



Headteacher's Message

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This week the Governors and I have started start exploring one of the three key areas that parents requested they would most like to change about this school.

Understanding Working Parents Views

A Governor working party has been formed and they would like to invite all working parents to a meeting on Thursday 4th May at 7.00pm in the school hall .

The Governors will have some questions to guide the discussion but there will be plenty of opportunity to share your views and any good ideas on how to address some of your concerns. In preparation for the meeting we would also like you to talk to parents at other schools to see if we can learn from them.

The Governors will then report back to Mrs Wall and myself so that we are able to consider the suggestions.

If you are able to attend this working party please email office@walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk so that we can organised catering arrangements.

If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to submit a question or point of view please use the email address above. All emails will be shared as part of the workshop.

Have a nice weekend.

Mrs Cawson, Headteacher

School Lunches

Week commencing 13th March we will be on Week 3 of the dinner menu. Please let Mrs Tinkler know if you would like to change any of your child's choices by emailing office@walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk.

Year One Phonics Workshop

We would like to invite you to a Phonics Screening Workshop on **Tuesday 14th March** from 2.30-3.00pm.

This is an opportunity for you to gain an understanding of how the Year One Phonics Screening Programme works and how you can support your child at home. An invitation has also been sent to the parents of Year Two children who did not reach the pass mark in Year One.

If you are unable to find someone to look after your pre-school children, you are welcome to bring them along to this workshop as it is not being held in class.

If you are able to attend, please come to the main reception area at 2.30pm. Please remember there is no parking on-site and buggies will need to be left outside the building for health and safety reasons.

If you are unable to attend the workshop we will provide notes in parental guidance.

Parent Support Group

Parents of children who are on our Special Educational Needs and Disability Register are invited to an informal coffee morning on Wednesday 15th March at 9am for approximately one hour. The coffee morning is being held in school.

We have invited Sally Phethean, our Surrey Behaviour Advisor, to lead a question and answer session for parents about behavioural strategies for children with special needs. I am sure you will find the session invaluable as Sally has a wealth of experience and knowledge on how best to support children with special needs. Please let Mrs Thorn know if you would like to attend.

Weekly Newsletter

Mother's Day Assembly

We would like to invite all Mothers and Grandmothers to a Mothering Sunday Assembly on **Friday 24th March** from 9.10am to 9.40am in the school hall.

Please take a seat in the hall after dropping your child off. We are only able to accommodate **Mothers and Grandmothers** on this occasion due to space constraints and health and safety. We would prefer to have this as an adult only performance but if you are unable to sort out childcare you are welcome to bring your child to the assembly. However, we would ask that you take them to the Library if they are being noisy and you need to settle them. Some of our younger children have very small voices and it is difficult to hear them if there is a lot of background noise, so for everyone's enjoyment, we ask that this is adhered to. You are welcome to return to the hall when your child has quietened down.

Please note that there is no parental parking on-site, at the Library or the Pub and please do not use the parking spaces outside the hairdressers. Please park responsibly in the area, showing consideration for our neighbours by not blocking drives or paths or you may be asked to move.

Easter Competitions

A template has been sent home today for children to decorate an Easter Basket which they will then use to collect eggs at our Easter Egg Hunt on the last day of term. Please return completed baskets to school before 27th March. A collection basket will be left outside of each classroom. Please ensure that your child's basket is named.

In the Index to Inclusion that the children completed, many of them asked for more colouring, so we have also sent home an Easter picture for your child to colour in and enter into our colouring competition. If your child would like to enter, please return the named picture before 27th March.



Diamond Class Cake Sale

Our next cake sale for Diamond Class is on **30th March at 3.00pm**. Please could mummies and daddies of Diamond class donate cakes on this day. If you are able to help on the day, please let Mrs Thorn know.

All money raised will go directly to the class to buy games for Golden Time and wet play.

Year R Farm Visit

We have arranged for Miller's Ark Mobile Farm to visit our Year R children on **27th March** at school. Please could you ensure that reply slips are returned to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

Year R Moving on in Phonics Workshop

We would like to invite you to a Moving on in Phonics Workshop on **Wednesday 29th March** from 2.30-3.00pm.

This is an opportunity for you to gain an understanding of how we teach the next steps in phonics and how you can support your child at home.

If you are able to attend, please come to the main reception area at 2.30pm. Please remember there is no parking on-site.

Living Eggs

Next week we will be taking delivery of our 'living eggs' and the children will enjoy seeing the eggs hatch and the chicks grow over a 10 day period. Understandably there will be a great deal of excitement and we hope that they talk to you about it at home!

Legoland Trip

A letter has been sent home recently to Year Two parents about our upcoming trip to Legoland on **Thursday 23rd March**. Please can you ensure that permission slips are returned to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

After School Clubs

Just to remind you that the final Emerald Class **Puzzle Club** is on Wednesday 15th March.

Mrs Brett's Year Two **Sports Club** will not run on 16th or 21st March. The last one is on Thursday 30th March.

Choir Club for Year One and Two will continue every Tuesday as usual.

Parental Guidance

This week we have provided you some information on infection control from the Public Health Agency which we hope you will find useful.

