



Headteacher's Message

This week I am delighted to introduce you to our office staff, who are the wonderful team who run our office and answer the phone Mrs Riley, Mrs Tinkler and Mrs Thorn

Mrs Churchman is our Caretaker and Mrs Knight is our cleaner.

Have a nice weekend!
Mrs Suzanne Cawson

Lates and Absences

If your child is going to be late into school and they require a school lunch, please call the office before 9.15am and let us know. Our number is 01252 321426. Please do not email as it may not be picked up until later.

If your child is going to be absent from school, please contact the school office on the number above, or email info@walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk. You only need to call on the first day of absence, unless the illness spans a weekend.

Year R Phonics Briefing

Parents of Year R children are invited to a Phonics Workshop in school on **2nd November at 2.30pm.**

A letter will be sent home next week with further details and a tear off slip so that we know how many people to expect.

School Lunches

Week commencing 10th October we will be on **Week 2** of the dinner menu.

Just to remind you that if your child has school dinners and they are going to be late, please call the office before 9.15am so that we know to order a lunch for them.

PTA AGM

Thank you to everyone who came to the PTA AGM last Wednesday. It was great to see so many new faces.

We are delighted to tell you that Annette Cave (mother of Addison) remains as our Chair, Samantha Ellis (mother of Holly) remains as our Treasurer and Amanda Law (mother of Lexi) has very kindly accepted the role of Secretary.

Our next PTA meeting will be on Thursday 3rd November at 7.30pm where we will be discussing our program of events for the upcoming year, with particular focus on the Christmas Shopping Evening which is being held on Friday 18th November. Everyone is welcome to join us and the format is much more informal and relaxed.

Harvest Festival

This year we will be supporting our local Foodbank. Our Foodbank helps local people in crisis and provides them with food for three days. They also offer support and help signpost the families to additional support. A list of suitable donations has been sent home.

Should you wish to make a donation, please bring it into school and put on the table in the hall before 14th October.

Parents are invited to our Harvest Festival Assembly on Friday 14th October at 9.10am. Please wait in the school hall after dropping your child off at their classroom.

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Important Safety Notice

Scooters/Bikes

We do understand how tempting it is to scoot or cycle across our playground—we really do!

However, because we care very much about the safety of everyone that uses our playground we would ask if you could all help by ensuring that all scooters and bicycles are dismantled and pushed rather than ridden across our playground before and after school. Please could parents of juniors, infants and younger siblings remind their children and help us to enforce this rule, so that it is fair and safe for everyone!

Supervision of Young Children

Please can we ask all parents to closely supervise their young children whilst waiting for the school gates to open and on our playground and the junior playground. Everyone should be waiting on pathways, no children should be running into the turning circle area, around the caretaker's driveway or running along the grass embankment that is alongside the caretaker's bungalow.

Can you please ensure children are supervised whilst waiting for clubs to finish as it has been noted that children are running between parked cars in the staff car park when staff are leaving and it becomes dangerous when the cars are manoeuvring.

Younger children are the responsibility of parents and must be reminded about our expectations.

Please could parents also relay this message to other family members/carers.

Thank you for your co-operation and support with these issues.

RM Maths

Just to remind you that RM Maths is available for all Year 1 and 2 children to do at home. We will send out copies of the log on details next week. Year R will have access to RM Maths later in the academic year and details will be sent home at the appropriate time.

If you have any problem logging in or you do not believe your child is at the right level, please speak to Mrs Wall.

If you do not have access to a computer, please let Mrs Wall know and we will find time for your child to access RM Maths at school.

After School Clubs

Please find below information on our after school clubs:

Tuesday: Mrs Brett's Sport's Club from 3.00-4.00pm - this is for Year Two at the present time and is currently full. It runs from 13th September until 18th October inclusive.

Wednesday: Sporty Kidz from 3.00-4.00pm (fee paying club, open to Years One and Two). If you need a sign up sheet please speak to the school office.

