



Community † Love † Perseverance

'Jesus said: you are Peter and on this rock I will build my church' (Matthew 16 v 18)



School message

We cannot believe it is half term already! The children have had a great term, working hard with their learning and being kind and thoughtful friends. It has been great to have visitors back in school this term and Early Years enjoyed all their special visitors to enhance their learning about People Who Help Us, thank you to all the people that helped with this.

We have had a wonderful 'Pause Day' today where we pause our usual curriculum and have been learning about our school value of Love. Father Keith led us in Collective worship and shared the story of the Prodigal Son. It reminded us how God always loves us and forgives us if we are sorry for our mistakes and how Jesus taught us how we can show we really love one another and how we can show love to our family and friends.

The children have had a love challenge today, where each class colour a heart to show when they have shown love to someone else. The children have been very thoughtful and reflective in their thinking about 'What is Love?' Please see our twitter feed on our school website to see the learning from today.

Have a lovely half term with your families and keep safe,

Kind regards,

Mrs Wall Deputy Headteacher

Safer Internet day

The children have been busy this week learning all about staying safe online. We have talked about all of the devices that we use that have the internet e.g. Xbox, Nintendo Switch, Playstation, tablet. We have spoken lots about how we use these devices for lots of fun things, but also why it is important to keep ourselves safe. The children were fantastic at being able to answer how to keep themselves safe when they are using a device and they knew what to do if they ever felt uncomfortable online.



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.

- Harrison H
- Ethan
- Sophie
- Penelope
- Muneefa
- Charlie C
- Holly M
- Story
- Kori
- Isabella P
- Charlie P

Well done to these children!

Golden Promises be ready, be safe, be kind

Thank you to those who have entered our Golden Promises competition. Winners will be announced after half term. If you still wish to hand in any certificates please do bring them in on the first day back which is **Tuesday 22nd February** (more information on page 2 of this newsletter). We are starting to really promote our three Golden Promises around the school and will be feeding these into assemblies more next half term.

From next half term we will be changing the format of our celebration assembly certificates. Certificates will be awarded to two children in each class, by their class teacher, and will be for either an achievement in learning or a reason linked to one of our promises. These will still be given out on a Monday as part of our celebration assembly.



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School news



World Book Day—Thursday 3rd March

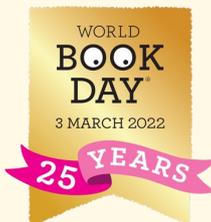
Children are invited to dress up for the day as a story character of their choosing. Please do not feel pressured to buy a costume. Children can dress in their own clothes with simple adornments to represent their favourite book. Please make sure all clothing is suitable for a normal school day.

Usborne Books—Visiting School Book Fair

Usborne Books will also be coming into school during the day and children will be able to buy books with any money they have saved in the book saving scheme. Every child will also receive a £1.00 World Book Day book token which either can be used towards the cost of a book at the fair, or will come home in their book bag.

Although parents are unable to visit the fair in person this year, you can browse the full catalogue online at www.katiebooklady.co.uk and email your order to katiebooklady@gmail.com. You will be sent a link to pay for your order remotely and your books will be delivered to the school and sent home with your child.

Our school is lucky enough to earn commission for all books that are purchased and we use the money we earn to buy new books for our School Library.



Book Saving Scheme

We are re-opening our book saving scheme. If your child would like to save some money in the book saving scheme, please put it in an envelope with their name, class, and the amount on and ask them to hand it in to the school office or pop it in the school post box at the office.



Your child's savings will be kept in the school safe, individually identified with their name and class and will be available for them to spend at the Usborne Book Fair on Thursday 3rd March. Any change will be saved for future book fairs or returned to you at the end of Year 2.

Children's mental Health Week

Please see the ideas (attached in the email) to support your child with positive mental health ideas.

Ways to support your child after school.

Some children need calming ideas to help with the transition from school to home. Please see the sheet (attached in the email) for ideas on ways that you can support your child.

Half Term advice for staff and families.

COVID rates remain high, and the best ways to protect yourself, and others, is by washing your hands, letting the fresh air in, cleaning, wearing a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces, testing regularly and getting vaccinated; it is particularly important during the half term holiday to be aware of protecting yourself and others when mixing with people that you do not usually meet with.

What to do if your child tests positive over the half term holiday.

- Make sure you report all LFD test results with the NHS (see Page 3 of this newsletter)
- Email your test result confirmation to info@walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk. This will tell us when the 10 day isolation period ends.
- Please forward the email confirmation of LFD results from Day 5 onwards to determine if the isolation period can be reduced.

We hope you stay well and have a relaxing half term break.

Golden promises competition!

Over the last couple of months, we have been working on strengthening our three golden promises, Be Ready, Be Safe, Be Kind around the school. The three promises supports our behaviour policy that can be found on the school website. In assemblies this half term, we have shared ideas about what these three promises mean to us as a school. The golden promises link closely to our school values of Community, Love and Perseverance and helps to promote positive behaviour around the school.

