



Headteacher's message

What a fabulous couple of weeks we've had at Walsh. The children in Key Stage 1 have been showcasing our values so well, particularly perseverance as they worked hard using our new Power Maths books. The questions can be really challenging but we enjoyed having to really think about how to answer the questions. Lots of us have been reading regularly at home and so we have seen lots of children make great progress with their reading already - brilliant! An absolute highlight of the week was Harvest Festival yesterday. So many parents and carers joined both the Key Stage One, outside performance and then later, the Early Years outside performance. During the morning the songs and poems we shared with parents and carers were the basis of our Harvest Festival celebration led by the children and Father Keith. It was the first time we have all been together in the hall and was a very special occasion indeed. Thank you all for your generous donations of food for Farnham Foodbank, the charity chosen by our school councillors. Don't forget next week is a 4 day week followed by the half term break.

Kind regards,

Mrs Down

Welcome to Mrs Twomey

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Twomey to our school as an experienced Class Teacher. Mrs Twomey will be teaching in Ruby Class on Fridays and Diamond Class on Tuesdays and will be supporting Year 2 on Wednesdays.

Mrs Brett—SENCO

We are also delighted to announce that Mrs Brett is now our Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO). Mrs Brett is still the Lead Teacher in Diamond Class and will be

Harvest Festival

Thank you for all your generous donations to our Harvest Festival Celebration. Farnham Food Bank asked us to say a special thank you to the children, as they were particularly grateful for the quantity of items donated.



Thank you



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.

- Lexi
- Guy
- Leo C
- Ethan H
- Danny
- Sienna
- Harry B
- Teddy

Well done to these children!

Parent Interviews

You will have the opportunity to book a parent interview with your child's teacher to discuss your child's progress and meet their teacher. There will be the choice of booking a remote meeting (via Microsoft Teams) on **Tuesday 2nd November**, or a face to face meeting in school on **Thursday 4th November**. Meeting times will be from 3.30pm—6pm

You will be able to book appointments on line through SCOPAY. The booking system will open at **4pm on Monday 18th October**.

There will be a separate opportunity for your child to share their learning with you after school in their classroom on **Tuesday 19th October at 3.05pm**, as we will be unable to share work at the parent interviews.

School Lunches

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

Week commencing 1st November we will be on **Week 1** of the new Autumn/Winter dinner menu.

In addition to the red and green choices there is the option of a jacket potato with either cheese, baked beans, or tuna mayonnaise available every day.

Please note, that from 01 November 2021 we will only be able to serve special diet meals to those pupils whose application for special diet is processed fully and accepted by Twelve 15.

Please contact the school office urgently if you have any queries

Reminders

It's good to grow



Walsh Memorial C of E Infant School is registered with Morrisons It's Good To Grow scheme. Morrison's are giving FREE gardening equipment to schools.

For every £10 you spend (in store or online) at Morrisons, you'll get a Grow Token to help our school get everything we need to get growing. Download the MyMorrisons app today to start collecting Grow Tokens and choose Walsh Memorial C of E Infant School to donate them to.

Our school will be able to exchange our Grow Tokens for FREE gardening equipment to get kids growing.

<https://my.morrisons.com/blog/community/good-to-grow/>

Second-hand School Uniform for sale

We have a good selection of second-hand school uniform for sale. Logoed items are priced at £1 per item and non-logoed items at 50p per item. All money received supports our school PTA.

PTA Annual General Meeting

All parents are cordially invited to attend the PTA AGM on Thursday 11th November at 7.00pm in the school hall. We are a very friendly team of parents and carers who always welcome new faces and new ideas, so please do come along and join us if you can. There is no commitment required, you can dip in and out as much as you like, and it is a great way to meet other parents at school.

The AGM is an official meeting where the committee members are elected. Every member of staff and parent or carer is automatically enrolled as a member of the PTA but a core group of committed parents are the driving force behind a very friendly and successful fundraising team.

