



Headteacher's Message

This week we would like to say well done and thank you to Alex Walters for encouraging us all to support Freddie's Friday. Together with your support, Alex has been able to give the campaign over £200! Well done Alex and thank you to everyone who contributed.

I am also delighted to welcome Mrs Victoria Retallack our new Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Co-ordinator and Inclusion Manager. Her first priorities are to meet all parents who have children on our SEND register and then she will be available to meet with any other parents who have any questions or concerns.

Mrs Retallack will be in school on Mondays and Wednesdays, so if you would like to make an appointment to see her please speak to the school office.

Have a lovely weekend.
Mrs Suzanne Cawson

Cold Weather



Now the weather is colder please can you ensure that your child comes to school with a named winter coat every day. Please ensure that any hats and gloves are clearly named too.

Remembrance

Thank you very much to Mrs Ellis, Mrs Stewart and Mrs Wakefield and their respective teams for helping to sell Poppies and Remembrance memorabilia in the past week.

We will let you know in due course how much money was raised.

On-line Safety Workshop

On 15th November we will be holding an On-line Safety Workshop at school. The purpose of the workshop is to show parents how the children are taught about on-line safety in school and how parents can help to keep them safe on-line at home.

The workshop will take place at 2.30pm in the ICT Suite. If you would like to attend please come to our reception area at 2.30pm. This is open to all year groups.

Please remember there is no parking on the school site and if you need to park in the local area please park responsibly.

School Photos

Photos have been sent home in book bags for parents to see. If you would like to order any, please return the paperwork with the correct money or a cheque (instructions are found on the paperwork) before Friday 18th November. You can also order them on-line directly.

Any photographs that have been ordered will be sent out in school book bags during the first week of December.

Important dates to remember: 18th November

School Lunches

Week commencing 14th November we will be on Week 3 of the new dinner menu.

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Christmas Craft Club

A flyer will be going home in book bags on today for our Christmas Craft Club which will be taking place on 7th December from 3.00pm-4.30pm.

There are 60 spaces available and they will be strictly allocated on a first come, first serve basis, upon receipt of the permission slip and the correct payment (we do not hold change in school).

It is possible for you to pay for this on-line, but you will still need to return the permission slip to school in order for your child to take part.

We will be asking for parent helpers to help the children to make their decorations, so if you are available to help please can you indicate so on the form.

Tickets will be sent home in book bags week commencing 21st November.

Travelling Book Fair

From **21st to the 23rd 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 school book club will be given the opportunity to purchase books from at the Fair. We will also be opening up the Fair to parents in the afternoons from 2.40pm Monday through to Wednesday should they wish to take a look. The Fair will take place in the ICT Suite. If you would like to come along, please come to reception at 2.40pm on these days.

If your child would like to save some money to spend at the Fair in school, please put the money along with their name, class and the amount on an envelope and post it in the post box in the reception area. A member of staff will then help your child choose some suitable books.

We need a couple of parent helpers per day to help out from Monday 21st through to Wednesday 23rd November from 2.30pm to approximately 3.15pm. If you are able to help please let Mrs Thorn know in the school office.

Thank you in advance!



Christmas Performances

As we only have a limited space in the hall and we want to cater for as many families as possible, we are running three separate performances and a maximum of two tickets will be allocated per family for one performance of their choice (subject to availability).

Our performance on Tuesday is for families and pre-school children. If a pre-schooler attends they will either need their own ticket or they will need to sit on a parent's lap. Pre-schoolers are not permitted on any other day.

Our Christmas Performances this year will be on:

Tuesday 13th December – 9.15am. Adults and children

Wednesday 14th December – 9.15am. Adults only, no children

Thursday 15th December – 1.30pm. Adults only, no children and our Christmas raffle will be drawn

A letter will be going home shortly advising you how to book tickets for our Christmas Performance.

We will have a waiting list for additional tickets, which will again be allocated on a first come, first served basis after we have allocated tickets to all of the families who want them. Full details will be provided on the letter that we will be sending home.