Wednesday: Ms Foster's Puzzle Club for Sapphire Class. The club runs from 3pm to 3.50pm on 12th and 19th October and 2nd November (after half term).

Parent Interviews

On Monday 7th November (early slots) and on Wednesday 23rd November (evening slots) you will have the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss their progress.

On **Thursday 20th October**, we will be putting sign-up sheets out in the playground at drop-off time. If your child attends breakfast club, or you have more than one child in school, you will be able to contact us before hand to arrange an appointment. We will provide you with more details nearer the time.

Year One Autumn Day

On **Thursday 20th October** our Year One children will be celebrating Autumn Day. On this day they are welcome to come into school dressed in coloured clothes that they believe best represent autumn, such as reds, oranges and browns.

No Halloween costumes please and children should wear clothes that are suitable for a normal school day. If they do not have any autumnal clothing, please could they wear their normal school uniform. Thank you.

10 Tips to Help Children Enjoy Reading

To help make reading more enjoyable and fun, we asked experts and authors what they recommend to help get kids reading.

- ◆ **Make books part of your family life**— always have books around so that you and your children are ready to read whenever there is a chance.
- ◆ **Join your local library**—Get your child a library card. You will find the latest videogames, blu-rays and DVDs, plus hundreds of favourite books. Allow them to pick their own books, encouraging their own interests.
- ◆ **Match their interests**—Help them find the right book—it does not matter if it is fiction, poetry, comic books or non-fiction.
- ◆ **All reading is good**—Do not discount non-fiction, comics, graphic novels, magazines and leaflets. Reading is reading and it is all good.
- ◆ **Get comfortable!** - Snuggle up somewhere warm and cosy with your child, either in bed, on a beanbag or on the sofa, or make sure they have somewhere comfy when reading alone.
- ◆ **Ask questions**— To keep them interested in the story, ask your child questions as you read such as, 'What do you think will happen next?' or 'Where did you get to last night? Can you remember what has happened already?'
- ◆ **Read whenever you get a chance**—Bring along a book or magazine for any time your child has to wait, such as at the doctors surgery.
- ◆ **Read again and again**—Encourage your child to re-read favourite books and poems. Re-reading helps to build up fluency and confidence.
- ◆ **Bedtime stories**—Regularly read with your child or children at bedtime. It is a great way to end the day and to spend valuable time with your child.
- ◆ **Rhyme and repetition**—Books and poems which include rhyme and repetition are great for encouraging your child or children to join in and remember the words.



Parental Guidance

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
	Autumn Term 1	
14th October	Harvest Festival Assembly (all welcome)	9.10am
20th October	Family Quiz and Chips night (see flyer that has been sent home)	5.00-7.00pm
21st October	Last day of Autumn Term 1	3.00pm
	Autumn Term 2	
1st November	First day of Autumn Term 2 (due to Inset Day on 31st October)	8.45am
2nd November	Year R Phonics Workshop	2.30pm
2nd November	Individual School Photos (more information to follow)	
3rd November	PTA Meeting in the school staff room (all welcome)	7.30pm
4th November	Sapphire Class Cake Sale	3.00pm
7th November	Parent Interviews—Early slots	
8th November	Year One Trip to the Fast Museum (more information to follow)	
15th November	eSafety Workshop (more details to follows)	2.30pm
18th November	PTA Christmas Shopping Evening (more information to follow)	
23rd November	Parent Interviews—Late slots	
6th December	Flu Vaccinations for Years One and Two (for those with signed consent forms)	
7th December	Christmas Craft Club (more details to follow)	
13th, 14th, 15th December	School Christmas Performance (details will be provided nearer the time)	
16th December	Emerald Class Cake Sale	3.00pm
19th December	Christmas Church Service (all year groups). Walkers will be needed. Parents to collect their child from church	2.00-3.00pm
20th December	School Disco (more information to follow)	
20th December	School Christmas Lunch for children (more information to follow)	
21st December	End of Autumn Term	School closes at 1.10pm