WALSH MEMORIAL C.E. (Controlled) Infant School

Walsh Memorial Newsletter

Headteacher's message

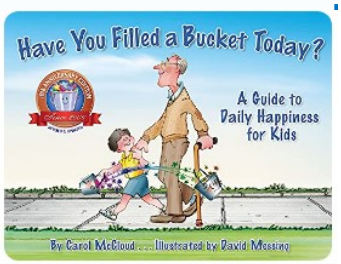
The last two weeks have just flown by.

We have been very busy learning as usual, particularly working hard on our phonics and reading. Well done to all those children who have been reading regularly at home. So many of our children have already made so much progress in their reading – great. We have seen lots of children show great perseverance as they work really hard to learn something or solve a problem.

The children and staff came together on Thursday 11th November to commemorate remembrance. We had a short assembly focusing on what we have learnt from the men and women who have served in the armed forces. Part of this assembly was the 2 minute silence. The children made us feel very proud of them as they remained in silent thought whilst listening to the Last Post being played on the bugle by a serving soldier and seeing images of remembrance from around the country.

Another highlight was our visit from Synergy Dance who worked along-side all our children, leading very active and exciting dance workshops – it certainly got our heart-rate up!

As part of Kindness Week we focused on the book Have You Filled Your Bucket Today? By Carol McCloud. Have you filled someone's bucket today?



Kind regards,

Mrs Down

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.

- Freddie K
- Emily C
- Finley
- Emirali
- Millie
- Layla-Mai
- Harrison V
- Aoife
- Elodie

Well done to these children!

Kindness and love at Walsh

This week the children have been celebrating being a kind friend to all and how we should respect everyone. We celebrate that we are all special, unique and different and that is good.

We will be sharing all our super learning and collaborative kindness work with you next week.

Our school posters, designed by our children to help us learn about being a kind friend and remind us of what to do if we are upset.

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Notices and Reminders

PTA News

Thank you to Mrs Law for continuing her wonderful leadership of the PTA as Chairperson. Thank you also to Mrs Elston for taking on the roll of PTA Secretary and to Mrs Wilde for taking on the roll of PTA Treasurer.

To join the PTA Facebook page, go to Walsh Memorial C of E Infants' PTA and request to join. Here you will be able to keep up with fundraising activities including the PTA Wreath Making Workshop on 6th December, taking place in the school hall.

If you able to help leading up to the Christmas period with wrapping gifts, setting up the hall for the wreath making and various other Christmas activities please speak to Mrs Elston or Mrs Wilde in the playground. Any amount of time is always appreciated. Thank you.

Remembrance

Thank you to our parent volunteers who sold poppies and other items on the playground all last week, to support The Poppy Appeal for the Royal British Legion. Thank you to all of you for your generous donations.

School Lunches

Week commencing 22nd November we will be on Week 1 of the dinner menu. Week commencing 29th November we will be on Week 2 of the 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.

Week 1 – 22 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)

Week 2 - 29 Nov

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Red Vegan Sausage Roll with Mashed Potato & Baked Beans	**Red** Mediterranean Pork Meatballs with Couscous & Peas	**Red** Roast Chicken with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Sweetcorn and Gravy	**Red** Breaded Chicken Goujons with Oven Baked Potato Wedges & Carrots	**Red** Salmon Fish Fingers or Breaded Pollock Fillet with Oven Baked Chips & Peas
Green Veggie Meatballs & Rice with Broccoli	**Green** Vegetable Biryani with a Mini Naan Bread & Sweetcorn	**Green** Quorn Fillet with Sage & Onion Stuffing, Roast Potatoes, Green Beans & Gravy	**Green** Vegetable & Bean Wrap with Chef's Salad	**Green** French Bread Pizza with Oven Baked Chips & Coleslaw
Pudding Lemon Shortbread Biscuit (v)	**Pudding** Fruit Crumble & Custard (v)	**Pudding** Yoghurt Selection with Fresh Fruit (v)	**Pudding** Orange Muffin & Orange Wedges (v)	**Pudding** Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce (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.

School photo orders

Last date to order online and get FREE delivery to school and your 10% discount (on minimum purchase of £19.00) is Sunday 21st November.

You can still order after this date, but will not be eligible for the 10% discount or the free delivery to school.

Birthdays

To celebrate your child's birthday your child is invited to come to school dressed in their own clothes (suitable for a school day, no dressing up costumes please) on the school day closest to their birthday.

We ask that you do not bring in sweets to share with the class as we are not able to share them from school. If you would like to do something to mark the occasion, we would welcome a new book donated to your child's class, which will receive a donation book plate inside the cover with your child's name.

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.

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/

It's good to grow

Morrisons

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.

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.

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	
Tuesday 23rd November	Year 1 FAST Museum trip	Diamond Class—am Ruby Class—pm
Wednesday 24th November	Pied-piper Theatre Co. performance in school—Robin's Winter Adventure	Afternoon
Tuesday 30th November	Year One Autumn Celebration Day	All day
Wednesday 1st December	Angel Pause Day	All day
Monday 6th December	PTA Wreath Making Workshop—school hall (visit www.wildposy.com to book)	7.30pm-9.30pm
Tuesday 7th December	Christmas Craft Club—more information to follow	3.00-4.00pm
Wednesday 15th December	Christmas Dinner in school	12.00—1.00pm
Wednesday 15th December	Christmas Service at St. Peter's Church (collect from Church at 2.45pm)	Afternoon
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