.10pm Year 2—1.15pm
	<b>Summer Term</b>	
19th April	Start of Summer Term	8.40—8.55am
26th April	Parent Interviews—Year 1 (via Teams)	1.00—5.00pm
27th April	Parent Interviews—Year R, Year 1, Year 2 (via Teams)	1.00—5.00pm
29th April	Parent Interviews—Year R and Year 2 (via Teams)	1.00—5.00pm
3rd May	May Day Bank Holiday	
10th May	Class photos (for those who have signed consent forms)	
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:**

7th June 2021

(one more inset day still to be confirmed)