



Headteacher's Message

Thank you for your understanding when we had to take the difficult decision to close the school last week due to issues with the water.

At 7.00am, when we were advised that there was a problem in the area, I contacted the Water Board who advised me that the water supply was unlikely to be resumed until much later in the day due to a burst water main on Manor Road.

This would mean that children and staff would be unable to flush the toilets or wash their hands, and we would be unable to provide drinking water or prepare meals. Therefore, we took the decision to close the school.

Should a situation like this arise in the future, in order to provide parents with up-to-date information we would ask that you check one of the following:

- Our website - www.walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk
- Our PTA Facebook page - Walsh Memorial C of E Infants' PTA
- Please check your emails regularly
- Please listen to Eagle Radio (96.4 The Eagle) for details of any closures

Our priority is the safety and the wellbeing of children in our school and school closure is not a decision we take lightly. We do apologise for any inconvenience that this caused and hope that it will be a very long time before it happens again.

Have a nice weekend.
Mrs Cawson, Headteacher

School Lunches

Week commencing **25th September** we will be on **Week 2** of the dinner menu.

Newsletter

Please note that our newsletter will now be issued fortnightly. Our next edition will be issued on **6th October**. Copies of our newsletter can be found on our website: www.walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk or in the school reception area.

Charities

This year we are asking parents to nominate a charity for the school to support over the next couple of years.

If there is a charity that is particularly close to your heart, please could you drop us a little note and put it in the school post box in the reception area. Alternatively you can drop the school an email on info@walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk.

Any Concerns?

If you have any concerns regarding your child, in the first instance please make an appointment to see your child's teacher to discuss a way forward.

If this does not resolve your concerns please make an appointment to see Mrs Cawson. Please pop into the school office to make an appointment.

Letters in Book Bags

As children move into Year One and Two, we are encouraging them to become more independent. Therefore, their book bags are not checked daily by the Teaching Assistants.

Please could you ask your child to hand any letters into the school office. They may forget the first couple of times, but they will soon get the hang of it.

If the letter is time sensitive, such as a club application, please feel free to place it in the school post box in the reception area. This post box is checked regularly.

Welcome Meeting

Just to remind parents of Year One and Two children that there will be another opportunity for you to meet with your child's teacher on the dates outlined below. The purpose of the meeting will be to run through expectations for the year groups such as homework, spellings and annual assessments.

Welcome to Year One

26th September at 2.30pm

Welcome to Year Two

28th September at 2.30pm

If you are able to attend, please come to the school office at 2.30pm on the respective day.

Please remember there is no parental parking on-site and please park considerately in the local area if you need to drive to school.

Buggies and push chairs are not permitted in school due to health and safety reasons, so please park them outside. Thank you.

New Parent Collective Worship and Meet the Caterers

On Tuesday 3rd October we are holding a New Parent Collective Worship at school. This is for any parent that is new to our school, including Year One and Two parents that have just joined us.

The Collective Worship will start at 10.30am and will run until 10.50am. If you would like to join us, please come to the school office at 10.30am.

Please note that the Year R children will not be present in the assembly as they are still settling into school.

Following the assembly, the school caterers will be inviting you to sample a selection of items from the school dinner menu. They will be available to answer any questions you may have about school dinners.

Please remember there is no parental parking anywhere on-site. Please park responsibly and with consideration for our neighbours if you wish to park near the school.

Buggies and pushchairs are not permitted inside the school due to health and safety reasons.

Defibrillator

Did you know that there is a defibrillator that is jointly owned by the Infant and Junior School on-site at the Junior School? It is outside of the building and it is in a green box. It is for use of the general public and there are full instructions in the box.

Library Lending Scheme

Thank you very much to Mrs Springett who has volunteered to help us run the school lending library this term.

Year R Phonics Briefing

Parents of Year R children are invited to a Phonics Briefing in school on **18th October at 2.30pm**. If you are interested in attending, please come to the office reception at this time.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Chelsea Football Club (External provider)

Fee paying club—club full. Remaining sessions on 25th September, 2nd, 9th and 16th October from 3-4pm.

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 from 25th September to 29th November from 3-4pm.

Year One Sports Club (free by year group invitation)

Mrs Brett's Sports Club will run on 29th September and 6th, 13th and 20th October. Year Two Sports Club will start after half term.

Puzzle Club (free by class invitation)

Sapphire Class Puzzle Club will run on 27th September and 4th October (extra session added due to closure on 13th September). This club is on rotation for Year One and Two; next up is Emerald Class after half term.

Choir Club

Choir Club will not start up until after half term. A letter will be sent home in due course. Year One and Two only until after the spring term.

