

Walsh Memorial CE Infant School



Weekly Newsletter



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Issue 3

News

Summer Holiday Homework



A big thumbs up to all the children who sent in a summer holiday diary. We had a lovely time reading them all and we hope the children had a lot of fun writing them.

We selected our favourite entries and asked an independent body to select the winner. Well done to Miles Jefferson who was the overall winner. He will now enjoy unlimited access to Jake's Mini Farm for three months.

We also selected some 'highly commended' pieces of work and the children who wrote these diaries will be given a certificate and a lucky dip prize at our next celebration assembly.



Emerald Class Cake Sale

The Emerald Class Cake Sale has been scheduled for 25th September and the cakes will be sold after school. Please could parents and carers of children in Emerald class provide cakes on the day. Our cakes sales have always been very successful and the money we make helps us to purchase new equipment and resources for the children in that class.

New Parent Collective Workshop and Macmillan Coffee Morning



On 25th September at 9.15 a.m. Reverend Carol will be coming in to do a Collective Worship assembly with our new families from Year R and our new parents in other year groups. If you would like to join us please wait in the school hall after drop-off.

After the Collective Worship we will be hosting a Macmillan Coffee morning in the school staff room. All new parents are invited to stay after the Collective Worship and come along and have a coffee and purchase a cake (made by school staff) if they would like to. All proceeds will go to Macmillan.

Important – Book Bags

Please ensure that your child does not put their water bottle in their book bag. Unfortunately some water bottles leak and cause damage to our school books.

School Uniform

We would be grateful for any second hand uniform donations for our PTA to sell at future events. Book bags, PE bags, sweatshirts, cardigans and PE kits would be gratefully received. Even if they are looking a little worn, we can use them as spares. Please pop them into the school office. Thank you in advance



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 will be donating them to a charity next term.

Year 2 Parents

We do not like to think of our current Year 2 children moving on but 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.

PTA News

All parents are invited to attend the PTA AGM on Wednesday 30th September at 7.30pm in the school hall. This is an official meeting where the committee members are elected. Every member of staff and parent is automatically enrolled as a member of the PTA but a core group of committed parents are the driving force behind a very friendly and successful fundraising team.

If you would like to be nominated for the position of Chairperson, Secretary or Treasurer please write to Mrs Cawson stating your name and a short paragraph describing why you would be good at the position by 9.30am on Tuesday 29th September. These statements are then shared with the AGM meeting should a vote be necessary. Our Chairperson and our Secretary have now moved onto Junior School, so these positions are vacant.



On Thursday 19th November from 6.00pm-8.30pm we will be holding our very popular Christmas Shopping Evening in the school hall. This year we have a large range of stalls and it is a great opportunity to kick start your Christmas shopping, or to find gifts for those who are hard to buy for. Entrance is free.

If you are interested in having a stall or you know someone who would like to, please contact Sarah Thorn in the school office on info@walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk.

Parental Guidance



Mathematics

Some children find it very difficult to make a sensible estimate of a number of objects, money and measures. Here are a few games to help:

1. Give them a handful of coins and ask all members of the family (or whoever is there in the room) to guess how much is there and then count them together to see who's the closest (use only 1ps to begin with).
2. This game is a family favourite of the Gilberts! When dining out next time, ask all members of the party to make a sensible estimate on how much the bill will come to. Who was the closest? It is amazing how we remember who won last time! You could also try this at the shops.
3. Ask your child to fill different containers with smaller ones during bath times. Talk about which container holds more/less.

Doing these activities at home and when out and about will help your child to learn to estimate objects, money and measures much more accurately and will support what we are teaching them at school.

Mrs Gilbert
Maths Subject Manager



Dates for the Diary

Date	Event	Time
	Autumn Term 1	
25 th September	New Parent Collective Worship and Coffee Morning	9.15am
25 th September	Emerald Class Cake Sale	3.00pm
30 th September	PTA AGM in the school hall	7.30pm
7 th October	Year One visit to Milestones Museum	9.00am-3.00pm
16 th October	Harvest Festival Assembly – more details to follow	
21 st October	Open Morning - English. More details to follow	
23 rd October	Last day of term	
	Autumn Term 2	
2 nd November	First day of Autumn Term 2	8.45am
2 nd November	Individual school photos – more details to follow	
2 nd – 5 th November	Travelling Book Fair – more details to follow	
6 th November	Year Two visit to the Theatre in Woking – more details to follow	11.00am-3.00pm
19 th November	Christmas Shopping Evening	6.00pm-8.30pm
26 th November	Pied Piper Theatre visiting the children	
3 rd December	Christmas Craft Club - more details to follow	3.00pm
8 th December	Christmas Production with Toddlers - more details to follow	
9 th December	Christmas Production - more details to follow	
10 th December	Christmas Production followed by PTA Raffle - more details to follow	
16 th December	Christmas lunch for the children – more details to follow	12.00pm
16 th December	Christmas Service at St Peter's Church – more details to follow	
18 th December	Wear a Christmas Jumper for Save the Children – more details to follow	
18 th December	Last day of the autumn term	

Inset Days (School closed to children)

6th June
22nd July

Two further dates will be announced shortly.