



### *Headteacher's Message*

With parent interviews coming up we have thought about 'parents evening should be more positive' which is a comment that a parent put in our Index to Inclusion Questionnaire.

The teachers at Walsh Memorial spend a great deal of time preparing for parent interviews and always give parents an honest and true picture of their child's capabilities, using the national expectation as their benchmark, alongside their child's attitude to learning. This is where you will learn how hard your child is trying regardless of outcome and we hope you praise and congratulate your child for their efforts.

If your child has yet to develop a good attitude to learning we will let you know what we are currently trying to do to change this and we will ask if there is anything you know of to help us.

Reflecting on this comment we feel that, if a child is trying their best, a parent leaves the interview happy. If your child does not seem to be trying hard in school then you may not feel the interview was so positive.

If you leave a parent interview and do not feel you have heard anything positive then we hope you will arrange to meet with the class teacher again and discuss any issues further.

This weeks Parental Guidance has been sent home in book bags today. As it is half way through the academic year, the teachers have produced a leaflet that we hope will help you at home.

*Have a nice weekend.*

*Mrs Cawson, Headteacher*

### *School Lunches*

Week commencing **27th February** we will be on **Week 1** of the dinner menu.



### *World Book Day*

On **Thursday 2nd March** Usborne Books will be coming into school and children will be able to buy books with any money they have saved in the book saving scheme.

If your child would like to save some money in the book saving scheme, please put it in an envelope with their name, class, and the amount on and ask them to hand it in to the school office.

On this day children can come to school dressed up as their favourite book character. Take a look at [www.bookaid.org/worldbookday](http://www.bookaid.org/worldbookday) for some ideas. This is a non-school uniform day for children who would like to dress up.

There will be an opportunity for parents to come in and purchase books after school on 2nd March from 2.45pm-3.15pm. Please come to the reception area if you would like to see the books on offer or if you would like to choose one with your child.

### *Parent Interviews*

On Wednesday 8th March (late slots) and on Monday 20th March (early slots) you will have the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss their progress.

If you have not made an appointment and you would like to do so, please contact the school office on 01252 321426 or email [info@walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk).

# Weekly Newsletter

## *Mother's Day Gift*

Just to remind you that the deadline for ordering Mother's Day mugs is **Wednesday 1st March**. *Orders will not be accepted after this date as they need to be sent to print.* Please place the **correct** money in an envelope or send in a cheque made payable to Walsh Memorial C of E Infant School. If you have lost your copy of the form please pick one up from reception.

Mugs will be sent home on / before 24th March.

## **PARENTS OF EARLY YEARS ONLY**

At Walsh Memorial CE Infant School we have always believed it is important to work together with our families. We have a lovely way of finding out about your child's individual character called a One Page Profile. Our One Page Profile helps us to learn about your child as a person, about things that are important to them and how they would like to be supported in school. This helps us to plan lessons that are relevant to them, cheer them up when they are fed up and generally get to know your child.

It is also important that we know how you think we should be supporting your child at school. The Early Years Foundation Stage children have all been talking to the adults in school and have completed their One Page Profile. During Parents evening parents are invited to write on their child's form and we thought it might be helpful to provide the two questions in advance so you can think about what you would like to write.

I like and admire about my child .....

I would like my child to have further support in .....

## *Mending Books*

Mrs McKenna has 'magic' tape for repairing books. If your child has a book that has accidentally torn or come away from the seams, please ask them to hand it into the office for repair. Please do not use normal sellotape at home. Thank you!

## *Wear Red for British Red Cross*

Thank you very much to everyone who made a donation to the British Red Cross charity before half term. We are delighted to tell you that we raised £130! Ashleigh Hodgson and a friend, along with Mrs Cawson, delivered the donations to the Coop today.

## *Year One Spring Celebration Day*

On **Thursday 30th March** Ruby and Diamond Classes are welcome to come to school dressed in spring colours. These could be any colour/s that they feel represents spring.

