



Headteacher's Message

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Harvest Festival Assembly this morning. It was lovely to see such a good turn-out.

As always, the children did us proud. We hope you enjoyed their performance.

Thank you for all your generous donations. The food donations will be passed to the Junior School to go to the Food Bank and the monetary donations will be sent to Christian Aid.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Cawson, Headteacher

Literacy Open Morning

On Wednesday 21st October we are hosting a Literacy Open Morning at school from 9.00-10.00am.

This is an opportunity for you to sit with your child in class whilst they are given a literacy lesson.

If you would like to attend, please wait in the school hall immediately after drop off. Once the register has been taken you will be called to your child's classroom.

The PTA are running a Crèche in the school hall for pre-school children. They will come and find you if your child is upset. Please note that pre-schoolers are not allowed in the classrooms as they pose too much of a distraction for our children.

Please remember there is no parental parking on-site, at the Greyhound Pub or in the Library. If you need to park in the surrounding area please do responsibly.

No pushchairs or buggies are allowed in the building for health and safety reasons.

Important date: 21st October



Autumn Celebration Day

(Year One only)

On Monday 19th October, our **Year One** children will be having an Autumn Celebration day and we would like children to come to school dressed up in autumnal colours. These could be reds, oranges or yellows, or anything that is fitting for the season. Children can be dressed from head to toe in these colours or just wear a coloured jumper with school trousers/skirt for example. Normal school uniform for all other year groups please.

Strictly no Halloween costumes please as we are a Church School and we do not celebrate Halloween.



Sapphire Class Cake Sale

The Sapphire Class cake sale will be on 5th November in the playground at 3pm.

Please could parents and carers donate cakes on this day for our helpers to sell. All proceeds go directly to the class and they will decide what to spend their pennies on!

Rag Bags

Next week we will be handing out Rag Bag collection bags on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning at drop off time.

If you are having a clear out over the half term break, please place any wearable clothing, handbags or paired shoes in these bags and send them into school the first week back after half term. The school will send the bags for recycling and hopefully make some money in the process!



RM Maths—Years One and Two

We hope that your children is enjoying the RM Maths programme at home. If anyone has difficulty logging on or accessing a computer at home, please let your child’s teacher or Mrs Thorn in the school office know and we will be happy to help you out.

Mrs McKenna runs a small homework club twice a week in the ICT suite during the school day, so your child would be welcome to join this group if you are struggling to do RM Maths at home.

Year R children will be issued with an RM Maths log in and instructions in due course.



Road Safety Campaign

In the wake of an incident this week on the roads surrounding school, a Focus Group has been set up in order to take the road safety concerns of the school and the parents to the Council. The aim of the group is to push for a traffic calming scheme to be put in place to improve safety for everyone in the local area.

If you have experienced any issues on the roads or pavements in the surrounding areas, please make a note of the date, time and details of the incident and upload the details on our Facebook page Walsh Memorial C of E Infants’ PTA and a member of our focus group will pick it up. More serious incidents need to be reported to the police. If you would like to be involved in the Focus Group, please enter your details on our Facebook page.

We appreciate that parking is a challenge in the surrounding area, but please ensure that you park responsibly at all times. Please do not block driveways, cycle paths or limit the width of pavements.

Attendance

Please ensure that you call the school before 9.30am on the first day that your child is going to be absent from school.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
Autumn Term 1		
21 st October	Open Morning - English.	9.00-10.00am
23 rd October	Last day of term	3.00pm
Autumn Term 2		
2 nd November	First day of Autumn Term 2	8.45am
2 nd November	Individual school photos – more details to follow	
4 th November	PTA Meeting – school staff room	7.30pm
5 th November	Sapphire Class Cake Sale	3.00pm
2 nd – 5 th November	Travelling Book Fair	
6 th November	Year Two visit to the Theatre in Woking	11.00am-3.00pm
9 th November	Early Parents Evening—more details to follow	3.30pm-6.00pm
19 th November	Late Parents Evening—more information to follow	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
26 th November	Pied Piper Theatre visiting the children	
3 rd December	Christmas Craft Club - more details to follow	3.00pm
8 th December	Christmas Production with Toddlers - more details to follow	
9 th December	Christmas Production - more details to follow	
10 th December	Christmas Production followed by PTA Raffle - more details to follow	
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, school finishes at 1.15pm	

Inset Days (School closed to children)

6th June
22nd July

Two further dates will be announced shortly.

