



Please note that school closes today at 3.00pm until Tuesday 1st November (due to an Inset Day on 31st October).

Headteacher's Message

A big thank you to all the parents who have encouraged their child to come into school by themselves this week.

Becoming independent and confident is a very important step in a child's developmental progress. We appreciate that there are often letters or homework that need to be handed in, but you can always remind your child to hand them in as you kiss them goodbye or put the items in their hand and ask them to hand them in. More often than not the items will find their way to the office!

We hope that this good work will continue after the holiday and we will continue to give the children plenty of praise when they come in.

Have a lovely half term break!
Mrs Suzanne Cawson

Open Morning

Thank you to all the parents who were able to join our English Open Morning on Wednesday. We hope that you found the session informative and we were very interested in your views.

School Lunches

Week commencing 31st October we will be on **Week 1** of the new dinner menu.

There are still 22 parents that have not returned their child's meal choice form for after half term so please can the choices come into school on the first morning back or your child will be given a green meal (vegetarian).

Remembrance

We will be selling Poppies and other Remembrance accessories every morning in the playground from 8.30am from 3rd November through to 11th November.

We would like our Year Two children to do this for us but we will need the support of their parents to supervise them.

Please let Mrs Thorn know in the school office if you are able to help. Even if it is only for one morning, it will make all the difference. Thank you for your support.

Individual School Photos

On **Wednesday 2nd November** our school photographer will be coming into school to take individual photos of the children.

We will be opening the school at 8.30am for any parents who would like to have a family portrait taken or a picture of their children together. If you would like a family picture, please come to our reception area at 8.30am. You may need to queue for a short while.

Children who have siblings in school will be photographed together and individually during normal school hours.

Phonics Workshop Reminder

Parents of Year One children are invited to a Moving on in Phonics Workshop on **1st November at 2.30pm**.

Parents of Year R children are invited to a Phonics Workshop in school on **2nd November at 2.30pm**.

Please come to reception at 2.30pm if you would like to attend the workshop.

Weekly Newsletter

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Reminders for start of new term

Please ensure that your child comes to school everyday with:

- ◆ Their book bag (please clear out any paperwork over the holiday)
- ◆ Their clean, named P.E. kit (please ensure that trainers/plimsolls still fit comfortably)
- ◆ A warm, named coat, plus hat and gloves if required
- ◆ Details of any change of contact details or meal choices
- ◆ A named water bottle with fresh water (no juice please)

Sapphire Class Cake Sale

Every year, each class has the opportunity to raise funds to spend on equipment for their classroom via a cake sale. Typically they purchase games for wet play or for golden time. The children help choose what will be purchased.

In order to do this, we ask parents to donate cakes which are sold after school on the date specified. These can be shop brought or home made cakes and all funds go directly to the class concerned.

First up this year is Sapphire Class who will be selling cakes after school on Friday 4th November at 3pm in the playground.



Parent Interviews

On Monday 7th November (early slots) and on Wednesday 23rd November (evening slots) you will have the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss their progress.

If you missed the sign up sheets in the playground on Thursday morning, please contact the school office to make an appointment on 01252 321426 or come to the office where the sign up sheets will be available.

After School Clubs

Please find below information on our after school clubs:

Wednesday: C&S Sports from 3.00-4.00pm (fee paying club, open to Years One and Two). If you need a sign up sheet please speak to the school office.

Wednesday: Ms Foster's Puzzle Club for Sapphire Class. The club runs from 3pm to 3.50pm on 2nd November (after half term).

Please note that Mrs Brett's Sports Club will not run for the second half of this term. However, it will start up again in January for Year One pupils.

Choir Club will start up in January. A letter will be sent home at the of term with more information.

Years One and Two Flu Vaccination Forms

Please can you return any outstanding Flu Vaccination Forms to school as they will be collected by the school nurse on 5th November. Thank you.

Recorders—Year Two

Year Two children will be learning to play the recorder after half term, so if you stated on the form that they will be using their own please can you send them in with this on the first day back to school (1st November).