Parent Helpers

We would really like some more parent helpers in school. Parent helpers are a very important part of school life as, without them, we would be unable to offer a variety of things, such as providing a lending library for our families and assisting us on school trips. Parent helpers enable us to give children extra reading time with an adult and test Year One children on their spellings more frequently. We are very grateful to everyone who gives up their time to help.

If you are interested in helping, please speak to your child's teacher or Mrs Thorn in the school office. A DBS check will be required before starting at school.

The National Curriculum For Design Technology for our aged children includes cooking!

Cooking and nutrition

As part of their work with food, pupils should be taught how to cook and apply the principles of nutrition and healthy eating. Instilling a love of cooking in pupils will also open a door to one of the great expressions of human creativity. Learning how to cook is a crucial life skill that enables pupils to feed themselves and others affordably and well, now and in later life.

In Key Stage 1, pupils are taught to:

- * use the basic principles of a healthy and varied diet to prepare dishes
- * understand where food comes from.

Top 10 tips for cooking with kids

Most kids love to cook, it is hands on, it is messy and there is plenty of room for creativity, not to mention a sense of achievement at the end. Teach your kids this life skill and you really will set them up for life, combine it with making their meal and you have set them up for the day too. Here are ten tips that will help you and your kids enjoy cooking together:

1/ Take your time

2/ Expect a lot of mess

3/ Plan ahead - select an appropriate recipe, one that they will enjoy and that involves plenty of activities that are suitable for their age. Make sure you have all the ingredients and equipment at the ready.

4/ Get them ready - put them in clothes you don't mind getting dirty (!), put an apron on and tie back long hair.

5/ Teach children about food hygiene - ensure they wash their hands beforehand and in between touching raw and cooked or ready-to-eat foods.

6/ Talk through the recipe - with older children, you can get them to read out the steps beforehand and get out what will be needed, talk through the processes and plan who is going to do what. With younger children, simply explain what you are making and show any pictures to help with understanding and a sense of purpose.

7/ Learning opportunities - as you are cooking, talk about ingredients and their origins, cooking processes and techniques. Cooking can be a great way to learn about science, geography and maths (through weighing) in a practical way. It is good for fine motor skills and coordination too. [More about learning through food.](#)

8/ Touching and tasting - this will make the experience more enjoyable for them, encourage more adventurous eating plus it is a good opportunity to teach children which foods are safe to eat raw.

9/ Age and ability - many children's recipes have age guidelines but look at your own child and recognise what they are capable of doing. There are always activities for every child, even if it is just messing around in the sink washing vegetables and plastic containers while grown-ups and older children chop and cook.

10/ Make it fun! Children will learn to love cooking if you relax and have fun with them in the kitchen.

Here are some recipes for you to start with, all simple and written with children of different ages in mind:

[Recipes to cook with kids](#)

[Recipes for baking with kids](#)

[Cookery skills and recipes by age group](#)



Parental Guidance



Walsh Memorial Infant School

Christmas Shopping Evening

Friday 18th November from 6-8pm

We will have on offer a wide variety of stalls including:

- Fudge, cakes and other Christmas goodies
 - Christmas decorations*
 - Jewellery stores*
 - Books*
 - Stocking fillers**
 - Beauty products and treatments*
 - Crafts, cards and wrapping paper*
- Plus many, many more!*

Come and join the fun! Everyone is welcome - bring family, friends and neighbours. Get ahead of the game and kick-start your Christmas Shopping!

There will be a craft table to keep children entertained so parents can shop in peace!



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Date	Event	Time
	Autumn Term 2	
15th November	Online Safety Workshop	2.30pm
17th November	Year Two trip to St Peter's Church	
18th November	PTA Christmas Shopping Evening	6-8pm
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 next week)	
13th, 14th, 15th December	School Christmas Performance (details on how to book tickets 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—no DBS required	2.00-3.00pm
20th December	School Disco (more information to follow)	5.00pm-6.30pm
20th December	School Christmas Lunch for children (more information to follow)	
21st December	End of Autumn Term	School closes at 1.10pm

Dates for your Diary