



### *Headteacher's Message*

This week I bring sad news for our school that Mrs Drapper and Miss Paramore from Ruby Class will both be leaving us by the end of the Spring Term.

Mrs Drapper has been a wonderful Teaching Assistant for many years and her special needs knowledge and calmness in emergency situations will be greatly missed. We wish her well in her new venture. Mrs Drapper will be leaving on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

Miss Paramore will be returning to a Hampshire School after the Easter Holidays and she leaves us on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017. Miss Paramore always plans very exciting lessons and is well loved by her class.

*Have a nice weekend.*  
Mrs Cawson, Headteacher

### *Legoland Trip*

Just to remind Year Two parents about our upcoming trip to Legoland on **Thursday 23rd March** which returns to school at **4pm**.

Please look out for a letter in book bags about what your child needs to take on the trip.

### *School Lunches*

Week commencing **20th March** we will be on **Week 1** of the dinner menu. Please let Mrs Tinkler know if you would like to change any of your child's choices by emailing [office@walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:office@walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk).

Mrs Tinkler has sent the meal choices for the summer term home in book bags. Please can you complete and return the form before Thursday 23rd March.

### *Moving on in Phonics Workshop*

On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March, parents of **Year R** children are invited to a Moving on in Phonics Workshop at school at 2.30pm. Pre-school children can attend if their parents are unable to find a baby-sitter.

This workshop aims to explain how your child will be moving on in phonics in school over the summer term and ways you can support your child at home.

### *PTA Meeting*

All parents are invited to our PTA Meeting on Tuesday 21st March from 7.30pm in the school staff room. We are continuing planning for our upcoming Summer Fair and it would be lovely to see lots of new faces. Please press the staff buzzer and someone will let you in.

### *Parent Interviews*

Just to remind you that our final Parent Interview slots are on Monday 20th March from 3.30pm-6.00pm. If you need to check the time of your appointment, please contact the school office on [info@walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk) or on 01252 321426.

Just to remind you that it is our early parent interviews this evening for those of you that have booked a slot. Please come into school via the school office 5 minutes before your allocated slot.

Year One and Year Two parents will find their child's books outside of their child's classroom. Please read through these until the class teacher collects you.

# Weekly Newsletter

## Mother's Day Assembly

We would like to invite all Mothers and Grandmothers to a Mothering Sunday Assembly on **Friday 24th March** from 9.10am in the school hall.

Please take a seat in the hall after dropping your child off. We are only able to accommodate **Mothers and Grandmothers** on this occasion due to space constraints and health and safety. We would prefer to have this as an adult only performance but if you are unable to sort out childcare you are welcome to bring your child to the assembly. However, we would ask that you take them to the Library if they are being noisy and you need to settle them. Some of our younger children have very small voices and it is difficult to hear them if there is a lot of background noise, so for everyone's enjoyment, we ask that this is adhered to. You are welcome to return to the hall when your child has quietened down.

Please note that Surrey Council will be hosting a Fostering Awareness table at our assembly so please feel free to secure a seat then go and speak to them if you would like more information about fostering a child.

Please note that there is no parental parking on-site, at the Library or the Pub and please do not use the parking spaces outside the hairdressers. Please park responsibly in the area, showing consideration for our neighbours by not blocking drives or paths or you may be asked to move.

We hope you enjoy our assembly. The children have been working very hard to put on a lovely performance.

## Easter Competitions

A template has been sent home for children to decorate an Easter Basket which they will then use to collect eggs at our Easter Egg Hunt on the last day of term. Please return completed baskets to school before 27th March. A collection basket will be left outside of each classroom. Please ensure that your child's basket is named.

In the Index to Inclusion that the children completed, many of them asked for more colouring, so we have also sent home an Easter picture for your child to colour in and enter into our colouring competition. If your child would like to enter, please return the named picture before 27th March.



## Plimsolls

As the weather is getting warmer, please can all parents ensure that their child has a pair of comfortable fitting, named plimsolls in their child's PE bag as the children will have PE outside when the weather permits.