This is a non school uniform day for Year One children that take part.

## *Year Two Legoland Trip*

We are pleased to tell you that the Legoland trip will be going ahead on 23rd March. A letter will be sent home next week with further details.

## *Ruby Class Cake Sale*

Thank you to parents of Ruby Class children who donated, sold and purchased cakes from the Ruby Class Cake sale. We are delighted to tell you that they raised £65!

Next up is **Diamond Class** on 30th March. All proceeds go directly to the class to buy games for Golden Time and wet play.

## *World Book Day Lunch*

Just to remind all parents that we have our special World Book Day lunch on **Thursday 2nd March**.

Please note that 25 families did not return their form to order a school lunch so we will ask those children in school whether they would like a red or a green lunch on that day.

If you stated on your letter that your child will be having a packed lunch on this date, please can you ensure that they come to school with it.

## Movie Night Arrangements

We have a fun night planned for the children with activities, torch light walk, movie and lots of fun!

The fun starts at 5:30pm. Please wait in the reception area until the doors are opened. When you come into the school you will need to sign your child in and ask your child to put their coat on their peg. You can then leave via the staff exit.

Please ensure the children have a warm coat as they will be going outside.

When collecting your child at 7pm, please wait in the reception area again until the doors are opened, then collect your child from their classroom and leave via the staff exit which will be manned by a member of staff.

If you are helping out on the night, please come to the staff entrance from 5pm and ring the buzzer so we can let you in.

*If you are staying to help or supervise your child, and you are not DBS checked with the school, please do not enter the children's toilets until a member of staff or a helper wearing a blue lanyard (DBS checked helper) has ensured that there are no other children in there first. This is to comply with our safeguarding policy.*

## PTA Dates for Your Diary!

<b>24/02/2017</b> 5.30pm-7.00pm	PTA Movie Night
<b>21/03/2017</b> 7.30pm	PTA Meeting (Summer Fair planning) - all welcome
<b>28/04/2017</b>	Mufti Day for toys and sweets (more information to follow)
<b>12/05/2017</b>	Mufti Day for Animal Jars (more information to follow)
<b>17/05/2017</b>	Animal Mask Competition (more information to follow)
<b>19/05/2017</b>	Mufti Day for bottle tombola
<b>20/05/2017</b> 12.00-3.00pm	Summer Fair!

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# Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
	<b>Spring Term 2</b>	
2nd March	World Book Day and special lunch — <i>children can dress up as book characters.</i>	
2nd March	Usborne Books Sale—ICT Suite (open to parents)	2.45pm-3.15pm
8th March	Late Parent's Evening	
14th March	Year One Phonics Screening Workshop—more details to follow	2.30pm
15th March	SEN Workshop with behaviour specialist	9.00am-10.00am
20th March	Early Parent's Evening	
21st March	PTA Meeting (School staff room)	7.30pm-8.30pm
23rd March	Year Two Trip to Legoland— <i>late return to school</i>	9.15am-4.00pm
24th March	Mothering Sunday Assembly (more details to follow)	9.00am-10.00am
27th March	Miller's Ark Farm coming to visit Early Years	All day
29th March	Year One—Moving on in Phonics Workshop—more details to follow	2.30pm
30th March	Diamond Class Cake Sale	3.00pm
31st March	Last day of term	1.15pm finish
	<b>Summer Term 1</b>	
18th April	Start of Summer Term	8.45am
20th April	Year Two—Preparing for SATs Workshop	2.30pm
	<b>Summer Term 2</b>	
7th July	Sports Day	Timings to follow
10th July	Cycle Training for Year Two—more details to follow	All day
17th July	Year Two Leavers Assembly (more details to follow)	1.30pm-2.30pm

**2016/2017 Inset Days** (School closed to children)

5th June 2017

21st July 2017

**2017/2018 Inset Days** (School closed to children)

4th September 2017