



Please note that Monday is a Bank Holiday and Tuesday is an Inset Day so children are not expected back into school until 8.45am on Wednesday 4th May.

Headteacher's Message

Thank you to everyone who donated children's toys and sweets today for our tombola for the Summer Fair. All children enjoyed an extra long playtime today.

There were mixed views from parents on whether today should have been a Mufti Day or whether we should give the children extra playtime. The children did enjoy having an extended playtime so we will probably alternate in the future. We will be clear about it in our newsletters and give you plenty of warning.

On another note, I would also like to inform you all that, after many wonderful years of service at Walsh Memorial Infant School, both Mrs Robinson and Mrs Gilbert will be retiring at the end of the summer term and obviously we wish them both all the best in their retirement.

Have a nice long weekend.
Mrs Cawson, Headteacher

Packed Lunches and Drinks

If your child brings a packed lunch to school please can you ensure that it does not include any nuts or nut based products (including Nutella). Lunches boxes should be as healthy as possible so no chocolate please.

Children are only permitted to drink plain water at school, so please do not send in any fruit juices or flavoured water.

Cemetery Visit

We have arranged for Year Two children to visit St Peter's Church Cemetery on 5th May as part of our Zippy studies. A letter is going home today about this.

We are in need of some parents to help us to walk the children there and back safely.

If you are able to help with this visit please let Mrs Thorn know in the school office. A DBS check will not be required as you will not be left unattended with the children at any time.

School Nursing Team Drop In

Monday 16th May 2016
1pm - 4pm



Our school is very fortunate to be able to offer parents and carers the opportunity to drop in and discuss a range of topics if you have any concerns about your child.

The nurse is able to provide advice and support on the following topics:

- ◆ Toileting
- ◆ Behaviour
- ◆ Healthy eating and life style
- ◆ Sleep concerns
- ◆ Sign posting to other professionals

If you would like to pop in for a chat about your concerns please speak to Mrs Robinson or ring the school office for an appointment.

Mufti Day for Rainbow Jars

On 20th May we will be having a Mufti Day for Rainbow Jars. These will be entered into our Tombola Draw.

The Rainbow Jars can be as simple as decorating a glass or plastic jar and filling it with sweets or marbles or something that a child would like to receive. These jars will then become prizes for our Rainbow Jar tombola. For those that are more creative and like a challenge, they can be more elaborate as there will a prize for the best ones.

There are some great ideas on Pinterest if you would like to take a look or you could Google 'gift in a jar'. Here are a few ideas:



Reading in Class

On 13th May in the afternoon, we would like to invite parents to come and along and share a book with their child's class. If we have sufficient parents, we will break the class up into small groups for the parents to read to. Maybe the book you choose to read could be your child's favourite story book? If you would like to join us, please come along to reception at 2.30pm. If you are able to arrange care for pre-school children it is preferable as it can cause a bit of a stir in the classroom with young ones in there, however, if you do need to bring them then it is not a problem.



After School Club Information

Please find below information on our after school clubs:

Tuesday: Choir Club from 3.00-3.45pm (open to all year groups)

Wednesday: Sporty Kidz from 3.00-4.00pm (fee paying club, open to all year groups)

Wednesday: Puzzle Club for Sapphire Class (alternates between classes) from 3.00pm-3.50pm on 04/05.

Thursday: Mrs Brett's Sport's Club from 3.00-4.00pm (open to Year Two for the next 1/2 term)

If your child would like to join any of these clubs, please collect a permission slip from the school office.



Chewing Gum

Please ensure that your child does not come into school chewing gum. We had an incident last week that resulted in a parent having to cut some out of their child's hair. Therefore we would ask that parents remove it from their child before entering the school grounds. Thank you.



Ice Creams!

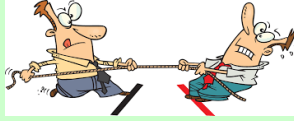
Weather permitting, ice creams will be on sale after school in the playground this next Friday and every Friday thereafter throughout the summer. They are 50p each and all profits will go towards a Christmas Production for the children to enjoy.

If you are able to help with selling the ice creams please let Mrs Thorn know in the school office. It does not have to be every week, just as and when you can. Every offer of help will be gratefully received.

PTA News!

Our Summer Fair this year is being held on Saturday 21st May 2016 from 12pm-3pm.

Interclass Tug of War!



During the Summer Fair we will be having an Inter-Class Tug of War Competition. Last years winners, Silver Class mums and dads who are now Diamond Class, are hoping to retain their trophy. So please roll up your sleeves and volunteer to join your child's class for the big re-match!

So far we have:

- ⇒ Silver Class—4 volunteers
- ⇒ Ruby Class—4 volunteers
- ⇒ Sapphire Class—2 volunteers
- ⇒ Gold Class—4 volunteers
- ⇒ Diamond Class—3 volunteers
- ⇒ Emerald Class—no volunteers so far



Class pride is at stake so please let us know on our Facebook page if you are able to join or email Mrs Thorn on info@walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk. We need 6 adults per team.

Raffle Tickets

This week we have sent home a book of raffle tickets in book bags for our Summer Fair Raffle. This year we have some fabulous raffle prizes and we will be updating our Facebook PTA page regularly so you can see what is up for grabs.

If you would like to buy raffle tickets, they are £1 each or £5 for a book. Please return any unsold tickets before 18th May. If you could help us by selling to family and friends we would be very grateful as we are hoping to get match-funding for any money raised this year which will help tremendously.



Summer Fair - 21 May 2016

Date	Event	Time
	Summer Term 1	
3rd May	Inset Day —school closed for children	All day
5th May	Year Two Cemetery Visit	
10th May	Year One Castle Day (more information to follow)	All day
11th May	Year Two SATs meeting for parents—letter to go home shortly	2.30pm-3.00pm
12th May	Year One Phonics Screening meeting for Parents—letter to go home shortly	2.30pm-3.00pm
12th May	PTA Meeting	7.30pm
13th May	Parents reading in class—more information to follow	2.30pm-3.00pm
16th May	School Nurse Drop in Clinic	1.00pm-4.00pm
20th May	Mufti Day for Rainbow Jars	All day
20th May	School Bounce (more information to follow)	All day
20th May	Toddler Bounce (more information to follow)	2.30pm
21st May	Walsh Memorial Summer Fete	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
10th June	School Street Party (more details to follow)	12pm-1pm
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
29th June	Year 2 Visit to the library—walkers needed	
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

Dates for your Diary