If you would like to be nominated for the position of Chairperson, Secretary or Treasurer please write to Mrs Down and Mrs Wall at head@walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk, stating your name and a short paragraph describing why you would be good at the position, by 12.00 noon on 21st October.

These statements are then shared with the AGM meeting should a vote be necessary. We hope to see you there!

Week 3 – 18 Oct

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Red 2 cheese vegetable pizza with jacket wedges & cucumber sticks (v)		Red Chicken & butter-nut curry with rice & green beans		Red Pulled pork in a Yorkshire pudding with roast potatoes, carrots & gravy		Red Lincolnshire pork sausages with mini potato waffles & broccoli		Red Pollock or salmon fish fingers with chips & peas	
Green Roasted spring vegetable tortilla calzone with jacket wedges & broccoli		Green BBQ Quorn meatballs with golden rice & peas		Green Yorkshire pudding filled with roasted vegetable with roast potatoes & spring greens		Green Glamorgan sausages with mini potato waffles & carrots		Green Veggie fingers with spicy wedges & baked beans	
Pudding Oaty banana muffin (v)		Pudding Cheese & crackers (v)		Pudding Jelly with melon slices (v)		Pudding Selection of fruit yoghurt (v)		Pudding Butterscotch cookie (v)	

Week 1 – 1 Nov

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Red Loaded Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Oven Baked Potato Wedges & Carrot & Cucumber Sticks		Red Cumberland Pork Sausages with Mashed Potato & Baked Beans		Red Roast British Chicken with Sage & Onion Stuffing, Roast Potatoes, Baton Carrots & Gravy		Red Spaghetti Bolognese with Garlic Bread & Chef's Salad		Red Pollock Fish Fingers with Oven Baked Chips & Crushed Peas	
Green Glamorgan Sausage with Mashed Potato & Peas		Green Macaroni Cheese with Homemade Bread & Broccoli		Green Quorn Fillet with Sage & Onion Stuffing, Roast Potatoes, Sweetcorn & Gravy		Green Roasted Vegetable Tortilla Calzone with Herby Diced Potatoes & Broccoli		Green Vegan Nuggets with Oven Baked Chips & Baked Beans	
Pudding Shortbread Biscuit (v)		Pudding Oaty Apple Muffin with Apple Slices (v)		Pudding Fruit Crumble & Custard (v)		Pudding Yoghurt Selection (v)		Pudding Butterscotch Tart (v)	

Useful Information

IMPORTANT!

Applying for a Junior School space or for Year R for September 2022

Year Two parents will need to apply for a Year Three space for their child for September 2022, even if they intend for their child to go to Walsh Junior School. It is imperative that you apply before the deadline of January 15th or you may not be offered one of your schools of choice. The on-line system will open on November 1st and you can change your choice of schools any time up to 15th January.

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:

1st November 2021 - You can apply online for a school place from this date.

15th January 2022 - Closing date for applications. However, the councils welcome early applications

19th April 2022 - 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.

4th May 2022 - 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 2022, 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.

Nasal Flu Vaccinations

We wrote to you recently to inform you that the Immunisation Team will be using e-consenting for our school based immunisation programme.

Using e-consent is quicker and easier for you and can be completed on any platform i.e. mobile phone, tablet or computer. However in the event that this is not possible, please contact the immunisation team on 01483 728201, ext 377 and they will be able to take consent for your child to have the vaccination over the phone.

Your child is due to receive the Flu vaccination on **Thursday 18th November**, subject to receipt of authorisation from you. You can find out further information about this vaccine in this leaflet and at the following links:

<https://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/product/3296/smpc>

Please complete the e-consent form for your child's flu vaccination at: www.surreyimmunisations.co.uk (our school's unique code/URN number is **SR125135** which you will need to enter on to the flu consent form)

Please complete the e-consent form by 4pm on **THURSDAY 11/11/21**, when the website portal will close. If you do not want your child to receive the vaccine you will still need to complete the e-consent form and state NO.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Special Diet Applications

Our school caterer Twelve15 has put a new procedure in place for those children who have a food intolerance, allergy or follow a cultural or religious diet. If your child falls into one of these categories then parents are required to apply for a special diet online and you must do so by 15th October.

