



Headteacher's Message



A big thank you to Mr Blair who came in to talk to the children about the significance of the poppy on Remembrance Day and to Miss Avenell who arranged our special assembly.

Thank you very much to everyone who helped sell poppies before and after school and to those who purchased them. We will let you know in due course how much we managed to raise for such a worthy cause.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Cawson, Headteacher

School Photos

Photos have been sent home for you to see. If you would like to order any, please return the paperwork with the correct money or a cheque (instructions can be found on the paperwork) before Monday 16th November. You will also have the facility to order them on-line.

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

*Important dates to remember:
Monday 16th November*



Bags2School

We are unable to take any further textile donations for a couple of weeks due to space constraints.

However, towards the end of November we will send home a bag in book bags for parents to fill with unwanted good quality textiles, paired shoes, belts, handbags and soft toys.

If you are thinking of having a pre-Christmas clear-out, this will be a great time to do it as all proceeds go towards buying resources for the children.

Church Visits

On 26th November at 9.15am Year One will be walking to St Peter's Church, returning to school at 11am. On the same day, Year Two will be walking to church, leaving at 10am, returning at 12pm. If you are able to help us walk the children to church safely, please let Mrs Thorn know in the school office.

A DBS check is not required as you will not be left unsupervised.



Operation Christmas Child

Thank you so much to everyone who has donated items so far to Operation Christmas Child. We have been overwhelmed with the generosity of the families at our school. We are pleased to say that the boxes are bursting with lovely gifts and we have sufficient money to post them. A huge thank you to Mrs Hope for facilitating this and thank you all for your support.

IMPORTANT!

Year 2 Parents

We would like to remind you that we are an Infant School and our Year 2 parents will need to apply for a place at a Junior School for next September. Please go to www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions to apply on-line. You need to do this **before 15th January 2016.**

If you do not have access to the Internet, please pop along to the school office and we will give you a paper copy of the application form.

Weekly Newsletter

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*Allocation of tickets for this year's Christmas
Performance
'Born in a Barn'*



Date of performance you wish to attend	Date to collect tickets
Tuesday 8 th December – 9.15am. Adults and children	Monday 23 rd November
Wednesday 9 th December – 9.15am. Adults only, no children	Tuesday 24 th November
Thursday 10 th December – 1.30pm. Adults only, no children—Raffle drawn	Thursday 26 th November

Please collect your tickets from the school office from 8.30am on these dates.
Tickets are **strictly** two per family. Tickets are issued on a first come, first served basis.

If you are unable to book tickets on the allocated collection dates, please call the school office after 10am on the date specified above. Thank you.



Letters to Santa



Our Christmas post box is located in the corridor opposite the staff room if your child would like to send their letters to Santa.

If you need a copy of the letter that went home about this, please let Mrs Thorn in the school office know.

Parent Interviews

Parent Interviews are being held on 19th November from 6.00pm-8.30pm.

If you have not yet booked an appointment to see your child's teacher, please see Mrs Thorn in the school office.

Important dates to remember: 19th November

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 two large sacks of bottle tops to Milk Bottle Tops for Air Ambulances and we would like to continue supporting this worthy cause.

Sapphire Class Cake Sale

We are delighted to tell you that Sapphire Class raised £65.20 at their recent cake sale. All proceeds go directly to the class. Thank you very much to everyone who donated cakes and helped to sell them on the day.

Next up is Ruby Class on 17th December.

Easyfundraising Colouring Competition

Thank you for all the fabulous entries to our Christmas Colouring Competition. We are delighted to tell you that it was a very close call, but the overall winner was Khadidja Zeggane who will be given a prize on Monday. Runners up were Sam Wilson, Ava Reeks and Bailey Campbell-Cane—well done to them. Khadidja's poster will be used to advertise Easyfundraising over the Christmas period.

Please do not forget to use the Easyfundraising shop if you are doing **any** shopping online. You can register at www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/wmipta. **This really does make a difference** to the money that we have to spend on resources for the children, so please do support us.

Parking

Residents of Oak Trees have asked that you do not park there as it is creating a lot of problems in the morning when residents are trying to leave. Please ensure that you park responsibly and with consideration in the surrounding area.

Noticeboard

Have you seen our noticeboard in the playground next to the Year One exit?



Science

Children are naturally inquisitive and enjoy exploring, asking questions and finding out. Science is all about asking questions, observing, reflecting and evaluating. When your child asks you a question, instead of giving the answer straight away, ask open ended questions such as:

- Why do you think that?
- How do you think it happened?
- 'What else could you try?

These questions will help to develop your child's ability to think, observe more closely, give time for reflection and probably inspire further questions!

Autumn is the perfect time to go on a countryside walk and gather natural materials. You can help your child identify and sort (classify) the materials that are collected and develop their observation skills by looking closely at the materials found. Autumn is also a perfect time to identify evergreen and deciduous trees. The new science curriculum requires your child to identify and name some trees, so perhaps a simple leaf/ tree guide will help you with this as you enjoy your autumn walk.

Check out www.woodlandtrust.org.uk Seven fun things to do with Autumn leaves, plus other activities for you to do outdoors.

Other websites that have ideas for science at home -

www.science-sparks.com ideas for science in the kitchen with everyday foods

www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/educators/teaching/kitchen_science

Parental Guidance

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
	Autumn Term 2	
19th November	Late Parents Evening for those with appointments	6.00pm—8.30pm
19 th November	Christmas Shopping Evening	6.00pm-8.30pm
20 th November	Year One and Two Flu Vaccination (for those children with signed permission slips)	All day
23rd November	Collection of tickets for Christmas performance on 8th December	8.30am
24th November	Collection of tickets for Christmas performance on 9th December	8.30am
26th November	Collection of tickets for Christmas performance on 10th December	8.30am
26th November	Year One and Two visit to St Peter's Church—see earlier note	
26 th November	Pied Piper Theatre visiting the children	Afternoon
27 th November	Mufti Day for hamper donations (more details to follow)	
27 th November	Volunteer Coffee Morning for those with DBS checks (more details to follow).	9.30am
3 rd December	Christmas Craft Club - more details to follow	3.00pm
8 th December	Christmas Production—pre school children permitted	9.15am
9 th December	Christmas Production—Adults only	9.15am
10 th December	Christmas Production followed by PTA Raffle - Adults only	1.30pm
16 th December	Christmas lunch for the children – more details to follow	12.00pm
16 th December	Christmas Service at St Peter's Church – more details to follow	
17 th December	School Disco – more details to follow	5.00pm-6.30pm
18 th December	Wear a Christmas Jumper for Save the Children—more details to follow	
18 th December	Last day of the autumn term	1.15pm close

Inset Days (School closed to children)

6th June
22nd July

Two further dates will be announced shortly.

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!

One of our major events, our Christmas Shopping Evening, takes place next week and we hope that as many people come along to support us, so **encourage as many people as possible to come along**—everyone is welcome! It coincides with late Parent Interviews, so we hope that you will be able to pop in and see the many stalls we have on offer.

There will be a craft table there too to keep children entertained. Please do pop along and take a peek at what is on offer.



Walsh Memorial Infant School *Christmas Shopping Evening*

Thursday 19th November, 6-8pm

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

- *Fudge, cakes and other Christmas goodies*
 - *Christmas decorations*
 - *Fairy Doors*
 - *Christmas gifts*
 - *Jewellery stores*
 - *Books*
 - *Stocking fillers*
 - *Hogs Back Brewery gifts*
 - *Beauty products and treatments*

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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