



Headteacher's Message

A huge thank you to everyone who helped and attended our Christmas Shopping Evening last night. We are delighted to tell you that we raised a huge £348.50 profit.

Every year we decorate our Christmas tree with decorations that have been made by the children. This year it is an Angel theme and we are sending home an Angel template today for your child to decorate and return to school by 30th November. All Angels will be displayed on our Christmas Tree in the hall in time for our Christmas performances in December. There will be a prize for the best ones.

Finally, we would like to say thank you to all the children who participated in our Half Term Reading Challenge; we loved looking at all the lovely photographs and have displayed them in the corridor.

The overall winner, picked by our Servery Staff, was Scarlett Trimnell. Scarlett's picture was chosen as it was the most unusual one. The runners up were Poppy Fisher and Tilly Foley; the Servery staff thought their photos were lovely. All children who participated will be given a prize in assembly.

Have a lovely weekend!
Mrs Cawson, Headteacher

Remembrance

Thank you to everyone who sold poppies for us leading up to Remembrance Day. We will let you know in due course how much money was raised.

School Lunches

Week commencing 20th November we will be on **Week 1** of the new dinner menu.

Newsletter

Our next edition will be issued on **1st December**. Copies of our newsletter can be found on our website: www.walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk or in the school reception area.



Mufti Day for Christmas Hampers

On Friday 8th December, children are welcome to come into 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 14th December.

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

Please ask your child to take their donation to the school hall on 8th December and a member of our PTA will give them a sticker.

Thank you very much for your support.

Raffle Tickets

Next week we will be sending home raffle tickets for families to purchase.

The prizes will be a number of luxury Christmas hampers which will be put together by the PTA.

Raffle tickets need to be returned to school by 11th December in order for the draw to take place at the end of the afternoon performance of Baubles.

Please return the tickets to the school office even if you do not wish to purchase any.

English Open Morning

On **Tuesday 21st November** we will be running an English based Open Morning in school for parents from 9am to 10am. This is an opportunity for parents to come along and see an English lesson being taught in their child's classroom.

If you would like to come along, please wait in the school hall after drop off until you are called into your child's classroom. As this will be a working lesson we are unable to allow pre-schoolers to participate as it causes too much of a distraction for the children.

Please note that there is no parental parking on-site and if you do need to park in the surrounding area please park with consideration for our neighbours and local businesses.

Letters to Santa

The PTA is delighted to announce we have heard from Santa's Elves that we will be having a special post box near Mrs Thorn's office (from Monday 27th November) for all the children (and their siblings) to post their letters to Santa!

Every child can receive a personalised reply from Santa through the Royal Mail post, with a little North Pole magic thrown in, for just £2 each! This is a wonderful way to start a little festive spirit and has proven very exciting for the children in previous years.

May we suggest that to get the most out of the experience you encourage your child to include a little about the following in their letter:

- Something they are proud of achieving this year
- Age
- A friend, pet or sibling

If your child would like to take part then please enclose £2 per letter in the envelope and ask your child to post it in the 'North Pole' post box. **The letter MUST include the child's name, class and address** so Santa knows where to send his reply! To help Santa and his Elves give the best service possible, can all the letters from one household be sent into school in the same envelope please, but we understand if children wish to post their own envelope then can you just make it clear who the siblings are, so we can identify them.

This is a lovely opportunity for the children. Feel free to decorate them – Santa loves looking at all the wonderful designs!

We have been informed by the Elves that the postbox will be leaving the school on Monday 11th December 2017 so they have enough time to get the letters to the children.

Angel Family Fun

We would like to invite you to visit an Angel Exhibition with an incredible display of over 100 angels created by our church schools in The Nave at Guildford Cathedral on Sunday 3rd December from 1.30pm-3.30pm. Our school are making a piece for the exhibition and it will be proudly displayed for you to see.

It is free, child-friendly, and there will be angel-themed crafts and some carol singing. Children are welcome to dress as an angel if they choose.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Chelsea Football Club (External provider)

Fee paying club—club full. Block 2 runs on 20th and 27th November and 4th December.

C&S Multi Sports (External Provider)

Fee paying club with team games and sports. Spaces are available and forms can be found in reception. Every week from Wednesday until Wednesday 29th November. The club runs from 3-4pm.

Year One Sports Club (free by year group invitation)

Mrs Brett's Sports Club will start up for Year Two after half term on Thursdays from 3-4pm on 23rd and 30th November.

