



Please note that school finishes today at 3.00pm and children return to school on 2nd November at 8.45am.

Headteacher's Message

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Open Morning this week. It was lovely to see so many faces. We hope you found the session useful and interesting.

Thank you for all the generous donations made at our Harvest Festival morning. We are delighted to tell you that we raised £122.00 which has been sent to Christian Aid.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Cawson, Headteacher

Year R Introduction to Phonics

On **Wednesday 4th November** our Year R parents are invited to take part in a Phonics Workshop in their child's class. This workshop will run from 2.30pm-3.00pm.

If you are interested in attending, please come to the main reception area at 2.30pm. It is preferable that pre-school children do not attend as they tend to distract the school children, but if you do need to bring them please remove them if they are noisy until they calm down.



Bags2School

If you are having a clear out over the half term break, please place any wearable clothing, handbags or paired shoes in a bag and send them into school the first week back after half term. Any bag will do! We will then send them on for recycling and the school should earn commission. Thank you!



Travelling Book Fair

From 2nd to 5th November, the Travelling Book Fair will be coming to visit us and bringing in a wide range of lovely books. Children who have saved money through the book club will be given the opportunity to purchase books from the Fair but we will also be opening this up to parents in the afternoon from 2.40pm should they wish to take a look. The Fair will take place in the school hall. This year parents will also be able to 'click and collect' online, allowing parents to choose books at home, pay on-line and have their books delivered to the Book Fair – a great way to get some Christmas presents over and done with! Should you wish to use this service, please visit www.travellingbooks.co.uk and select the 'click and collect' section.

We need a couple of parent helpers per day to help out on Monday through to Thursday from 2.30pm to approximately 3.15pm. If you are able to help please let Mrs Thorn know in the school office.

Operation Christmas Child

Thank you so much to everyone who has donated items so far to Operation Christmas Child. We are pleased to advise that we now have sufficient toothbrushes and toothpaste. However, we are still in need of items such as hats, scarves, gloves, soap and flannels, brushes and combs, crayons, pencils, pens, skipping ropes, cars, teddies, dolls and stickers.

If you would like to donate any items please take them to the school office. Thank you for your support.



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School Photos

On **2nd November**, our School Photographer will be coming into school to take individual pictures of the children which parents will be able to buy at a later date.

There is also an opportunity for family portraits or photos of the school children with their pre-school siblings to be taken too. If you would like a family portrait, the school will be open from 8.30am on Monday morning to enable you to come in and have the photo taken. Please come through the main entrance. You may need to queue for a short while.

If you have more than one child in school, they will be photographed individually and together. The school will organise this.

Parent Interviews

Parent Interviews are being held on 9th November from 3.30pm-6.00pm and on 19th November from 6.00pm-8.30pm.

If you would like to book an appointment to see your child's teacher to discuss their progress, sign up sheets will be placed in the decking area of the playground on Tuesday 3rd November at drop off time.

If your child attends breakfast club or you are not dropping your child off at school on 3rd November and you would like to book an appointment to see your child's teacher, please call the school office after 10am on Tuesday 3rd November.

Important dates to remember: 9th and 19th November

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.

Taylor Wimpey



Taylor Wimpey has kindly donated 173 reflective slap bands to the children at Walsh Memorial Infant School to support the National Walk to School Month initiative. Children took these home earlier this week.

A few of our children were photographed by Taylor Wimpey today and their photograph will appear in the local newspaper soon. We will let the respective parents know when this will be.

Sapphire Class Cake Sale

The Sapphire Class cake sale will be on **5th November** in the playground at 3pm. Please could parents and carers donate cakes on this day for our helpers to sell. Please could you leave any donations on the tables next the staff entrance.

All proceeds go directly to the class and they will decide what to spend their pennies on!

After School Clubs

We will be re-visiting the issues regarding After School Clubs after the Half Term break.

We are currently looking at the possibility of using the provision at Ash Grange, but we will need to establish how we would move the children from Walsh Infant School to Ash Grange safely.

If anyone is interested in a paid role to walk children from Walsh Infant School to Ash Grange after school each day, please could you email Mrs Thorn at info@walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk. If you have one child and would need them to walk with you, that would be acceptable.

We will of course keep you updated on developments.

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.

Lanyards

We are missing a number of Parent Helper and red lanyards. If you have one lying around at home, please return it to the school office. Thank you.

Students

Thank you to the students from Farnborough College who came in to do work experience with us this week. Welcome to Michael Collins who is currently doing his PGCE and working in Sapphire class up until Christmas.



Keeping Your Child Safe Online

Children in Year 1 and Year 2 have learned about how to keep safe online, through a series of lessons called 'Hector's World'.

You can install the Hector's World Safety Button on your computers and other online devices at home. It is FREE and can be downloaded from

<http://hectorsworld.netsafe.org.nz/parents/hectors-world-safety-button/>

The Safety Button is a little dolphin (Hector) which 'swims' in the top corner of the screen and, when clicked, covers the screen in the event that your child comes across something online which worries or upsets them until an adult can come and investigate.

There is lots of information for parents about online safety at the following email address, including advice for parents of teenagers and older children www.thinkuknow.co.uk/

Parental Guidance

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
	Autumn Term 2	
2 nd November	First day of Autumn Term 2	8.45am
2 nd November	Individual school photos	
4 th November	PTA Meeting – school staff room	7.30pm
5 th November	Sapphire Class Cake Sale	3.00pm
2 nd – 5 th November	Travelling Book Fair	2.45pm-3.15pm
3 rd November	Sign up sheets In the playground for Parent Interviews	8.30am-9.00am
4 th November	Year R Introduction to Phonics Workshop	2.30pm-3.00pm
6 th November	Year Two visit to the Theatre in Woking	11.00am-3.00pm
9 th November	Early Parents Evening	3.30pm-6.00pm
19 th November	Late Parents Evening—more information to follow	6.00pm—8.30pm
19 th November	Christmas Shopping Evening	6.00pm-8.30pm
20 th November	Year One and Two Flu Vaccination (for those children with signed permission slips)	All day
26 th November	Pied Piper Theatre visiting the children	
1 st December	Christmas Craft Club - more details to follow (please note change of date)	3.00pm
8 th December	Christmas Production with Toddlers - more details to follow	
9 th December	Christmas Production - more details to follow	
10 th December	Christmas Production followed by PTA Raffle - more details to follow	
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.