Rashes and skin infections	Exclusion period from school	Comments
Chickenpox*	Five days from the onset of rash	Do not give Ibuprofen
Cold sores, (Herpes simplex)	None	Avoid kissing and contact with the sores. Cold sores are generally mild
German measles (rubella)*	Six days from onset of rash	Preventable by immunisation (MMR x 2 doses).
Hand, foot and mouth	None	Exclusion may be considered in some circumstances
Impetigo	Until lesions are crusted and healed, or 48 hours after commencing antibiotic treatment	Antibiotic treatment speeds healing and reduces the infectious period
Measles*	Four days from onset of rash	Preventable by vaccination (MMR x 2).
Molluscum contagiosum	None	A self-limiting condition
Ringworm	Exclusion not usually required	Treatment is required
Roseola (infantum)	None	None
Scabies	Child can return after first treatment	Household and close contacts require treatment
Scarlet fever*	Child can return 24 hours after commencing appropriate antibiotic treatment	Antibiotic treatment recommended for the affected child
Slapped cheek (fifth disease or parvovirus B19)	None	
Shingles	Exclude only if rash is weeping and cannot be covered	Can cause chickenpox in those who are not immune i.e. have not had chickenpox.
Warts and verrucae	None	Verrucae should be covered in swimming pools, gymnasiums and changing rooms

Diarrhoea and vomiting illness	Exclusion period from school
Diarrhoea and/or vomiting	48 hours from last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting
E. coli O157, VTEC*, Typhoid* [and paratyphoid*], (enteric fever), Shigella*, (dysentery)	Should be excluded for 48 hours from the last episode of diarrhoea
Cryptosporidiosis*	Exclude for 48 hours from the last episode of diarrhoea

Respiratory infections	Exclusion period from school	Comments
Flu (influenza)	Until recovered	See: Vulnerable children
Tuberculosis*	Always consult the Duty Room	Requires prolonged close contact for spread
Whooping cough* (pertussis)	Five days from commencing antibiotic treatment, or 21 days from onset of illness if no antibiotic treatment	Preventable by vaccination. After treatment, non-infectious coughing may continue for many weeks.

Infection Control (Continued)

Other infections	Exclusion from school	Comments
Conjunctivitis	None	Visit the local chemist as they may give you some antibiotic drops.
Diphtheria *	Exclusion is essential, including family members.	Preventable by vaccination.
Glandular fever	None	
Head lice	None	Treatment is recommended only in cases where live lice have been seen
Hepatitis A*	Exclude until seven days after onset of jaundice (or seven days after symptom onset if no jaundice)	
Hepatitis B*, C, HIV/AIDS	None	Hepatitis B and C and HIV are bloodborne viruses that are not infectious through casual contact.
Meningococcal meningitis*/ septicaemia*	Until recovered	Meningitis C is preventable by vaccination.
Meningitis* due to other bacteria	Until recovered	Hib and pneumococcal meningitis are preventable by vaccination.
Meningitis viral*	None	Milder illness.
MRSA	None	
Mumps*	Exclude child for five days after onset of swelling	Preventable by vaccination (MMR x 2 doses)
Threadworms	None	Treatment is recommended for the child and household contacts
Tonsillitis	None	There are many causes, but most cases are due to viruses and do not need an antibiotic

The key methods of preventing the spread of infections are by:

- Routine immunisation
- High standards of personal hygiene and practice, particularly handwashing so please encourage your child to wash their hands regularly with warm water and soap.

Further information can be found at http://www.publichealth.hscni.net/sites/default/files/A2%20Schools%20poster_1.pdf. The information is regularly updated so it is always worth taking a look.

If you have any questions or concerns about exclusion periods, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

* denotes a notifiable disease.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
	Spring Term 2	
14th March	Year One Phonics Screening Workshop	2.30pm
15th March	SEN Workshop with behaviour specialist	9.00am-10.00am
20th March	Early Parent's Evening	
21st March	PTA Meeting (School staff room)	7.30pm-8.30pm
23rd March	Year Two Trip to Legoland— late return to school	9.15am-4.00pm
23rd March	Ruby Class Lunch—invitation sent home recently	11.55am-12.30pm
24th March	Mothering Sunday Assembly (more details to follow)	9.00am-10.00am
27th March	Miller's Ark Farm coming to visit Early Years (please note date change)	All day
27th March	Deadline for receipt of Easter colouring competition entries and chick baskets.	
29th March	Year R—Moving on in Phonics Workshop	2.30pm
30th March	Diamond Class Cake Sale	3.00pm
30th March	Year One Spring Celebration Day	
31st March	Last day of term	1.15pm finish
	Summer Term 1	
18th April	Start of Summer Term	8.45am
20th April	Year Two—Preparing for SATs Workshop	2.30pm
4th May	Governor meeting with working parents	7.00pm
	Summer Term 2	
7th July	Sports Day	Timings to follow
10th July	Cycle Training for Year Two—more details to follow	All day
17th July	Year Two Leavers Assembly (more details to follow)	1.30pm-2.30pm

2016/2017 Inset Days (School closed to children)

5th June 2017
21st July 2017

2017/2018 Inset Days (School closed to children)

4th September 2017