



Headteacher's Message

On Thursday 26th November Mrs Robinson and I had the great honour of attending a Long Service Award Ceremony at Surrey County Council to celebrate 25 years of working at Surrey Schools.

It was a lovely way to celebrate 25 wonderful years working in Surrey schools and we thoroughly enjoyed it.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Cawson, Headteacher

IMPORTANT!

Year 2 Parents

We would like to remind you that we are an Infant School and our Year 2 parents will need to apply for a place at a Junior School for next September. Please go to www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions to apply on-line. You need to do this **before 15th January 2016**.

If you do not have access to the Internet, please pop along to the school office and we will give you a paper copy of the application form.

Letters to Santa



If your child would like to send their letters to Santa our Christmas post box is located in the corridor opposite the staff. The post box will close on Friday 4th December.

If you need a copy of the letter that went home about this, please let Mrs Thorn in the school office know.

Christmas Cards

The post boxes for children to send cards to their friends will open on Monday 7th December. They will be located in the library area.

Raffle Tickets



Christmas draw 2015 raffle tickets have gone home in most book bags today (a book of 5 tickets per family). Raffle tickets are £1 each.

If you would like more raffle tickets please let us know either by emailing walshinfantspta@gmail.com or complete the boxes on the front of the envelope and hand it to Mrs Thorn in the school office.

If you are unable to sell the tickets just return them to the school office as soon as possible so we can sell them. All raffle tickets need to be returned to school by 7th December in order to be included in the draw which will take place on Thursday 10th December.

We have 20 amazing hampers which have been put together by a wonderful team of helpers. The first prize is 2 VIP Aldershot Football Club tickets for Saturday 19th December including a 3 course meal, along with some luxury hamper items. They are on display in the corridors if you would like to take a look.

Thank you so much for all your generous donations today.

Pied Piper

Yesterday the children enjoyed a visit from the Pied Piper Travelling Theatre and watched The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse. The children thoroughly enjoyed the performance and sat beautifully throughout.

We paid for this performance with the proceeds we made from the Ice Cream sales in the summer, so thank you very much to everyone who helped to sell ice creams and to those who purchased them.

Christmas Craft Club



Our Christmas Craft Club is now full. If you have paid for a space for your child, please check their book bags as they should have a ticket in there to confirm their place.

If your child is attending Craft Club and you are not helping out, please wait in the reception area at 4.30pm and you will be let in when the children have finished.

If you are helping out, please could you come to school for 2.50pm.

Christmas Performance

If you have not yet collected your tickets for the Christmas performance, please contact Mrs Thorn in the school office as soon as possible.

If you have reserved tickets via email or over the phone, these will be sent home in book bags on Monday.

Parent Helpers

If you are interested in helping out at school with reading, spelling or other activities, please let Mrs Thorn know in the school office or speak to your child's teacher.

In particular we are in need of helpers in Year One to help with spelling robots and we need some help running our library book scheme.



Christmas School Disco

On 17th December, our lovely PTA team will be hosting a Christmas School Disco. A flyer will be sent home about this early next week.

Children under 5 will need to be accompanied by an adult.

Attendance

Please ensure that you call the school on the first day that your child is off sick, ideally before 9.30am. You do not need to call on consecutive days, but we do ask if the illness spans over a weekend that you call us again on Monday to let us know how your child is.

Bags2School

Going home today are some sacks for you to send in any unwanted clothing, shoes, belts, hats, ties, handbags and soft toys. Shoes must be paired and all items need to be in good condition.

If you would like to have a pre-Christmas clear-out, please place any unwanted items in these bags and return them to school between Friday 5th December and Thursday 10th December. You can hand them in at the gate in the morning or drop them to reception.

All bags are weighed and we will be paid against the total weight, so the more bags we get back the better. If you have more than one bags worth, any bag will do so please use a bin bag or something similar.

Any money we raise will go towards new resources for the children.

Ruby Class Cake Sale



The Ruby Class Cake Sale is on 17th December. Please could parents of Ruby Class children donate cakes for Ruby Class to sell after school on this day.

The children will help to decide what the money raised is spent on.

Worms and Head Lice

Please check your children regularly for signs of worms and head lice as we have had a few cases in school recently. If your child has contracted either, please treat them and send them back to school.

If you need any advice please speak to your pharmacist.

Milk Bottle Tops

We are still collecting milk bottle tops which will be donated to a charity. All tops must be 'milk only' in any colour but they must not include foil inserts or stickers.

We have recently donated two large sacks of bottle tops to Milk Bottle Tops for Air Ambulances and we would like to continue supporting this worthy cause.

Parking

We have been asked by the West Surrey Foundation to ask for parents to refrain from using their parking spaces at drop off and pick up times as these are allocated to staff members. They are clearly labelled, so please could you ensure that you do not use these spaces.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Hand Washing

Frequent hand washing is one of the single most important things we can do to help to reduce the spread of infections and prevent ill health. For example, good hand hygiene in children will help to prevent the spread of common communicable infections such as colds and tummy bugs. I

Whilst it might seem obvious to adults, many children do not understand why it is important to wash their hands thoroughly and will only give them a quick rinse under the tap, whereas some do not wash their hands at all.

At school we always ask the children to wash their hands before lunch and we encourage to wash their hands thoroughly after using the toilets. We would ask that parents do the same at home and spend some time with their child showing them how to do it properly and explaining why they should do it. A school nurse explained this to them all a few weeks back, but it would help if parents could help re-enforce the message.



Parental Guidance

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
	Autumn Term 2	
1st December	Christmas Craft Club	3.00pm-4.30pm
8 th December	Christmas Production—pre school children permitted	9.15am
9 th December	Christmas Production—Adults only	9.15am
10 th December	Christmas Production followed by PTA Raffle - Adults only	1.30pm
16 th December	Christmas lunch for the children—please return your child's form before 30/11/2015.	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.