



### *Headteacher's Message*

Happy New Year! I trust you all had a restful break and enjoyed the festive activities. On behalf of all the staff I would like to thank you for all the kind gifts you gave us.

Our Curriculum Maps for the new term have been sent home this week. They are very useful for helping parents to understand what their child is learning about at school and how they can support them at home. Please take time to read them.

**Have a lovely weekend.**

*Mrs Cawson, Headteacher*

### *Library Shelving*

You may have noticed that we have recently put in some lovely new shelving for our books for the Reading Scheme.

Thank you very much to the PTA for buying these for us, I am sure you will all agree it looks very smart!



### *School Uniform Sale*

On Friday 16th January, our PTA will be holding a school uniform sale in the school hall.

If you would like to purchase any items, please come to the school office from 2.30pm. Branded sweatshirts and PE shirts are £1 each, non-branded items are 50p each and school coats are £2 each.

If you have any school uniform that your child no longer fits, we would be very grateful for any donations. Please hand them to the school office. Thank you!

### **VERY IMPORTANT – YEAR TWO**

Please remember that **15th January** is the closing date for applications for a junior school place.

You will not be automatically allocated a space at Walsh Junior school if you do not apply and you will go into a clearing system if your application is received after this date.

Similarly for any siblings requiring a reception place for September. Please ensure that you tick the 'sibling' box on your application form.

If you need any help please speak to Mrs Thorn in the school office.

### *Yoga Day*

On Monday 11th January we have a Yoga Teacher coming into school to give the children an introduction to Yoga.

Please could you ensure that your child's PE kit is in school for this day, if it is not here already.

### *Save the Children Day*

We are delighted to tell you that we raised £125.04 for Save the Children on our Wear a Christmas Jumper Day. Thank you all for your generous donations.

### *Misplaced your newsletter?*

Did you know that we post a copy of our newsletter on our website?

[www.walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk).

*If your child wears earrings please could you ensure that they are removed before they come to school.*

# Weekly Newsletter



### *Church Inspection*

On 12th January, the Guildford Diocese are coming to do a School Church Inspection.

As part of the inspection process they would like to speak to a few parents about the school ethos. If you would like to take part in this discussion, please let Mrs Thorn know. We hope to have 6-8 parents in attendance.

It will take place between 2.30pm-3.00pm on 12th January.

### *Ruby Class Cake Sale*

Well done to Ruby Class who raised £78.37 at their recent cake sale. Thank you to everyone who donated cakes and helped to sell them on the day.

Next up is [Diamond Class](#) on 11th February.

### *Milk Bottle Tops*

We are still collecting milk bottle tops which will be donated to a charity. All tops must be 'milk only' in any colour but they must not include foil inserts or stickers.

Before Christmas we donated another sack of milk bottle tops and they were delighted with how well we are doing. Thank you for all of your support to-date.

### *Attendance*

We would like to remind parents of the importance of calling the school before 9.30am if your child is going to be absent from school.

If you do not call in or give a valid reason why your child is absent then we will have to record the absence as unauthorised.

Our attendance figures are regularly inspected by the local Education Welfare Officer and it is imperative that we can account for every absence.



### *School Clubs*

#### **Mrs Brett's Sports Club**

Mrs Brett's Sports Club is for Year 2 children this half term and started on Thursday 7th January and runs up to 11th February. It runs from 3.00pm-3.45pm. However, there is no Sports Club on 21st January. This club is now full.

#### **Mrs Gilbert's Choir Club**

Letters have been sent home this week regarding Choir Club which starts for Year 1 and 2 on Tuesday next week from 3.00-3.45pm.

If you would like your child to attend, please return the permission slip as soon as possible.

#### **Sporty Kidz**

This is run by an outside company for years 1 and 2 starts up on Wednesday 13th January and runs until Wednesday 10th February.

If you would like your child to attend, please collect a form from the school office.



### *PTA Meeting*

Our next PTA meeting is on Wednesday 13th January at 7.30pm in the school staff room. If you would like to join us, please go to the staff entrance and press the buzzer and we will let you in.

It is always lovely to see new faces, so please do come along. Everyone is welcome! It is a really friendly little team and it is a great way to get to know other mums and dads at school.

At this meeting we will be looking at an exciting program of events for the spring and summer terms.

## Reading

# Reading's a hoot!

Continuing to read with your child daily throughout their school journey positively impacts on their learning across the Curriculum. To add some excitement to reading time, why not share an eBook together using the Oxford Reading Owl website suggested below. It is free to sign up and the site offers books that match our school reading schemes.

The books are tablet friendly and the website also has top tips, activities and games to help your child with their reading at home.

Go to: [www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk)



# Parental Guidance

# Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
	<b>Spring Term 1</b>	
13th January	PTA Meeting— staff room	7.30pm
15th January	Nearly New School Uniform Sale—School Hall	2.30pm
5th February	Movie Night—more information to follow	
11th February	Diamond Class Cake Sale	3.00pm
12th February	Last day of term	3.00pm finish
	<b>Spring Term 2</b>	
22nd February	First Day of Spring Term 2	8.45am
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	
18th March	PTA Curry and Quiz Night —more information to follow	
24th March	Last Day of Summer Term	
	<b>Summer Term 1</b>	
21st May	Walsh Memorial Summer Fete—more information to follow	

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

3<sup>rd</sup> May  
6<sup>th</sup> June  
21<sup>st</sup> July  
22<sup>nd</sup> July