

# Walsh Memorial CE Infant School



## Weekly Newsletter



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Issue 4

### News

#### Reading



A big thank you to everyone who has been reading at home with their child every day. It really does make a huge difference so please do continue.

Please also remember to date and sign their Reading at Home Diary and feel free to write any comments on how you felt they got on.



Did you know that if you stop smoking for 28 days you are 5 times more likely to stop for good? A representative from Stoptober will be outside the school gates at 3pm on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September to provide information, advice and giveaways on how to quit smoking.



#### Emerald Class Cake Sale

Just to remind you that Emerald Class will be selling cakes in the playground after school today priced at 30p each or 4 for £1. Thank you to all the parents who have kindly baked and donated cakes. Good luck Emerald Class!

#### Year One Workshop

Year One parents are invited to attend a Spellings, the **National Phonics Screening Test** and Home Support Workshop on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm at school. If you would like to attend please come to Reception at 2.30pm.

#### Harvest Festival Assembly

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October we will be hosting our annual Harvest Festival Assembly and all parents are invited to join us to celebrate the Harvest Festival. Arrangements for the assembly will be provided nearer the time.

Each year we alternate our collections between local and international aid. At our assembly this year, we will be collecting monetary donations for Christian Aid who are focusing on Nigerian communities suffering from the impact of malaria.

## **Class of 2015 Photos**

A photographer has been in to take a photo of our Reception children and the photo will appear in the Surrey Advertiser in early November. We will contact them again in a few weeks to get the confirmed date and will let you know what it is as soon as possible.

## **GCSE English and Maths Courses**

If you would like to study English or Maths GCSE the following are running at the West Surrey Foundation, Ash.

- Maths – Tuesday and Wednesday mornings – 9.30 – 11.15am (students need to attend both sessions)
- English - Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons – 1.00 – 2.45pm (students need to attend both sessions)

For bookings or any questions please speak to one of our outreach workers, call 01252 400222 or e-mail [cc@stpaulstongham.com](mailto:cc@stpaulstongham.com).

There is a crèche available.

## **Parent Helpers**

We are in need of some parent helpers in school. If you are interested in helping out with reading, spellings, school trips or other activities, please let us know at the school office or speak to your child's teacher. A DBS check will be required.

## **Dogs**

We have had a complaint from a parent that a dog had fouled on the grass in front of the office and unfortunately their child stepped in it. Thankfully, the poor parent concerned cleaned her daughter's shoes before she walked into the playground.

If you do need to bring your dog to school, please ensure that they *are not* allowed to roam on the grass areas around the school. You have a legal duty to clean up every time your dog messes in a public place.

## **Parking**

Please note that there is *no* parental parking on-site at *any time*. If you are the holder of a disabled badge, please pop along to the school office with it and we will issue you with a parking permit to enable you to park on-site. If you need to park in the local area, please park respectfully and show consideration to our neighbours and the local businesses.

Please observe the speed limit of 5mph if you use our 'kiss and drop' service and be mindful of pedestrians at all times. This is very important as it helps to keep our families safe.

## 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](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions) to apply on-line. You need to do this *before* 15th January 2016.

Similarly, if you have a sibling starting school in September 2016, you will also need to apply for a space for them before 15<sup>th</sup> January. Please remember to select the 'sibling' box on the application form.

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



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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 and we will have a craft table to keep children entertained. This coincides with our late Parent Interviews, so we hope you will come and visit us.

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

# Parental Guidance

## P.E. Days

In the table below you will see which days your child's class has P.E. on. Please ensure that their P.E. kit is in school at all times. It will be sent home at the end of each half term to be washed and will need to come back into school on the first day back.

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
Silver		X		X	
Gold		X		X	
Ruby			X		X
Diamond			X		X
Sapphire	X			X	
Emerald	X			X	

Please note that children should not wear earrings to school on their P.E. days, unless they are able to take them out themselves confidently.

Please ensure that their P.E. kit is clearly labelled and includes a pair of comfortable fitting plimsolls or trainers.

If you have any concerns please see your child's teacher.



## Dates for the Diary

Date	Event	Time
<b>Autumn Term 1</b>		
30 <sup>th</sup> September	PTA AGM in the school hall	7.30pm
7 <sup>th</sup> October	Year One visit to Milestones Museum	9.00am-3.00pm
8 <sup>th</sup> October	Year One Spellings, Phonics and Home Support Workshop	2.30pm
16 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival Assembly – more details to follow	
21 <sup>st</sup> October	Open Morning - English. More details to follow	
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Last day of term	
<b>Autumn Term 2</b>		
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	First day of Autumn Term 2	8.45am
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Individual school photos – more details to follow	
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Travelling Book Fair – more details to follow	
6 <sup>th</sup> November	Year Two visit to the Theatre in Woking – more details to follow	11.00am-3.00pm
19 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Shopping Evening	6.00pm-8.30pm
20 <sup>th</sup> November	Year One and Two Flu Vaccine (for those children with signed permission slips)	
26 <sup>th</sup> November	Pied Piper Theatre visiting the children	
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Christmas Craft Club - more details to follow	3.00pm
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Production with Toddlers - more details to follow	
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Production - more details to follow	
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Production followed by PTA Raffle - more details to follow	
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas lunch for the children – more details to follow	12.00pm
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Service at St Peter's Church – more details to follow	
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Wear a Christmas Jumper for Save the Children – more details to follow	
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of the autumn term	

### **Inset Days** (School closed to children)

6<sup>th</sup> June  
22<sup>nd</sup> July

Two further dates will be announced shortly.