



Headteacher's Message

It was lovely to see so many families at our Harvest Festival Assembly this morning. We were very proud of the children's performance and they all behaved beautifully.

Thank you for your generous donations to the Foodbank. The gentleman who collected them this morning was surprised by how much we had collected.

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Jefferson (mother of Miles) is remaining as a Parent Governor. We are still looking for two more Parent Governors so if you are interested in this role please speak to the school office.

Have a nice weekend!
Mrs Suzanne Cawson



Meal Choices

Please return your child's meal choices form by **Monday 17th October**, if you have not already done so. Thank you for your co-operation.

School Lunches

Week commencing 17th October we will be on **Week 3** of the dinner menu. After half term we be using the new menu.

Just to remind you that if your child has school dinners and they are going to be late, please call the school office before 9.15am so that we know to order a lunch for them.

Class of 2016 Photo

Our Year R children's photograph in the Surrey Advertiser today, so be sure to buy a copy!

Open Morning

An invitation has recently been sent home for our English Open Morning on Wednesday 19th October from 9am to 10am. This is an opportunity for you to see an English lesson being taught in your child's class.

If you would like to come along, please wait in the school hall after dropping your child off and wait there until you are called to your child's classroom. The lesson should last around an hour.

Please do not bring pre-school children to this event as it is a working lesson and it causes distractions for our children.

Please remember there is no parental parking on-site. Please park responsibly in the area.

PTA Family Quiz and Chips Night

Orders will be closing this afternoon for our Family Quiz and Chips Night on Thursday 20th October.

If you would like to join us and you would like us to order food for you, please send your form in before 3pm today.

If you wish to come for the Quiz only, you can send your form in before Tuesday 18th October.

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Coming into School

Our Year One and Year Two children are doing really well coming into school on their own in the mornings and we would like to encourage them to continue with this as it helps them to develop their independence and allows us to settle them more quickly in class.

Very soon we would like to start our Year R children coming in on their own. We will be setting up a sticker chart for them in their classrooms and we will be giving them lots of praise when they do come in. You would be surprised how the promise of a sticker will send them running into school by themselves! Please give your child lots of encouragement to do this when they are ready, as will we.

Sapphire Class Cake Sale

Every year, each class has the opportunity to raise funds to spend on equipment for their classroom via a cake sale. Typically they purchase games for wet play or for golden time. The children help choose what will be purchased.

In order to do this, we ask parents to donate cakes which are sold after school on the date specified. These can be shop bought or home made cakes and all funds go directly to the class concerned.

First up this year is Sapphire Class who will be selling cakes after school on Friday 4th November at 3pm in the playground.



Parent Interviews

On Monday 7th November (early slots) and on Wednesday 23rd November (evening slots) you will have the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss their progress.

On **Thursday 20th October**, we will be putting sign-up sheets out in the playground at drop-off time. If your child attends breakfast club, or you have more than one child in school, you will be able to contact us before hand to arrange an appointment.

After School Clubs

Please find below information on our after school clubs:

Tuesday: Mrs Brett's Sport's Club from 3.00-4.00pm - this is for Year Two at the present time and is currently full. It runs from 13th September until 18th October inclusive.

Wednesday: Sporty Kidz from 3.00-4.00pm (fee paying club, open to Years One and Two). If you need a sign up sheet please speak to the school office.

Wednesday: Ms Foster's Puzzle Club for Sapphire Class. The club runs from 3pm to 3.50pm on 19th October and 2nd November (after half term).

Individual School Photos

On Wednesday 2nd November our school photographer will be coming into school to take individual photos of the children.

We will be opening the school at 8.30am for any parents who would like to have a family portrait taken or a picture of their children together. If you would like a family picture, please come to our reception area at 8.30am. You may need to queue for a short while.

Children who have siblings in school will be photographed together and individually. Parents do not need to be present, as this is done in school.

Year One Autumn Day

On **Thursday 20th October** our Year One children will be celebrating Autumn Day. On this day they are welcome to come into school dressed in coloured clothes that they believe best represent autumn, such as reds, oranges and browns.

No Halloween costumes please and children should wear clothes that are suitable for a normal school day. If they do not have any autumnal clothing, please could they wear their normal school uniform.



Getting the most from your Parent Interview

TOP TEN TIPS

1. Come prepared! There is so much to talk about and limited time so come prepared with any questions you have so you do not forget to ask them. (See below)
2. Talk to your child before you come and get their current perspective on their school day.
3. Have a positive attitude towards the teacher and listen to what they are saying.
4. Make sure you share with the teacher the things you are doing at home as learning is more successful in partnership with home and school.
5. When you are waiting have a look at your child's books (we suggest coming in 10-15 minutes before your appointment). Look back and see how much progress they have made since the beginning of the year. Look at the comments the teacher has written and enjoy some of the stories your child has written.
6. If you are confused about a piece of work or marking comment find Mrs Cawson or Mrs Wall.
7. If you are worried about something then please make a follow up appointment during the interview so we can deal with your issue.
8. After the interview pass on lots of positives that the teacher has said as children can get anxious that you have spoken to their class teacher.
9. Remember to try and carry out the suggestions your teacher has given you at home.
10. Some suggested questions to ask could be...
 - * What is my child like in class?
 - * How does my child respond to structure, rules and directions?
 - * How does my child interact with others?
 - * What are my child's strengths and weaknesses?
 - * Are there any indicators of academic problems?
 - * What subject does my child seem to enjoy most?
 - * Is my child well prepared for class?
 - * What can we do at home to reinforce what is being taught in the classroom?



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!

If you are interested in hosting a table please email

walshinfantspta@gmail.com



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Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
Autumn Term 1		
19th October	English Open Morning	9-10am
20th October	Family Quiz and Chips night (see flyer that has been sent home)	5.00-7.00pm
21st October	Last day of Autumn Term 1	3.00pm
31st October	Inset Day	
Autumn Term 2		
1st November	First day of Autumn Term 2 (due to Inset Day on 31st October)	8.45am
2nd November	Year R Phonics Workshop	2.30pm
2nd November	Individual School Photos	
3rd November	PTA Meeting in the school staff room (all welcome)	7.30pm
4th November	Sapphire Class Cake Sale	3.00pm
7th November	Parent Interviews—Early slots	
8th November	Year One Trip to the Fast Museum	
15th November	eSafety Workshop (more details to follows)	2.30pm
18th November	PTA Christmas Shopping Evening	
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)	
13th, 14th, 15th December	School Christmas Performance (details 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)	
20th December	School Christmas Lunch for children (more information to follow)	
21st December	End of Autumn Term	School closes at 1.10pm