



### *Headteacher's Message*

Today we celebrated Father's Day in school and it was lovely to see so many Dads and Grandads spending time with the children and working their way through the various experiments that we had put out for them.

There was a lot of excitement in the hall whilst the children examined dead fish, tested items that floated and sunk and played with magic sand, to name only a few. We hope you enjoyed it.

*Have a nice weekend.*

*Mrs Cawson, Headteacher*

## Reading Challenge!

Well done to all the children who took part in our Reading Challenge last week. We are delighted to tell you that we saw an increase in the number of children taking part and these children earned an extra lap this week.

We appreciate that it is not always easy for parents to listen to their child read every day. However, even if you are able to hear them read a couple of pages, this goes a long way towards increasing a child's reading ability.

### *Ice Creams*



Weather permitting ice creams will be on sale in the playground after school today.

## Sports Day

An important date for your diary is Friday 15th July when we will be holding our annual Sports Day. We hope that as many Mums and Dads will come along and support their children.

Races will be divided into three sessions as follows:

Year R 9.30 am – 10.10 am

Year 2 10.10 am – 10.50 am

Year 1 10.50 am – 11.30 am

We have tried to arrange it so that as few parents as possible have to hang around if they have more than one child in school. This year most of our siblings are in Year R and Year 2.

We will need a few parent helpers in the afternoon to help prepare fruit and to keep the children hydrated. If you are able to help please let Mrs Thorn know.

## Parking



We have received a call from the Hairdressers to say that parents from school are ignoring the signage outside of their shop and parking there whilst they collect their children. Some parents are parking there from 2.15pm and stay there until they have collected their child. Please could you refrain from parking there as the spaces are reserved for their customers only. If you do park there you may be asked to move.

## *Holidays during term time*

We strongly discourage holidays in term time, however, since recent media coverage, the Governors and I are seeking advice from Surrey CC so we will keep you updated on developments.

## *Class Photos*

Monday morning at 9am is the deadline for returning any orders for class photos.

## *Year One Trip to Alice Holt*

On Tuesday 21st June, our Year One children will be going to Alice Holt for the day. If you have not already returned your child's permission slip, please ensure you do so by 9am on Monday 20th June.

Please could you send your child in with:

- named wet weather clothing (no umbrellas please)
- a named disposable packed lunch if a school lunch has not been ordered (i.e. lunch in a carrier bag that can be thrown away)
- two named small drinks in disposable containers
- a small snack of fruit
- named wellingtons (in a carrier bag) if it is likely to be wet
- a named sun hat

If necessary, please apply sun cream to your child's skin before they come to school.

We understand that a few parents are concerned about the cost of the trip. Approximately 50% of the cost is due to the fact we have to have run two coaches as one coach can only take 70 passengers.

Alice Holt charge £8 per child to run the Ranger activities throughout the day. We have passed on feedback to Alice Holt that we believe these charges are excessive. However, we do believe that this day will be very beneficial to our Year One children and the trip has been very carefully thought out to ensure that they get the most out of it.



## *After School Club Information*

Please find below information on our after school clubs:

**Tuesday:** Choir Club from 3.00-3.45pm (open to all year groups). Choir Club finishes for the summer break on 12th July.

**Wednesday:** C&S Sports from 3.00-4.00pm (fee paying club, open to all year groups). The last date for this club is Wednesday 13th July inclusive.

**Thursday:** Mrs Brett's Sport's Club from 3.00-4.00pm (open to Year One for the next 1/2 term). This club finishes on 14th July.

If your child would like to join any of these clubs, please collect a permission slip from the school office.

## *Milk Bottle Tops*

We are still collecting plastic milk bottle tops which will be donated to a charity. All tops must be 'milk only' in any colour.

Thank you for all of your support to date.

## *Breakfast Club*

The Junior School has asked us to let you know that the fee for Breakfast Club will increase to £3 per day from September this year.



## *Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers*

We are collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers. If you have any that you would like to donate to the school, please hand them in at the school office.

## Children love Art, Inspire them to create it!

Art is an excellent way of building self confidence in a child. It promotes self expression whilst acknowledging and interpreting inner feelings and emotions. It helps to pave the way to independent thinking and can help develop valuable fine motor skills. It can calm and relax a more anxious or energetic child and particularly for those who are not good at communicating, Art can often be an appropriate way of helping to say how they feel. Art is often undervalued, but its benefit is great.

All children enjoy Art. They are enjoying the freedom of expression that is gained from creating, and most importantly the feeling of worth that is brought about by producing. These positive emotions increase when their work can be admired and enjoyed by others around them. It maybe quite simply from a picture stuck on the fridge at home, or from proudly standing tall as they hold their picture up in school.

Art and Design helps to teach our children an appreciation of the world around them, both natural beauty as well as all the every day things that are designed, crafted and produced.

This creative education trains them to consider everything in a thorough analytical way, whilst learning to observe and describe it. It is a great way of discovering that there is not always one right answer, that there are diverse opinions and that there is often more ways than one to reach a conclusion.

Children have a natural, artistic motivation. Their keen inquisitive interest, young creative imaginations and their want to experiment allows them to develop this if encouraged and shown.

By nurturing a child's artistic creativity, we could enable them to become educationally and emotionally better balanced individuals, with an approach to learning that is healthily well rounded.

Any opportunity in which you can allow your child to explore and develop their skills using art materials is fantastic. Go for it! It is fun and a positive step in their learning and development.

- \* Let your child explore the range of marks they can create by allowing them to experiment with pens, paints, crayons etc.
- \* Help them to recognise their own potential by praising them for their results.
- \* Let them enjoy seeing what happens as they layer up more than one medium to form their creations.
- \* Encourage them to experiment without being too precious or worrying about getting in a mess.
- \* Get them to look at what they have made and describe it.
- \* Let them tear, stick and tower up recycled boxes.
- \* Use old newspapers and magazines to make collages.
- \* Ask them to scribble erratically on a piece of paper and colour in the shapes.
- \* Create a book or file with their works so that they can keep a record to proudly share with friends/family.
- \* Encourage them to look more closely at their surroundings.
- \* Look for shapes, patterns and compare scales.
- \* Talk about patterns on fabrics and wallpapers. How did they get there? Who designed them?



# Parental Guidance

Date	Event	Time
	<b>Summer Term 2</b>	
21st June	Year One Trip to Alice Holt	9am-3pm
29th June	St Peter's Day Family Picnic (	12.00pm-1.00pm
29th June	Year 2 Visit to the library—walkers needed	
6th July	Year Two visit to Walsh Junior School (for those attending there in September). <b>Please collect your Year Two child from the Junior School.</b>	1.15pm-3.00pm
7th July	Walsh Junior School Exhibition Evening (more details to follow)	TBA
11th July	Parent Interviews for those wishing to discuss their child's academic report	TBA
13th July	Year Two picnic with Year Three	1.00-2.00pm
15th July	Sports Day!	See page 1
18th July	Year Two Leavers' Assembly (more details to follow)	1.30pm-2.30pm
20th July	Last Day of Term due to <b>Inset Days on 21st and 22nd July</b>	1.15pm finish

Dates for your Diary