Puzzle Club (free by class invitation)

Emerald Class Puzzle Club— 22nd November and 6th December. **Please note that there will be no Puzzle Club on 29th November.**

This club is on class rotation for Year One and Two.

Choir Club

Choir Club for Year One and Year Two starts on Tuesday 7th November and will run up to and including 30th November from 3.00-3.45pm. **Please note there is no Choir Club on 5th December.**

If you have returned your child's form you will automatically be allocated a place until the end of the summer term, however, please let us know if your child no longer wishes to attend.

Save the Children

On **Friday 15th December**, children are welcome to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper or Christmas colours, in exchange for a small donation which will be sent to Save the Children.

Whilst it is not one of our nominated charities, it will be nice to dress up and get the children in the Christmas spirit after all their hard work on the Christmas performances and raise a little for charity at the same time. Participation is purely optional.

Christmas Performance of Baubles!

On Monday 11th December Year 3 children from Walsh Junior School and **Grandparents only** are invited to this event as it is our final dress rehearsal and we only have limited space in the hall. Tickets will be allocated strictly on a first come, first served basis and there is a maximum of two tickets per family.

For the main performances, as we only have a limited space in the school hall and we want to cater for as many families as possible, we are running three separate performances of the Christmas play and a *maximum of two tickets will be allocated per family for one performance of their choice* (subject to availability). There is no charge for the tickets.

Our first full performance on Tuesday 12th December is for families and pre-school children. If a pre-schooler attends they will either need their own ticket or they will need to sit on a parent's lap. *Pre-schoolers are not permitted on any other day.*

Our other performances are:

Wednesday 13th December – 9.15am. Adults only, no children

Thursday 14th December – 1.30pm. Adults only, no children. Our Christmas raffle will be drawn at the end of this performance.

If you would like to attend one of these performances, please check the date below that you will be able to collect tickets. Please note that you will not be able to collect tickets for other days until after 30th November as the office is very busy at this time.

Date of performance you wish to attend	Date to collect tickets
Monday 11th December - 9.15am Grandparents only (Final dress rehearsal and filming)	Thursday 23rd November from 8.30am at the school office
Tuesday 12 th December – 9.15am. Adults and children	Monday 27 th November from 8.30am at the school office
Wednesday 13 th December – 9.15am. Adults only, no children	Tuesday 28 th November from 8.30am at the school office
Thursday 14 th December – 1.30pm. Adults only, no children—Raffle drawn	Thursday 30 th November from 8.30am at the school office

You can ask someone else to collect your tickets for you and we will ask the person concerned to sign for them.

If you are unable to book tickets on the allocated collection dates, please call the school office after 10am on the date specified above or email us on info@walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk. If you order them over the phone or on email, the tickets will be sent home in your child's book bag.

We will hold a waiting list for any requests for additional tickets, which will again be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Any spare tickets will be allocated to the waiting list once we allocated tickets to all of the families who want them.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
Autumn Term 2		
21st November	English Open Morning	9-10am
21st November	Visiting Theatre in school (children only)	
1st December	PTA Christmas Movie Night (please note date change)	5pm
5th December	Christmas Craft Club	3pm
8th December	Mufti Day for Hamper Donations	
11th December	Christmas Production Dress Rehearsal (Grandparents only)	9.15am
12th December	Christmas Production for parents with pre-school children	9.15am
13th December	Christmas Production	9.15am
14th December	Christmas Production followed by Raffle—adults only	1.30pm
15th December	Save the Children—Wear a Christmas Jumper Day	
18th December	Christmas Church Service (all year groups). More information to follow	2.00pm-3.00pm
20th December	School Christmas Dinner (details to follow)	
23rd January	Maths Open Morning (more information to follow, all year groups)	9-10am
21st December	End of Autumn Term (early close)	1.15pm
Spring Term 1		
4th January 2018	Start of the Autumn Term	8.45am
15th January	Deadline for receipt of reception and Year 3 applications for September 2018.	
28th March	Year Two Trip to Legoland (DBS checked helpers will be needed)	
24th April	Other Curriculum Subject Open Morning (more information to follow, all year groups)	9-10am
7th July	Sports Day (more information to follow)	
16th July	Leaver's Assembly (Year Two only—more information to follow)	

2017/2018 Inset Days (School closed to children)

04/06/2018, 23/07/2018

One further date to be determined.