We are creating a positive behaviour leaflet that will be sent home to all our families and shared with prospective parents of our school. We would like the children to design and create this leaflet and are launching an exciting competition that everyone can be involved in. Please choose one of our golden promises: Be Ready, Be Safe, Be Kind and we would like you to create a poster showing what that golden rule means e.g. to be ready you need to be looking at the person who is talking and listening to what they are saying 'good looking, good listening'. You could draw pictures or write words, be as creative as you would like!

Please can all entries be handed in to your class teacher by **Tuesday 22nd February** so that our School Council members can choose a winner for each golden promise. The winners will be announced after half term.



Be Ready Be Safe Be Kind

Notices and Reminders

Reminder—Reporting of Lateral Flow Tests

This is a reminder that all staff, parents and pupils need to report both positive and negative lateral flow test result to the NHS via : [Report a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test result - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk) the data provides important contextual information regarding the transmission and case rates of COVID-19 which informs the national and local response, decision making and support for the education sector.

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/>

School Lunches

Week commencing 22 February we will be on **Week 2** of the dinner menu. Week commencing 28 February we will be on **Week 3** 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.

Parent Meetings

Next term we are pleased to be able to have our Parents Meetings back in school. To book an appointment, log in to Scopay and select the Parent Evening tab. If you have any difficulty in meeting face to face please speak to the office or your child's class teacher.

Dates for your diary:

- Thursday 24th February, 3.30—6.10pm
- Wednesday 2nd March, 3.30—6.10pm

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.

Look out for sales on the playground on 24th & 28th Feb. 3pm.

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.

Week 2 - 22 Feb

INSET	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	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 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 Fruit Crumble & Custard (v)	Pudding Yoghurt Selection with Fresh Fruit (v)	Pudding Orange Muffin & Orange Wedges (v)	Pudding Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce (v)

Week 3 - 28 Feb

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Red Pasta Neapolitan with Herby Bread & Chef's Salad	Red Chicken Biryani with Carrots	Red Roast British Gammon with Roast Potatoes, Green Beans & Gravy	Red British Beef Burger in a Bun with Oven Baked Chips & Coleslaw	Red Tempura Vinegar Infused Pollock Goujons with Oven Baked Potato Wedges & Baked Beans
Green Cauliflower & Broccoli Cheese with Homemade Bread & Sweetcorn	Green Sweet Potato Whirl with 1/2 Jacket Potato & Baked Beans	Green Shepherdess Pie Filled Yorkshire Pudding with Broccoli & Gravy	Green Veggie Hot Dog with Oven Baked Chips & Peas	Green Veggie Fingers with Oven Baked Potato Wedges & Sweetcorn
Pudding Shortbread Biscuit (v)	Pudding Yoghurt Selection with Fresh Fruit (v)	Pudding Fruit Crumble & Custard (v)	Pudding Chocolate Muffin (v)	Pudding Ginger Sponge with Vanilla Sauce (v)

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).

Please remember no child or adult should come on site if they are presenting Covid symptoms

- The person showing symptoms should request a PCR 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 links for further clarification
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>
<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>
- 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.
- From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.
- The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#).
- If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.
- Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.
- 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.

What to do if your child is a household close contact of someone who has tested positive for Covid

If you are aged 5 years and over and live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, you are not legally required to self-isolate, but you are strongly advised to:

- take an LFD test every day for 7 days, or until 10 days after the household member who has COVID-19 started their self-isolation period if this is earlier
- take this daily LFD test before you leave your home for the first time each day
- Under 5s that are close contacts are exempt from self-isolation and do not need to take part in daily LFD testing.

Children and young people aged under 18 years who usually attend an education or childcare setting and who have been identified as a close contact should continue to attend the setting as normal.

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

Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing.

Tests are fast, easy and free. There are different ways of obtaining test kits 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.

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.

Date	Event	Time
	Spring Term 2022	
14th—18th February	Half Term Holiday	
Monday 21 February	INSET day—school closed to children	All Day
Thursday 24th February	PTA Second hand uniform sale (on the school playground)	3.00pm
Thursday 24th February	Parent meetings—in school (book your appointment to follow via Scopay)	3.30pm—6.10pm
Monday 28th February	PTA Second hand uniform sale (on the school playground)	3.00pm
Wednesday 2nd March	Parent meetings—in school (book your appointment to follow via Scopay)	3.30pm-6.10pm
Thursday 3rd March	World Book Day—children welcome to come to school dressed as their favourite book character..	All Day
Thursday 3rd March	Usborne Books visiting school—book sale (in school)	All Day
Thursday 10th March	E-safety parent information meeting (in school)	After school (time to be confirmed)
Wednesday 30th March	Year 2 visit to Legoland Windsor	9.00am-4.00pm
Friday 1st April	End of Spring Term—early finish	approximate finish 1.10pm (to be confirmed)
	Summer Term 2022	
Tuesday 19th April	Start of Summer Term	8.45—9.00am
Wednesday 11th May	Class Photographs taken by School Photographer	am
30th May—3rd June	Half Term Holiday	
Monday 6th June 2022	INSET day—school closed to children	All day
Friday 22nd July	End of Spring Term—early finish	approximate finish 1.10pm (to be confirmed)

Inset Days 2021/22:

21 February 2022

6th June 2022

Dates for your Diary