



Headteacher's Message

We hope that you all enjoyed our Christmas Performance this week.

The children worked really hard over the past few weeks and we are very proud of their efforts.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Cawson, Headteacher

Christmas School Disco

On 17th December, our lovely PTA team will be hosting a Christmas School Disco. A flyer has recently been sent home about this.

This year we thought we would trial inviting pre-school children with a view to getting them used to being in a school environment. If you would like your pre-schooler to come along you would be most welcome to bring them. If they would like a drink and a biscuit, there will be a charge of 50p on the door to cover costs.

Please note that *all* children under 5 (including school children) need to be accompanied by an adult.



Save the Children Day

On 18th December, your child is welcome to join with the staff and come into school wearing a Christmas jumper or Christmas coloured clothing – this is optional. If they are wearing Christmas clothing they do not need to wear school uniform on this day.

Should you wish to make a donation to Save the Children, please hand it to a member of staff or hand it in at the school office. Again this is optional.

Christmas Service

IMPORTANT!

Weather permitting, we will be walking all the children to Church for a Christmas Service on 16th December. We will be leaving school at 1.15pm. *During this time the school will be locked and unmanned as all staff will be attending church with the children.*



Children who attend after school clubs will be walked back to school by staff. *If you are able to help with the walk to church, please let Mrs Thorn know.*

If you are not walking to church with the children, you will need to collect your child from St Peter's Church at 2.45pm on this day. Please wait outside the main door until we open it, you can then collect your child and leave through the exit on the left hand side of the church.

Cribs

The children have been busy making some beautiful cribs. We are so impressed with their work that we will be putting it on display in the school hall at 3.00pm on Thursday 17th December.

You would be most welcome to come along and take a look once you have collected your child. Please come through the main entrance.

Raffle Tickets

Thank you so much to everyone who purchased raffle tickets for our Christmas Hamper Drawer. We will let you know in due course how much money was raised.

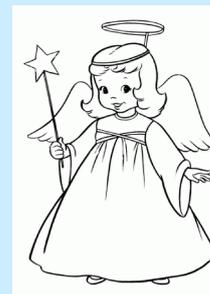
If you have won a prize and have not yet collected it, please come to the school office before the end of term to collect it.

Christmas Angel Competition Winners

We hope you liked our wonderful display of Christmas Angels on our Christmas Tree in the school hall. We were so pleased that so many children took part and it was really difficult for us to choose the best ones. The winners of each category were chosen by our School Councillors.



Most Angelic — Sarah Dibsall
Most Sparkly — Ella Farrier
Sapphire Class Winner — Amy Saville
Emerald Class Winner — Luke Slight
Diamond Class Winner — Anastasia Ashdowne
Ruby Class Winner — Paul Armitage
Gold Class Winner — Poppy Chua
Silver Class Winner — Zane Bell



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.

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. We have recently donated another large sack of bottle tops to milk bottle tops for Air Ambulances.

Ruby Class Cake Sale

The Ruby Class Cake Sale is on 17th December. Please could parents of Ruby Class children donate cakes for Ruby Class to sell after school on this day.



The children will help to decide what the money raised is spent on. Thank you.

School Uniform

On January 15th we will be having a second hand uniform sale in the school hall after drop off. If you would like to buy some second hand uniform please come along.

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

Bags2School

Thank you so much to everyone who donated unwanted clothing to be recycled. They only just about fitted everything in the van that came to collect! We will let you know in due course how much money was raised.

Christmas Cards

Our Christmas post boxes are open for children to send cards to their friends. There are three post boxes, one for each year group and they are placed near to the classrooms of each year group.

If your child is sending cards to their entire class, please ask them to place them in the baskets outside of the respective classrooms rather than putting them in the post box. Thank you.

Coolmilk

All children under the age of 5 are entitled to a carton of milk every day. When our Reception children started school we registered them all to receive milk everyday and they will continue to do so until their 5th birthday.

As they turn 5, they automatically come off the free school milk list so if your child wishes to continue having milk every day you will need to register on the Coolmilk Website which is www.coolmilk.com.

Once the registration is complete, your child should start to receive milk again approximately 10 days later.

Lost Property

If your child has lost a jumper, coat, scarf etc, have a look in the lost property basket by the entrance that you come in through in the morning. There is a small box there which contains smaller items such as hair bands, hair clips and little trinkets which have been left around school.

Named items are returned to their owners, so please do ensure that your child's name is clear on all of their belongings.

Managing Medication

If your child needs to take medication during school hours, such as antibiotics, please ensure that an adult brings it to the office, clearly labelled with the child's name, and in the original bottle or packet. You will then be asked to complete a form informing us of the details of the dosage and the frequency. If your child needs antibiotics 3 times a day, it is better to administer it before school, immediately after school and before bed, in order to avoid disruption during the school day and to ensure that the medication is not left at school overnight by mistake.

If it is necessary to administer it during the school day, please ask your pharmacist to split the medicine across two bottles so that you can have a bottle at home and a bottle at school. We do have a fridge to keep medicines in if necessary.

If your child needs an inhaler, please ask your doctor to write you a prescription for a second inhaler to keep at school. Please ensure that the Inhaler is brought into school in its original box so that it is clear who it has been prescribed too. Any spacers need to be clearly marked with your child's name.

For Health and Safety reasons we cannot give any medication to your child to take home, or to put in their book bags. It has to be given to an adult. If you are unable to split the medication, please collect it from the school office at the end of the day.

If your child attends Breakfast Club, please speak to Mrs Johnson who will give you the medication form to complete and will take the medication from you in order to ensure that it is transferred safely to school.

We are unable to administer any un-prescribed medication, such as Calpol, Ibuprofen or Piriton and we do not keep these at school. If your child is likely to need these medicines on a regular basis, you will need to ask your doctor to prescribe some for your child or write a letter to the school. If these medications are prescribed by the doctor and required infrequently by your child, we will need to contact you before administering them to ensure that you have not already given it to your child before school. If you have not given them medication before school, we will notify you of the time that we have administered the medication so you know to allow an adequate window before giving another dose.

If your child needs occasional un-prescribed medication, you are welcome to pop into school and administer it yourself when needed. This is typically for coughs and colds.

Please note that cough or throat sweets are not permitted in school. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ring the school office on 01252 321426 or email info@walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk.



Parental Guidance

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
	Autumn Term 2	
16 th December	Christmas lunch for the children	12.00pm
16 th December	Christmas Service at St Peter's Church. Please collect your child from St Peter's Church on this day.	1.15pm-2.45pm
17 th December	Ruby Class Cake Sale in the playground	3.00pm
17 th December	School Disco	5.00pm-6.30pm
18 th December	Wear a Christmas Jumper for Save the Children	
18 th December	Last day of the autumn term	1.15pm close
	Spring Term 1	
5 th January	First day of the spring term	8.45am

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

3rd May
6th June
21st July
22nd July