



### *Headteacher's Message*

Our wonderful PTA has started preparations for our Summer Fete which is on Saturday 20th May. Our theme this year is Animals.

If anyone has any fundraising ideas which will help to make our Fete a little extra special, please could you email our PTA core team on [walshinfantspta@gmail.com](mailto:walshinfantspta@gmail.com).

This year we will be asking children to make Rainbow Jars again, so please keep hold of any spare jars.

Our Fete is our biggest fundraising event of the year and we would like to make it a great success!

*Have a nice weekend*  
Mrs Cawson, Headteacher

### *Maths Open Morning*

On **Tuesday 7th February**, all parents are invited to a Maths Open Morning at 9.05am. The session will last approximately one hour and it will be an opportunity for you to see a Maths lesson being taught in your child's class.

As this will be a working lesson we are unable to admit pre-school children to this session.

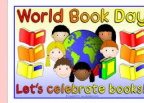
If you would like to attend, please wait in the school hall after dropping your child off and we will call you when your child's class is ready.

### *School Lunches*

Week commencing **30th January** we will be on **Week 1** of the dinner menu.

**Year One Parents**—your child will need to bring a packed lunch on Wednesday 1st February if you have not ordered one for the Milestones trip.

### *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 are welcome to 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 that 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.

### *Year One Visit to Church*

We will be taking Year One children to St Peter's Church on Thursday **9th February**, leaving school at 1.15pm and returning before 2.45pm. If you are able to help with the walk to church please let Mrs Thorn know. You do not need to be DBS checked as you will not be left unsupervised with the children.



# Mother's Day Gift




This year the children have been designing their own ceramic mug for their Mum to celebrate Mother's Day.

It will feature your child's artwork only and therefore they will make a great present for Mums, Nannies and Aunties. The product is of high quality and will be printed to order. They are priced at £6.00 each.

If you would like to order one, please complete the order form sent home in book bags and return it to school **before Wednesday 1st March**.

Please place the **correct** money in an envelope or send 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.

You can order as many as you like but all of the designs will be the same. There will be no writing or personalisation on the mugs.



## Half Term Fun For All The Family!

**Stuck for things for the children to do during the holidays? ....Well help is here!**

Guildford Borough Council has collated some useful information on activities for children and young people taking place in Guildford this half term. Details of playschemes, arts and crafts, dance workshops, family days out and much more can be found on our website:

[www.guildford.gov.uk/holidayactivities](http://www.guildford.gov.uk/holidayactivities)



## Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

We are collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers. If you have any that you would like to donate to the school, please ask your child to hand them in at the office.

## Register Inspection

We are due a register inspection shortly and will need to account for all absences. If your child is unwell, please could you ensure that you call the school on the first day of their absence on 01252 321426. Alternatively you can email us on [info@walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk) If you do not call us then we may need to call you to find out why your child is not in school.

## Midday Supervisor Role

We have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor. The hours are 11.55am-1.10pm, Monday to Friday. This is a permanent role.

If you are interested please ask for an application form at the school office. The closing date for applications is Tuesday 31st January.

## Save the Date!

The Ash Village Fete will be on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July and Fantasia will be on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

## Top tips to help children enjoy reading

To help make reading enjoyable and fun, we asked experts and authors what they would recommend to help get kids reading.

1. **Make books part of your family life**— Always have books around so that you and your children are ready to read whenever there's a chance.
2. **Join Ash Library**—You will find lots of lovely books for them to explore and there is a lovely reading corner for you to sit and enjoy a book together. Allow them to pick their own books, encouraging their own interests.
3. **Match their interests**—Help them find the right book— it does not matter if it is fiction, poetry, comic books or non-fiction.
4. **All reading is good**—Do not discount any books or reading materials— reading is reading and it is all good!
5. **Get comfortable!** - Snuggle up somewhere warm and cosy with your child on a beanbag or on the sofa, make sure they have somewhere comfortable when they are reading alone.
6. **Ask questions**—To keep them interested in the story, ask your child questions as you read such as, 'What do you think will happen next?' or 'Where did we get to last night? Can you remember what has happened already?'
7. **Read whenever you get the chance**—Bring along a book anytime your child has to wait, such as at the doctor's surgery.
8. **Read and read again**—Encourage your child to re-read favourite books and poems. Re-reading helps to build up fluency and confidence.
9. **Bedtime stories**—Regularly read with your child and children at bedtime. It is a great way to end the day and to spend valuable time with your child.
10. **Rhyme and repetition**—Books and poems which include rhyme and repetition are great for encouraging your child or children to join in and remember the words.



# Parental Guidance

# Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
	<b>Spring Term 1</b>	
1st February	Year One Trip to the Milestones Museum	9.15am-3.00pm
7th February	Maths Workshop (no pre-school children please)	9.05am-10.00am
10th February	Ruby Class Cake Sale	3.-00pm
10th February	Wear Red for British Red Cross Day and the Co-op (more details to follow)	
10th February	Last day of Half Term	3.00pm
	<b>Spring Term 2</b>	
20th February	<b>Inset Day—school closed to children</b>	
21st February	Return to school	8.45am
24th February	PTA Movie Night (more details to follow)	5.30pm-7.00pm
2nd March	World Book Day—children are welcome to dress up as book characters	
8th March	Late Parent's Evening (more details to follow) - <b>please note change to date</b>	
20th March	Early Parent's Evening (more details to follow)	
23rd March	Year Two Trip to Legoland— <b>late return to school</b>	9.15am-4.00pm
24th March	Mothering Sunday Assembly (more details to follow)	9.00am-10.00am
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
	<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)

20th February 2017

5th June 2017

21st July 2017