



Headteacher's Message

Going home today is a paper Poppy for families to write a message for loved ones that they would like us to remember. These will be displayed in our school hall ready for Remembrance Day on Wednesday.

If you would like to write a message on there for someone that you would like us to remember, please drop it into the school office on Monday next week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Cawson, Headteacher



Travelling Book Fair

Thank you very much to all of the parents who helped us out this week at the Travelling Book Fair. Without the support of parents it would not be possible to run an event like this.

Thank you to everyone who came along to visit the fair and to those that sent money in for their child to spend. The school received £108 commission on the sales and we have used this to buy more books for the school.



Bags2School

We are still collecting any wearable clothing, handbags or paired shoes that are no longer needed. If you have any of these items that you would like to donate for recycling, please pop them into the school office next week. Thank you!

Lanyards



We have lots of Visitor and Parent Helper lanyards missing. If you have any at home, please could you pop them into school as soon as possible.

Choir Club



Just to let you know that Choir Club will start up again after Christmas for Years 1 and 2. A letter will go home in book bags nearer the time.



Operation Christmas Child

Thank you so much to everyone who has donated items so far to Operation Christmas Child. We have been overwhelmed with the generosity of the families at our school. We are still short of postage money and new boys and girls hats. If you would like to donate any items please take them to the school office. Thank you for your support.



Food Hygiene Rating

We are delighted to inform you that our kitchen recently received a rating of 5 from the Food Standards Agency which is the highest rating that can be achieved.

A very well done to Mrs Baker, Miss Madon and Mrs Sines.

School Photos

Photos will be going home today for parents to see. If you would like to order any, please return the paperwork with the correct money or a cheque ((instructions can be found on the paperwork) before Friday 13th November. You will also have the facility to order them on-line.

Any photographs that are ordered will be sent out in school book bags during the first week of December.

*Important dates to remember:
Friday 13th November*

Parent Interviews

Parent Interviews are being held on 9th November from 3.30pm-6.00pm and on 19th November from 6.00pm-8.30pm.

If you have not yet booked an appointment to see your child's teacher, please see Mrs Thorn in the school office.

Important dates to remember: 9th and 19th November

Remembrance



We will be selling Poppies and other Remembrance accessories every morning in the playground from 8.30am from 3rd November up to and including 11th November.

We would like our Year Two children to do this for us, but we will need the support of their parents to supervise them. Please let Mrs Thorn know in the school office if you are able to help. Even if it is only for one morning it will make all the difference. Thank you for your support.

Letters to Santa



We have some very exciting news for you! Santa's elves are delivering their post box this weekend so children will be able to post their letters from Monday. If you need a copy of the letter that went home about this, please let Mrs Thorn in the school office know.

Sapphire Class Cake Sale

Thank you to all the parents who donated cakes to the Sapphire Cake Sale and for those that helped to sell them after school. We will let you know how much money was raised in next week's newsletter.



P.E. Kit

Some children have come into school with tracksuit bottoms with their PE kit which is great for when the children are able to do PE outside. However, we would ask that shorts are also provided as tracksuit bottoms are too warm for PE in the hall.



Healthier Living and Learning in Surrey

We are pleased to advise you that we have recently been awarded Bronze after a review of our Healthy School provision and for meeting the Surrey Healthy Schools Programme.

Easyfundraising Colouring Competition

We have extended the deadline for the Easyfundraising colouring competition to 11th November. The winner will be announced in next week's newsletter.

Please do not forget to use the Easyfundraising shop if you are doing **any** shopping online. You can register at www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/wmipta.

This really does make a difference to the money that we have to spend on resources for the children, so please do support us.

Breakfast Club

Maintenance work is currently being carried out on the roof of Walsh Junior School. Therefore, children who attend Breakfast Club will enter the school via the hall door until work is completed (the caged area at the back of the school hall).

Coats

Now that autumn is well and truly upon us, please could you ensure that your child comes into school with a named waterproof coat every day. Thank you.

Taking Children to the Theatre

This week we took our Year Two children to the New Victoria Theatre in Woking to see *The Elves and the Shoemaker*.

A visit to the theatre has the potential to be a life-changing experience, as well as an opportunity for a unique kind of learning. It can touch the imagination, arouse curiosity, or fire an artistic impulse. Theatre can also be an exceptional resource, linking as it does to so many areas of knowledge: history, geography, language, citizenship, and much more. That is why we took the decision to include a trip to the theatre as part of our learning.

Discussion Points

Some good questions to ask your child after their visit might be:

- What is the difference between a performance in a theatre and seeing a filming of that performance on a TV or at the cinema
- What sort of theatre was it? (old, young, big, small) Does that affect the kind of shows you will see there and how they are put on?
- How should we behave in a theatre?
- Who were the main characters?
- What were the characters like (personalities, appearance etc)?
- What was the story about?
- How did the story start and end?
- What did you learn from the story?

If you have the opportunity to take your child to the theatre or Panto after Christmas, may be you ask your child these questions afterward to find out how much they absorbed and what they learnt.

Parental Guidance

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
	Autumn Term 2	
9 th November	Early Parents Evening	3.30pm-6.00pm
19 th November	Late Parents Evening—more information to follow	6.00pm—8.30pm
19 th November	Christmas Shopping Evening	6.00pm-8.30pm
20 th November	Year One and Two Flu Vaccination (for those children with signed permission slips)	All day
26 th November	Year One visit to the Church (walkers needed)	9.00am-11am
26 th November	Pied Piper Theatre visiting the children	Afternoon
27 th November	Mufti Day for hamper donations (more details to follow)	
27 th November	Volunteer Coffee Morning for those with DBS checks (more details to follow).	9.30am
3 rd December	Christmas Craft Club - more details to follow	3.00pm
8 th December	Christmas Production with Toddlers - more details to follow	
9 th December	Christmas Production - more details to follow	
10 th December	Christmas Production followed by PTA Raffle - more details to follow	
16 th December	Christmas lunch for the children – more details to follow	12.00pm
16 th December	Christmas Service at St Peter's Church – more details to follow	
17 th December	School Disco – more details to follow	5.00pm-6.30pm
18 th December	Wear a Christmas Jumper for Save the Children—more details to follow	
18 th December	Last day of the autumn term	1.15pm close

Inset Days (School closed to children)

6th June
22nd July

Two further dates will be announced shortly.

Thank you very much to everyone who came along to our PTA Meeting on Wednesday. We are pleased to tell you that a very exciting programme of events for the next two terms has been agreed and there will be lots of activities for the children and their families to get involved in. More details will follow shortly.

In the meantime, one of our major events, our Christmas Shopping Evening, takes place in just a few weeks time and we hope that as many people come along to support us, so **please spread the word**—everyone is welcome!



Walsh Memorial Infant School *Christmas Shopping Evening*

Thursday 19th November, 6-8pm

We will have on offer a wide variety of stalls including:

- Fudge, cakes and other Christmas goodies*
- Christmas decorations*
 - Fairy Doors*
 - Christmas gifts*
 - Jewellery stores*
 - Books*
 - Stocking fillers*
 - Hogs Back Brewery gifts*
 - Beauty products and treatments*

Come and join the fun! Everyone is welcome - bring family, friends and neighbours. Get ahead of the game and kick-start your Christmas Shopping!

There will be a craft table to keep children entertained so parents can shop in peace!



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