## Diamond Class Cake Sale

Our next cake sale is for Diamond Class on **30th March at 3.00pm**. Please could mummies and daddies of Diamond class donate cakes on this day. If you are able to help on the day, please let Mrs Thorn know.

All money raised will go directly to the class to buy games for Golden Time and wet play.

*Thank you for your support!*

## Living Eggs

On Wednesday the first of our Living Eggs hatched and we now have ten lovely fluffy chicks! Needless to say, this has caused considerable excitement in school and the children will enjoy seeing them grow throughout the course of next week.

## After School Clubs

Sapphire Class **Puzzle Club** is on Wednesday 22nd, 29th March and 19th April. Emerald Class Puzzle Club has now finished.

Mrs Brett's Year Two **Sports Club** will not run on 21st March. The last one is on Thursday 30th March.

**Choir Club** for Year One and Two will continue every Tuesday as usual.

## *Develop your child's potential*

### **Discover your child's abilities**

It goes without saying that every parent wants the best for their child. We all want to see our offspring grow and develop new skills. Although most of us recognise that our child is unlikely to be another Einstein, that should not stop us from wanting to discover what it is they are good at. There is a growing recognition that children (and indeed adults) can be intelligent in a variety of ways. Once we recognise that children have many different abilities, then we can think about developing those skills, talents and capabilities to the full.

The information on this page will help you recognise your child's particular strengths and the guidelines below will help you to develop them in your child.

### **Discover your child's interests and abilities.**

Be on the lookout for things to praise. We eagerly encourage a baby's first word or a toddler's first step – but why stop there? Keep looking for advances in your child's abilities, then recognise and reward them (not with money or gifts but with praise and encouragement).

### **Encourage a wide range of interests.**

Having discovered what your child is good at, it is a temptation to push them to do even better at this particular thing – but this can be harmful if taken to extremes. By all means encourage your child to develop their interest, but encourage them to explore different aspects – not just “more of the same”.

### **Never ridicule your child.**

Of course, it may be necessary to correct your child if they do wrong – but you should never make fun of your child just because they are “different”, either in their behaviour or interests.

### **Acknowledge your child's abilities.**

Not just “school-type” things but other things (e.g. model-making, drawing, physical skills). This will help your child to grow in confidence – and be more prepared to tackle other things that they might not be so good at.

### **Encourage your child to set targets for themselves.**

This will help them to develop an “aim higher” attitude to life. It is amazing what they will achieve if only they can be encouraged to set their sights high.

### **Make learning fun.**

Your child is much more likely to want to do something if it is enjoyable. There are lots of games and fun activities that will help to develop your child's abilities – whether mental, physical or artistic.



# Parental Guidance

# Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
	<b>Spring Term 2</b>	
20th March	Early Parent's Evening	
21st March	PTA Meeting (School staff room)	7.30pm-8.30pm
23rd March	Year Two Trip to Legoland— <b>late return to school</b>	9.15am-4.00pm
23rd March	Ruby Class Lunch—invitation sent home recently	11.55am-12.30pm
24th March	Mothering Sunday Assembly	9.00am-10.00am
27th March	Miller's Ark Farm coming to visit Early Years	All day
27th March	Deadline for receipt of Easter colouring competition entries and chick baskets.	
29th March	Year R—Moving on in Phonics Workshop	2.30pm
30th March	Diamond Class Cake Sale	3.00pm
30th March	Year One Spring Celebration Day	
31st March	Last day of term	1.15pm finish
	<b>Summer Term 1</b>	
18th April	Start of Summer Term	8.45am
20th April	Year Two—Preparing for SATs Workshop	2.30pm
4th May	Governor meeting with working parents	7.00pm
	<b>Summer Term 2</b>	
7th July	Sports Day	Timings to follow
10th July	Cycle Training for Year Two—more details to follow	All day
17th July	Year Two Leavers Assembly (more details to follow)	1.30pm-2.30pm

## 2016/2017 Inset Days (School closed to children)

5th June 2017  
21st July 2017

## 2017/2018 Inset Days (School closed to children)

4th September 2017