PTA Annual General Meeting

All parents are warmly invited to attend the PTA AGM on 4th October at 7.30pm in the school hall. This is an official meeting where the committee members are elected. Every member of staff and every parent are automatically enrolled as a member of the PTA but a core group of committed parents are the driving force behind a very friendly and successful fundraising team.

If you would like to be nominated for the position of Chairperson, Secretary or Treasurer please write to Mrs Cawson stating your name and a short paragraph describing why you would be good at the position by 9.30am on 3rd October. These statements are then shared with the AGM meeting should a vote be necessary. We hope to see you there!



Arrangements for the Teddy Bear's Picnic Today

This afternoon is our Teddy Bear's Picnic from 3.15pm to 5.15pm.

Currently the weather is looking okay so we plan to hold the event outside.

Please bring with you any chairs or picnic blankets you may need and make your way to the grass area opposite early years once the Year R children have all been collected by their parents and the area is clear.

Please bring your picnic with you and any drinks you may wish to consume, and of course, your child's favourite Teddy!

We hope you will enjoy making new friends and that you will get to meet some of your child's new classmates.

Children and siblings are welcome to climb on the castle and pirate ship but they remain your responsibility at all times.

Please note that alcohol is not permitted on school grounds at any time. This is also a no smoking or vaping site.

Please remember there is no parental parking on-site and please park considerately in the local area if you need to drive to school.

Year One Trip to the Fast Museum

A trip to the Fast Museum has been booked for 9th November. A letter will be sent home shortly.

Water Bottles

Please could we ask that parents do not send their child into school with expensive water bottles that might break easily.

Please can you ensure that your child's water bottle contains plain water only and that it is clearly labelled with their name.

Individual School Photos

On **Friday 29th September** our school photographer will be coming into school to take individual photos of the children for you to purchase if you wish.

We will be opening the school at 8.00am for any parents who would like to have a family portrait taken or a photo of their infant and junior school children together. If you would like a family photo, please come to our reception area at 8.00am. You may need to queue for a short while.

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

Cake Sales

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.

This year, we thought we would run a Cake Sale for each year group, rather than individual class cake sales.

We also recognise that many parents are working parents and they do not have the time to make cakes on a week night but they still want to be involved in fundraising activities. Therefore we have also added the option of a 'virtual cake sale' where parents donate the money that they would have spent on making the cakes.

Alongside this we will run a traditional cake sale, as we know many of our parents enjoy making the cakes with their children and that many children enjoy eating the cakes!

The first combined Virtual Cake Sale and Actual Cake Sale will take place on Friday 3rd November at 3pm in the playground and all proceeds will then be split equally between the two classes in the year group.

A flyer will be sent home to parents concerned with full details in due course.

First up will be Year Two on Friday 3rd November.

Thank you for your support.



Walsh Memorial Infant School

Christmas Shopping Evening

Thursday 16th November from 6-8pm

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

- 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	
26th September	Welcome to Year One	2.30pm
28th September	Welcome to Year Two	2.30pm
29th September	Individual School Photos	
3rd October	New to School Parents Collective Worship (followed by nibbles)	10.30am
4th October	PTA AGM in the School Hall. Everyone welcome	7.30pm
6th October	Harvest Festival Assembly (international collection for Christian Aid)	9.10am
13th October	Story-Time for Year R Children	6.00pm-6.30pm
17th October	Year One Phonics Workshop—the National Phonics Screening Test	2.30pm
18th October	Year R Phonics Workshop	2.30pm
31st October	Flu Vaccinations (for children with signed consent forms)	
3rd November	Year Two Cake Sale	3.00pm
6th November	Parent Interviews—Early slots (more information to follow)	
9th November	Year One trip to the Fast Museum	
15th November	Parent Interviews—Late slots (more information to follow)	
16th November	PTA Christmas Shopping Evening	
21st November	Visiting Theatre in school (children only)	
5th December	Christmas Craft Club (more details to follow)	3pm
11th December	Christmas Production Dress Rehearsal (Grandparents only—more information to follow)	9.15am
12th December	Christmas Production for parents with pre-school children (more information will follow)	9.15am
13th December	Christmas Production—adults only (more information will follow)	9.15am
14th December	Christmas Production followed by Raffle—adults only (more information will follow)	1.30pm
18th December	Christmas Church Service (all year groups). More information to follow	2.00pm-3.00pm
20th December	School Christmas Dinner (details to follow)	

2017/2018 Inset Days (School closed to children)

30/10/2017, 04/06/2018, 23/07/2018

One further date to be determined.