IMPORTANT: Please note, that from 1st November 2021 Twelve 15 will only be able to serve special diet meals to those pupils whose application for special diet is processed fully and accepted.

To apply please click on the link below, and on their Allergies and Special Diets webpage scroll down to **APPLY FOR SPECIAL DIET NOW!**

<https://itstwelve15.co.uk/allergies/>

Please make sure you complete your application online by Friday 15th October. If you need any assistance with your application please contact the school office where we will be able to help you.

HOME LEARNING

Home Learning at Walsh

If you need to self-isolate but your child is still well, wherever possible they need to attend school. If this is not possible and your child cannot attend school you will still be able to access learning for your child. We will use a blended approach to learning, having a mix of live and recorded sessions and paper copies covering all areas of the curriculum. We will use Teams to provide the online learning where your child will join our lessons virtually. We will provide any extra resources on Teams to support this learning.

The learning will include:

- English
- Maths
- Phonics
- RE story
- Other curriculum areas

You will only be able to access this learning if your family or child need to self-isolate. You should have your Teams login and your Teacher will send you an invite to join the sessions. Any supporting paper copies will be found on Teams in files, or we can post or drop off learning to you. Please speak to the Office or send your class teacher a Class Dojo message.

If you need more information on how to access Teams, please phone the School Office and we can help and provide you with a helpful guide to support you.

The learning that your child will access is the same learning that their peers are learning in school and will ensure continued education and a daily connection with their class and Teacher.

Our new Reception children will be sent instructions on how to access Teams.

Please contact your Teacher via Class Dojo if you have any questions or need any support, or speak to the Office.

Thank you for your continued support.

COVID – 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 they must self-isolate at home pending the test result. Other members of the household who are fully vaccinated (14 days from final vaccination dose) or under 18, do not need to isolate unless they start to show symptoms. Please see the following link for further clarification <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>
- This means that the individual with symptoms should stay at home until the result is received. Please inform the school on the first day of absence.
- If your child receives a positive PCR test result they 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.
- If your child receives a negative PCR test result we ask that you send your child back to school as soon as they are well enough. 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. 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.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are [different ways](#) for a households 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
Autumn Term 2021		
Monday 18th October	Parent evening booking system open for bookings on SCOPAY	4pm
Tuesday 19th October	Opportunity for your child to share their learning with you in their classroom	3.05pm
Friday 22nd October	Bank Holiday in lieu of Platinum Jubilee Holiday— school closed	All day
25th—29th October	Half Term Holiday	
Tuesday 2nd November	Parent interviews (via Teams).	3.30pm—6.00pm
Thursday 4th November	Parent interviews (face to face).	3.30pm—6.00pm
Monday 8th November	Individual School Photo taken by School Photographer	
Monday 15th November	Wear odd socks for Anti-Bullying Week	
Thursday 18th November	Nasal Flu Immunisation (for those with parental consent).	
Wednesday 24th November	Pied-piper Theatre Co. performance in school—Robin's Winter Adventure	Afternoon
Wednesday 1st December	Angel Pause Day	All day
Wednesday 15th December	Christmas Dinner in school	12.00—1.00pm
Friday 17th December	End of Autumn Term—early finish	approximate finish 1.10pm (to be confirmed)
Spring Term 2022		
Tuesday 4th January 2022	INSET day—school closed to children	All day
Wednesday 5th January	Start of Spring Term	8.45—9.00am
Saturday 15th January 2022	Deadline for receipt of Reception and Year 3 applications for Sep 2022	
14th—18th February	Half Term Holiday	
Monday 21 February	INSET day—school closed to children	All Day
Friday 1st April	End of Spring Term—early finish	approximate finish 1.10pm (to be confirmed)

Inset Days 2021/22:

4th January 2022

21 February 2022

6th June 2022

Bank Holiday in lieu of the Platinum Jubilee Holiday (school closed)

22nd October 2021