Children who have purchased a recorder will be given their recorder at the first lesson. The recorder will remain in school until the lessons have finished.

RM Maths

The log on details for Year One and Year Two children will be glued to the front of the Learning at Home Diaries before they go home today.

Year Two Walkers Needed

Please let Mrs Thorn know if you are able to walk with our Year Two children to St Peter's Church on Thursday 17th November at 9.30am.

A DBS check will not be required as you will not be left unsupervised with the children.

We will be returning to school before 12pm.

RM Easimaths

What is RMeasimaths?

RM Easimaths is a school and home-based online maths tuition system for 4 to 12 year olds. It is designed to help pupils improve their maths skills in a fun and encouraging environment targeted to their individual ability level. All the learning on RM Easimaths is personalised according to your own child's ability as they go along, so the homework is set to ensure that it meets the needs of your child, slowly increasing in difficulty to boost confidence. Working independently pupils can 'have a go' at tasks in their own home. The built-in data collection tools gather information about each child that allows class teachers to easily assess homework to gain a better picture of progress the children are making.

With RM Easimaths, you can support your children in activities and exercises that are consistent with how they learn in class and with the simple interface and built-in, easy to grasp support materials, your child can work through challenges independently.

RM Easimaths offers children an effective maths resource that helps teach children core maths skills in a safe, fun and engaging on-line environment. Its online maths delivery makes it ideal for anywhere, anytime learning and provides a simple platform to get parents actively involved in their child's learning.

Fun characters and the user-friendly interface make RM Easimaths feel more like playing a game with new friends, rather than learning. This can be a strong motivator to keep learning and improve their skills, keeping children engaged. Just 10 to 15 minutes per day, 3 to 5 times per week can deliver great improvements than one longer session.

We hope you will support us in the successful running of the scheme to help your child make the best progress in maths.

There is an App available for tablets. If you have problems using it on a computer, try Google Chrome rather than Internet Explorer as this often fixes the problem.

Your child's log on details (Year One and Two only at this stage) have been printed and taped onto the front of their Learning at Home Diary. If you have any problems accessing the system, please speak to Mrs Wall or email info@walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk.



Parental Guidance



Walsh Memorial Infant School

Christmas Shopping Evening

Friday 18th November from 6-8pm

We will have on offer a wide variety of stalls including:

- Fudge, cakes and other Christmas goodies
 - Christmas decorations*
 - Jewellery stores*
 - Books*
 - Stocking fillers**
- Beauty products and treatments*
- Crafts, cards and wrapping paper*

Plus many, many more!

Come and join the fun! Everyone is welcome - bring family, friends and neighbours. Get ahead of the game and kick-start your Christmas Shopping!

There will be a craft table to keep children entertained so parents can shop in peace!

If you are interested in hosting a table please email

walshinfantspta@gmail.com



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Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
Autumn Term 1		
21st October	Last day of Autumn Term 1	3.00pm
31st October	Inset Day	School closed
Autumn Term 2		
1st November	First day of Autumn Term 2 (due to Inset Day on 31st October)	8.45am
2nd November	Year R Phonics Workshop	2.30pm
2nd November	Individual School Photos	
3rd November	PTA Meeting in the school staff room (all welcome)	7.30pm
4th November	Sapphire Class Cake Sale	3.00pm
7th November	Parent Interviews—Early slots	
8th November	Year One Trip to the Fast Museum	
15th November	eSafety Workshop (more details to follows)	2.30pm
18th November	PTA Christmas Shopping Evening	
23rd November	Parent Interviews—Late slots	
6th December	Flu Vaccinations for Years One and Two (for those with signed consent forms)	
7th December	Christmas Craft Club (more details to follow)	
13th, 14th, 15th December	School Christmas Performance (details will be provided nearer the time)	
16th December	Emerald Class Cake Sale	3.00pm
19th December	Christmas Church Service (all year groups). Walkers will be needed. Parents to collect their child from church—no DBS required	2.00-3.00pm
20th December	School Disco (more information to follow)	
20th December	School Christmas Lunch for children (more information to follow)	
21st December	End of Autumn Term	School closes at 1.10pm