



School finishes today at 1.15pm. The Summer Term starts on Monday 11th April at 8.45am.

Please note that we do not have an Inset Day on the first day back so everyone is expected in school on 11th April. Thank you!

Headteacher's Message

On behalf of all of the staff I would like to wish you all a restful and enjoyable Easter break and we look forward to welcoming the children back on 11th April.

Mrs Cawson, Headteacher

Year R Cake Sale

Thank you very much to everyone who donated cakes to the Year R cake sale today, to those who helped to sell them and to those who purchased them. We will let you know after the holiday how much money was raised.

Easter Egg Hunt and Raffle

Thank you to all the parents who came in to help with the Easter Egg Hunt today. The children had a thoroughly enjoyable time and it was lovely to see so many beautiful chick baskets.

It was very hard to choose between them but the winners were Brandon in Emerald, Chloe in Sapphire, Freddie in Ruby, Monti in Diamond, Liam in Gold and Zachary in Silver. The overall winner was Rhys in Diamond Class. Well done to everyone who entered, they were all lovely!

The winner of our Easter Teddy is Matthew in Emerald Class. Ben Christmas was originally pulled out of the hat but Mrs Christmas donated it back to school so that we could re-draw it.

Reminders for the Summer Term

Please ensure that your child comes back to school on 11th April with the following:

- Named, clean P.E. kit including plimsolls or trainers
- Book bag and books
- Friday Friend if they took one home over Easter
- Any change of contact numbers or addresses
- Details of any changes to Free School Meals eligibility (Pupil Premium) or special dietary requirements

Please could you ensure that book bags are cleared out so that the children come back to school with only their reading books and reading record in there. Thank you!

Mother's Day Bags

The PTA are running a competition over Easter. Please could you take a picture of your bag in the strangest place you can think of then upload it on our Facebook page or send it to walshinfantspta@gmail.com over Easter. The funniest one will win a prize!

Spring Celebration Day

On 14th April children from Ruby and Diamond Classes are welcome to come to school dressed in any colours that they feel represents spring, such as green or yellow.

This is a non school uniform day for children that take part and it applies to Year One only.



Weekly Newsletter

Reading

10 Great reasons to read aloud to children:

1. When you cuddle your child and give them this attention, they know you love them.
2. Reading to children encourages them to become readers.
3. Listening to stories will help to develop your child's attention span.
4. Books will help your child's imagination to soar.
5. Illustrations in children's books rank with the best, giving the children a lifelong appreciation for beautiful art.
6. Books are a great way of passing on your values.
7. Children's books today are so well written that they are also fun for adults to read.
8. Until children learn to read themselves, they will think you create magical stories.
9. When you give them this gift, you will create memories that last a lifetime.
10. Every teacher and librarian will thank you!



Science Summer Fair

Our Summer Fair this year is being held on **Saturday 21st May 2016** from 12pm-3pm. Over the next few weeks we will be putting out various appeals and we would be extremely grateful for any help you may be able to offer. This event typically raises around £3,000 for the school which goes towards buying new equipment and providing the children with new and exciting experiences. Here are some more tasters of what you may be able to help with!

**Please remember it is Mufti Day for
tombola bottle donations on
Friday 15th April!**

Raffle Tickets



So far our wonderful PTA team has managed to secure prizes totalling over £750 for our summer raffle. We have some amazing prizes up for grabs, so shortly after the half term, raffle tickets will be sent home for you to buy or to sell to family or friends. The format is the same as the Christmas Raffle, we will send home a book of 5 tickets which are £1 per ticket or £5 for the book. You take the tickets you require then send the payment and the stubs back to school before the closing date (this will be on the envelope). Please also return any unused tickets as the Lottery rules stipulate that we have to account for all tickets. Thank you and Good luck!

Match Funding

Do you or someone you know work for a bank or run a small business? If so, would they be willing to match fund the money we make on our Raffle? This really does make a BIG difference!

**Please do not forget we
desperately need
unwanted teddies
and uniform. Thank you!**

Summer Fair - 21 May 2016

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
	Spring Term 2	
24th March	Year R Cake Sale	1.15pm
24th March	Last Day of Spring Term	1.15pm finish
	Summer Term 1	
11th April	First day of Summer Term	8.45am
14th April	Year One Summer Celebration Day	All day
15th April	Mufti Day for Bottles	All day
3rd May	Inset Day—school closed for children	All day
10th May	Year One Castle Day (more information to follow)	All day
13th May	Parents reading in class—more information to follow	2.30pm-3.00pm
20th May	Mufti Day (more details to follow)	All day
21st May	Walsh Memorial Summer Fete—more information to follow	12-3pm
27th May	Last day of term	3.00pm
	Summer Term 2	
6th June	Inset Day—School closed to children	All day
7th June	First day of term	8.45am
21st June	Year One Trip to Alice Holt (more details to follow)	9am-3pm
29th June	St Peter's Day Family Picnic—more details to follow	12.00pm-1.00pm
15th July	Sports Day! More information to follow	TBA
18th July	Year Two Leavers' Assembly—more details to follow	TBA
20th July	Last Day of Term due to Inset Days on 21st and 22nd July	1.15pm finish

Inset Days (School closed to children for staff training days)

3rd May
 6th June
 21st July
 22nd July