

Walsh Memorial CE Infant School



Weekly Newsletter



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Issue 1



News

Welcome back to all our children and families. We all hope you enjoyed your time with your children during the summer holidays.

A very special welcome to our new families. Thank you for choosing our school and we hope our partnership will be a very happy and successful one.

Summer Holiday Homework



If your child has completed their Summer Holiday Diary, please ask them to bring it to school before 9th September and hand it to their teacher. We promise that every single diary will be read.

The child who has put in the most effort on their diary and enjoyed writing about their holiday experiences will win a very special prize of a Quarterly Pass to Jake's @ Trilakes worth £45. This will give your child unlimited access to Jake's Mini Farm for three months. The accompanying adult is free.

Reminders for the Autumn Term

Your child needs:-

- A named P.E. Kit, including comfortable plimsolls which need to be left at school.
- A named rain coat or other coat every day.
- A named water bottle every day with fresh water (no juice please or flavoured water). We have water bottles on sale in school for £1.50 each, if you would like to buy one please pop along to the school office.
- A named book bag every day

Please ensure that all uniform, P.E. kit, bags, water bottles, coats and anything else that your child brings to school is clearly labelled with their name.

School Uniform

Just to remind all parents that children must only wear navy blue or white accessories in their hair. Please tie back long hair in a ponytail or plait as this helps to reduce the risk of head lice spreading.

Stud earrings are permitted, however, they must be removed before school on P.E. days. Your child's class teacher will be able to advise you which days your child has P.E.

Change of details

The office always needs up-to-date contact details, including telephone numbers, addresses and email addresses. This includes contact information for any other contacts. Please pop into the office and notify us if your details have changed.

Medication and allergies

Please come into the school office with any prescribed medication that your child requires during the school day. Please note that medication forms will need to be completed by the parent if they have not done so already. Please check the expiry date of the medication, including any inhalers, before bringing it back in. Please ensure that the prescription label is clear.

If your child attends Breakfast Club, please write a letter outlining the dosage and the frequency that the medication is required and sign it. Please then pass the signed letter and medication to a member of staff at Breakfast Club.

If medication, such as antibiotics, is required 3 times a day please try and work around this at home rather than bringing it to school where possible.

If your child has been diagnosed with any allergies over the holiday, please notify the office immediately. An allergy form will need to be completed by the parent.

Absence

Please ensure that we are notified of any absence on the first morning that your child is off sick. If your child has got sickness or diarrhoea, they need to remain off school for 48 hours after the final episode. Please check with the school office if you are unsure about exclusion periods. You do not need to ring in every day of absence but we ask that you ring in again if the illness continues over a weekend into the new school week.

If you do not contact the school then your child's absence maybe recorded as unauthorised and a letter will be sent home requesting a reason for absence.

Lates

If your child is going to be arriving at school after 9.15am and they require a school provided lunch, please call the school before 9.15am and ask that they are put on the lunch register. If you do not contact the school before your child comes in then you will need to provide them with a packed lunch on this day.

Packed Lunches

If your child brings a packed lunch to school, please can you ensure that it does not include any chocolate, any products containing nuts, sweets or fruit juice. Please ensure that the lunch is healthy as we are very proud to be a Healthy Eating School.

If you intend switching your child from school meals to packed lunches (even just for one day), please ensure that the school office are aware, as the hot meals are ordered on a Thursday for the following week and cannot be cancelled. In the last academic year, a large number of school meals were wasted every week because we had not been made aware that some children had switched to packed lunches and we had ordered them a school meal.

All children in this school are entitled to free school meals, which is nutritional and healthy. If your child takes a packed lunch now, please could you encourage them to try school meals again and let the school office know if they would like to.

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.

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.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Pupil Premium

If your circumstances have changed over the summer holidays and you now claim one of the following benefits, please pop in to the school office and let us know:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

We will ask you to complete a short form and if the application is approved we will be able to claim additional funding to support your child in school. All applications will be treated with utmost confidence.

School Uniform

We would be grateful for any 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

Limited Edition Centennial Mug

If you would like to order a Centennial mug as a memento they are on sale at £5 each. Please put the correct money in an envelope or make a cheque payable to Walsh Memorial C of E Infant School and hand it into the office. Alternatively, you can pay at the school office and we will hand you the cup directly.

Milk Bottle Tops

We would be grateful for donations for 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.

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.

Parental Guidance

Parental guidance will start up again next week.



Dates for the Diary

Date	Event	Time
	Autumn Term 1	
3 rd September	School starts again for the autumn term	8.45am
30 th September	PTA AGM in the school hall	7.30pm
7 th October	Year One visit to Milestones Museum – more details to follow	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 – 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
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 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	