



### *Headteacher's Message*

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter. We hope you find our new format easier to read.

If you have any questions about our newsletter or you would like us to cover a specific topic, please email Mrs Thorn on [info@walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk).

Have a lovely weekend.

*Mrs Cawson, Headteacher*



### *Harvest Festival Assembly*

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October we will be hosting our annual Harvest Festival Assembly and all parents are invited to join us to celebrate the Harvest Festival. If you would like to join us, please wait in the school hall after you have dropped your child off. The assembly will start at 9.10am.

Pre-school children are welcome but we ask that parents take them to the library if they are being noisy. They are welcome to bring them back when they have calmed down.

Each year we alternate our collections between local and international aid. This year we will be collecting monetary donations for Christian Aid who are focusing on Nigerian communities suffering from the impact of malaria.

*Please note that there is no parental parking on-site, at the Greyhound Pub or the Library. If you need to park in the local area please be respectful to local residents and businesses.*

*Pushchairs must be left outside of the building for Health and Safety reasons. There are no exceptions to these rules.*

*Important date to remember: 16<sup>th</sup> October*



### *Tilly Willis Visit*

We are very excited to be welcoming the artist Tilly Willis to our school on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October. Tilly will be holding painting workshops in each class. Please could your child bring in a special item to look at and paint on this day. It should be small enough to be placed in front of them on their desk but large enough to be able to look at and paint. It can be anything, for example, an interesting log, small soft toys, a special memory box, anything at all that would be interesting to paint. Thank you.

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13<sup>th</sup> October*

### *Sapphire Class Cake Sale*

The Sapphire Class cake sale will be on 5<sup>th</sup> November in the playground at 3pm.

Please could parents and carers donate cakes on this day for our helpers to sell. All proceeds go directly to the class and they will decide what to spend their pennies

### *Flu Vaccination Consent Forms (Y1 and Y2 only)*

Thank you to those of you who have already returned your child's flu vaccination consent form. For those that haven't please ensure that you have returned your child's form before 5<sup>th</sup> November. If you need another copy, please let a member of the office staff know.



### Travelling Book Fair

From 2nd to 5th November, the Travelling Book Fair will be coming to visit us and bringing in a wide range of lovely books. Children who have saved money through the book club will be given the opportunity to purchase books from the Fair but we will also be opening this up to parents in the afternoon from 2.45pm should they wish to take a look. The Fair will take place in the school hall.

This year parents will also be able to 'click and collect' online, allowing parents to choose books at home, pay on-line and have their books delivered to the Book Fair – a great way to get some Christmas presents over and done with! Should you wish to use this service, please visit [www.travellingbooks.co.uk](http://www.travellingbooks.co.uk) and select the 'click and collect' section.

We need a couple of parent helpers per day to help out on Monday and Thursday from 2.30pm to approximately 3.15pm. If you are able to help please let Mrs Thorn know in the school office.

### School Menu Changes

We have been monitoring how much the children eat at lunch time and as a result we have made the following change to the menu:-

Week 1, Tuesday—the sausages no longer have a BBQ sauce.

Please remember to tell us straight away if your child has decided to have packed lunches, even if it is only for one day. The school has to pay for all lunches ordered, even if they are not eaten.

### Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
<b>Autumn Term 1</b>		
16 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival Assembly	9.10am
21 <sup>st</sup> October	Open Morning - English. More details to follow	
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Last day of term	
<b>Autumn Term 2</b>		
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	First day of Autumn Term 2	8.45am
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Individual school photos – more details to follow	
4 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA Meeting – school staff room	7.30pm
5 <sup>th</sup> November	Sapphire Class Cake Sale	3.00pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Travelling Book Fair	
6 <sup>th</sup> November	Year Two visit to the Theatre in Woking – more details to follow	11.00am-3.00pm
19 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Shopping Evening	6.00pm-8.30pm
20 <sup>th</sup> November	Year One and Two Flu Vaccination (for those children with signed permission slips)	
26 <sup>th</sup> November	Pied Piper Theatre visiting the children	
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Christmas Craft Club - more details to follow	3.00pm
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Production with Toddlers - more details to follow	
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Production - more details to follow	
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Production followed by PTA Raffle - more details to follow	
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas lunch for the children – more details to follow	12.00pm
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Service at St Peter's Church – more details to follow	
17 <sup>th</sup> December	School Disco – more details to follow	5.00pm-6.30pm
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Wear a Christmas Jumper for Save the Children – more details to follow	
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of the autumn term, school finishes at 1.15pm	

#### Inset Days (School closed to children)

6<sup>th</sup> June

### Year Two Parents

Parents with children in Year 2 will need to apply for a Junior School place for next September, even if they are going to Walsh Junior School. Please go to [www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions) to apply on-line. You need to do this *before* 15th January 2016.

Similarly, if you have a sibling starting school in September 2016, you will also need to apply for a space for them *before* 15<sup>th</sup> January. Please remember to select the 'sibling' box on the application form.

Please check our lost property boxes by the entrance to Year R if your child has lost any items in school.

## Parental Guidance: Art



We are extremely lucky this term to be visited by the English artist Tilly Willis. In preparation, last term children looked at Tilly's painting '*Woman Walking*', and used it to inspire their own artwork. Tilly has travelled extensively in Africa and her art is inspired by her travels. When you and your child/ren next visit an interesting place, look out for things that children might wish to recreate as piece of art. This practises the skill of observation and encourages children to actively take in their surroundings. They may want to take a photograph, which could be used to create a drawing, collage or painting later at home.

If you would like to find out more about Tilly Willis and see some more examples of her work, you could visit her website:  
[www.tillywillis.com](http://www.tillywillis.com)

Mrs Winkworth  
Art Subject Leader

# Parental Guidance



## *PTA Christmas Shopping Evening*

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November from 6.00pm-8.30pm we will be holding our very popular Christmas Shopping Evening in the school hall.

This year we have a wide variety of stalls, which are perfect for kick starting your Christmas shopping! These include:

- Fairy Doors (brilliant for those doing Elf on the Shelf!)
- Usborne Books
- Forever Living
- Handmade candles
- Beauty stalls and treatments
- Hogs Back Brewery
- Phoenix Cards
- Sweets and fudge
- Handmade cards
- Personalised CD recordings
- Christmas Decorations
- Jewellery stores

Plus many more! We will have a craft table set up for children to do Christmas crafts whilst you browse the stalls.

We have a couple more tables available, so if you would like to book one please contact Mrs Thorn in the school office or email [info@walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk).



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