



Headteacher's Message

We are delighted to advise you that our school has been judged to be Outstanding in our recent Church Inspection. We sent home a full report this week to all parents.

Thank you once again to everyone who gave up their time to speak to the Inspector and to the wonderful Walsh team who contributed to this outcome.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Cawson, Headteacher

Special Visitor

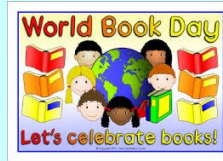
This week we had another special parent visitor to the school. We would like to thank Sergeant Else who came in to see Year R to talk to the children about safety and his role in the police force.



Legoland

Year 2 will be visiting Legoland on **Thursday 17th March**. A detailed letter will be sent out shortly but in the meantime, parents may wish to know that we intend to stay at Legoland for an extra hour so that the children are able to spend a little longer enjoying the park. We will be returning to school by **4pm**.

If this will cause you any difficulties in terms of the after-school care arrangements for your child, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher.



World Book Day

On **Thursday 3rd March** Usborne Books will be coming into school and children will be able to buy books with any money they have saved in the book saving scheme. They can save regularly if they choose.

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.

On this day children are welcome to come to school dressed up as their favourite book character.

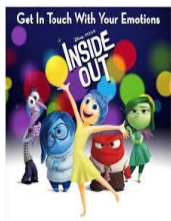
Take a look at www.bookaid.org/worldbookday for some ideas. This is a non-school uniform day for children that would like to dress up.



School Dinners

Just to remind you of some changes to next week's menu:

Monday – as advertised
Tuesday – Thursdays menu
Wednesday – as advertised
Thursday – Chinese menu
Friday – as advertised



WALSH MEMORIAL CE INFANT SCHOOL

ONESIE MOVIE NIGHT

FRIDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2016

TIME : 5.00PM - 7.00PM

COST : 2.50 PER CHILD

TO INCLUDE A DRINK AND POPCORN



PLEASE NOTE THAT UNDER 5S MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

If you have purchased a ticket for Movie Night, please queue up at the entrance to Reception at 5pm this evening.

Children will need to be signed in once we open the door. Please queue at the entrance at 7pm, you will then be asked to collect your child from the hall and leave via the staff exit.

Children are welcome to bring in a named pillow or bean bag and a blanket if they would like to.

PTA Meeting

Our next PTA meeting is on 24th February at 7.30pm in the staff room. At this meeting we will be starting planning for our Summer Fete on Saturday 21st May. If you have some free time and would like to come along and meet with our very friendly team we would love to see you.

Did you know that the PTA raise around £6k per annum for the school?

After staffing costs have been taken out of our budget, we only have around £1k left to spend on resources, so the fundraising the PTA do is extremely important for the school.

Save the Date!



On Friday 18th March our PTA will be hosting their Curry and Quiz Night.

Flyers will be going home nearer the time, however, if you are interested in putting a team together please put this date in your diary.

Mother's Day



Personalised Mother's Day Bags

This year our School PTA have arranged for the Children to create a lovely shopping bag for their mums.

Each bag will be totally individual and will have your child's picture printed onto the side for mums to treasure.

If you'd like your child to take part in creating a gift, this is available at a cost of £5 per bag.

Additional bags for grandmothers can also be ordered. Payment for orders should reach the school no later than Friday 12 February.

A flyer went home today with further information. Please could you ensure that all orders are in school before **12th February** so they can be printed in good time for Mother's Day. Please ensure that the *correct payment* is enclosed.

Reminder for those with DBS Checks!

Just to remind all parents that have been DBS checked by the school that they will need to come in and sign in once a term in order to keep the DBS check current.

Please speak to Mrs Thorn in the school office if you have any questions.



Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

We are collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers. If you have any that you would like to donate to the school, please hand them in at the school office.

Thank you in advance for your support.

History

Our children love learning about history. They also love learning in a 'hands-on' way so if you get an opportunity to take your child to a museum, castle or an old building it would really enhance their curiosity.

Nearby places that are exciting and age-appropriate are Brooklands Museum, Hampton Court Palace and Portchester Castle although an internet search will give you lots of ideas.

When your child is studying a history topic at school it would be lovely if you could help them to learn even more about it. They could borrow a book from the library, dress up as a character from that time, find pictures on the internet or write some facts to impress their friends and teacher!

Our children learn to compare times in the past and now by considering what is the same and what is different. They could ask you, their grandparents and even older friends and family what life was like when you/they were young. This is always enjoyable for everyone!

Websites:

This website has appealing facts for your children:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/4_11/site/history.shtml

These websites will help you find interesting historical places to visit:

<http://www.visit-hampshire.co.uk/things-to-do/hampshires-top-10s/10-days-out-for-history-enthusiasts>



Parental Guidance

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
	Spring Term 1	
5th February	Movie Night	5.00-7.00pm
11th February	Diamond Class Cake Sale	3.00pm
12th February	Last day of term	3.00pm finish
	Spring Term 2	
22nd February	First Day of Spring Term 2	8.45am start
25th February	Year One Trip to Samuel Cody Museum.	09.40am-12.15pm
3rd March	World Book Day—more information to follow	
4th March	Mothering Sunday Assembly—more information to follow	
10th March	Late Parent's Evening—more information to follow	
14th March	Early Parent's Evening —more information to follow	
17th March	Year Two Trip to Legoland. A letter will go home shortly.	
18th March	PTA Curry and Quiz Night —more information to follow	
24th March	Last Day of Spring Term	
	Summer Term 1	
21st May	Walsh Memorial Summer Fete—more information to follow	
	Summer Term 2	
29th June	St Peter's Day Family Picnic—more details to follow	12.00pm-1.00pm
18th July	Year Two Leavers' Assembly—more details to follow	TBA

Inset Days (School closed to children for staff training days)

3rd May
 6th June
 21st July
 22nd July