National School Meals Week

2nd-6th November 2015

'Eating Better Together'

Please note that on Thursday 5th November there will be a menu change, as follows:-

Individual Piggy Pillows

Individual Yorkshire puddings filled with
mashed potato and Cumberland pork sausages
(or quorn sausages for vegetarians)

with peas and sweetcorn

Followed by

Steamed syrup sponge with
custard

If your child is currently having a packed lunch and would like to try a hot dinner on this day, please contact Mrs Tinkler by Wednesday 21st October.

All children who have already ordered a hot dinner for that day will be given the appropriate Red or Green meal but please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Tinkler by Wednesday 21st October if you would like to make a change to their choice.

Thank you.

Please also note that if your child wishes to change their dinner arrangements for the following week, Mrs Tinkler needs to know by the Wednesday of the previous week, as she has to order the dinners then for the following week.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the office staff.

Lates

Just to remind you that if your child is going to be late, but still requires lunch, please call the school office on 01252 321426 before 9.15 am and let us know. Otherwise we may have to ask you to bring in a packed lunch for them.

School Dinners

Parental Guidance:

The Green Cross Code

With our focus on road safety this week, we felt it would be pertinent to remind parents to teach their children the Green Cross Code.

Parents and carers play a vital part in teaching children how to cross the road safely. For children aged 5–7 it is essential to set a good example yourself. Use the Green Cross Code and teach your child how to use it, making sure that you fully explain each step and why you are doing it and ensure they fully understand what they are doing themselves.

1. First find the safest place to cross

- If possible, cross the road at: subways, footbridges, traffic islands, zebra, pelican, puffin or toucan crossings, or where there is a crossing point controlled by a police officer, a school crossing patrol or a traffic warden.
- Otherwise, choose a place where you can see clearly in all directions, and where drivers can see you.
- Try to avoid crossing between parked cars and on sharp bends or close to the top of a hill. Move to a space where drivers and riders can see you clearly.
- There should be space to reach the pavement on the other side.

2. Stop just before you get to the kerb

- Do not get too close to the traffic. If there is no pavement, keep back from the edge of the road but make sure you can still see approaching traffic.
- Give yourself lots of time to have a good look all around.

3. Look all around for traffic and listen

- Look all around for traffic and listen.
- Look in every direction.
- Listen carefully because you can sometimes hear traffic before you can see it.

4. If traffic is coming, let it pass

- Look all around again and listen.
- Do not cross until there is a safe gap in the traffic and you are certain that there is plenty of time.
- Remember, even if traffic is a long way off, it may be approaching very quickly.

5. When it is safe, go straight across the road – do not run

- Keep looking and listening for traffic while you cross, in case there is any traffic you did not see, or in case other traffic appears suddenly.
- Look out for cyclists and motorcyclists travelling between lanes of traffic.
- Do not cross diagonally.

Parental Guidance



PTA Christmas Shopping Evening

On Thursday 19th November from 6.00pm-8.30pm we will be holding our very popular Christmas Shopping Evening in the school hall.

This year we have a wide variety of stalls, which are perfect for kick starting your Christmas shopping! These include:

- Fairy Doors (brilliant for those doing Elf on the Shelf!)
- Usborne Books
- Forever Living
- Handmade candles
- Beauty stalls and treatments
- Hogs Back Brewery
- Phoenix Cards
- Sweets and fudge
- Handmade cards
- Personalised CD recordings
- Christmas Decorations
- Jewellery stores

Plus many more! We will have a craft table set up for children to do Christmas crafts whilst you browse the stalls.

We have a couple more tables available, so if you would like to book one please contact Mrs Thorn in the school office or email info@walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk.



PTA
NEWS