



Headteacher's Message

In assembly on Monday we lit our special candle and talked about the terrible events in Paris at the weekend. We talked about how important it is for us all to stand together and show respect for those that lost their lives.

At 11am all the staff joined the children in the playground and we joined hands to form a huge circle and stood in silence for 1 minute as a mark of respect.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Cawson, Headteacher

Cauliflower Cards

Cauliflower Cards have informed us that our order will be with us in the first week of December.

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.

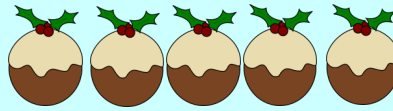
A DBS check is not required as you will not be left unsupervised.

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.



Mufti Day for Christmas Hampers

On 27th November, children are welcome to come to school dressed in casual clothes – this is called Mufti Day.

In exchange, we would ask that everyone in school makes a donation towards our Christmas Hampers, which are raffled off at the end of our last Christmas performance on 11th December.

Suitable donations might be wine, chocolates, Christmas crackers, mince pies, sweets or Christmas sauces.

Please ask your child to take their donation to the school hall on 27th November and a member of our PTA will give them a sticker.

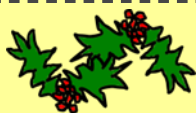
Thank you so much for your support.



Christmas Shopping Evening

A huge thank you to everyone who helped to make our Christmas Shopping Evening such a success. To those that helped organise and run the event, to those who had stalls, and to those who came along to visit us. We will let you know in due course how much was raised.

If anyone has any constructive feedback on the event, please email our core PTA team on walshinfantspa@gmail.com. Thank you!



*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.



Christmas Craft Club



A letter has gone home regarding our Christmas Craft Club on 1st December. This a lovely opportunity for children to stay after school for an extra 1.5 hours making Christmas decorations to bring home.

If you would like your child to attend, please return the form to school as soon as possible as it does fill up quickly and space is limited.

Flu Vaccinations

Today a team of school nurses came in to administer the flu vaccination for all children who had completed consent forms (Years One and Two only).

A letter has gone home in the book bags of these children today with details of the outcome and follow up advice.

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.

Ruby Class Cake Sale



The Ruby Class Cake Sale is on 17th December. Please could parents of Ruby Class children donate cakes for Ruby Class to sell after school on this day.

The children will help to decide what the money raised is spent on.

Coats

Please ensure that your child comes to school with a named winter coat every day and hats and gloves if appropriate. We always try and send the children out for some fresh air at play time and lunch time, unless the weather is particularly bad, so it is important that they have the ability to wrap up warm or they may have to stay in.

Raffle Tickets

Next week we will be sending home raffle tickets for people to purchase. The first prize for the raffle tickets is 2 VIP Aldershot Football Club tickets for Saturday 19th December which has been generously donated by Bridges Estate Agents. The tickets are for a 3 course meal and to sit in the Director's seat prior to the match. A great prize for any avid football fans. We will also have our luxury hampers which will be put together by the PTA. Raffle tickets need to be returned to school by 5th December in order for the draw to take place at the end of the afternoon performance of Born in the Barn. Please return the tickets even if you do not wish to purchase any.

Stars and Constellations

During our recent review of the curriculum, we have been talking to a variety of people including governors, parents, and other members of the community about what they think children should experience or learn more about before they finish Key Stage One (Years 1 and 2).

One of the topics that was suggested was talking to the children about the stars and constellations. Therefore, this week we have given you some information that you may wish to talk to your child about which might inspire any budding young astronomers to want to learn more!

- A star is a gigantic, glowing ball of plasma.
- Stars are first formed as clouds of dust and gas.
- Stars give off a tremendous amount of energy in the form of light and heat.
- Most stars are between 1 billion and 10 billion years old.
- Stars that have really strong gravity grow smaller over time and eventually turn into black holes.
- The hottest stars give off a bluish light while the cooler stars give off a red-dish light.
- Stars appear to twinkle because their light travels through the earth's atmosphere and the turbulence in the atmosphere affects the way stars are seen.
- All the stars that make up the Milky Way Galaxy revolve around the centre of the galaxy once every 200 million years or so.
- The oldest star that has been discovered is HE 1523-0901, which is an estimated 13.2 billion years old.

A really good app to install on your phone or other handheld device is Star Walk 2. Star Walk 2 is a next-generation tool for learning the exact position of stars, planets, constellations, comets, ISS, satellites, star clusters, nebulae and meteor showers in the night sky. Once this app is installed, you simply have to hold your device up towards the sky to see the stars mapped out. Children are often fascinated by application.

This is a great website for children to explore on their own to learn more about the planets and the solar system:

<http://www.kidsastronomy.com/>

Happy star gazing!

Parental Guidance

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
	Autumn Term 2	
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	Years 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	
27 th November	Volunteer Coffee Morning for those with DBS checks (letters have been sent home to parent helpers).	9.30am
1st December	Christmas Craft Club	3.00pm-4.30pm
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.