



Headteacher's Message

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.

I wanted to take the opportunity to let you know about a couple of changes to our office staff.

Welcome to Miss Vinall who joined us in September, she will be taking up the role of School Business Manager.

Welcome to Mrs Sanders who has also joined our team and will be doing a job share with Mrs Thorn in the front office.

Have a nice weekend.

Mrs Cawson, Headteacher

Choir Club

Choir Club will not start up again until later this term. Please keep an eye on future newsletters for more details.

VERY IMPORTANT!

Pupil Premium Forms

All Year One and Two children will shortly be sent home with a Pupil Premium Form. If you are able to tick any of the eligibility criteria on the back of the form, please could you complete and return this by **Friday 21st September**.

This will enable us to claim extra funding and it forms a critical part of our budget. The information you provide will be held in strictest confidence.

Thank you very much for your help in this matter.

School Lunches

Week commencing **17th September** we will be on **Week 2** of the dinner menu.

Newsletter—Important

Please note that our newsletter is issued fortnightly. Our next edition will be issued on 28 September. Copies of our newsletter can be found on our website: www.walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk.

Meet the Teacher

Year One Parents are invited to meet their child's teacher on Wednesday 19th September who will present an overview of expectations for Year One. **Please note that this is a corrected date.**

Year Two Parents are invited to meet with the Year Two teachers on Thursday 20th September to obtain an understanding of Year Two expectations.

If you would like to come along, please come to the school office at 2.30pm on the respective day.

P.E. Kits

Please can you ensure that your child has a named P.E. kit in school which contains comfortable fitting trainers or plimsolls. During milder weather we do most of our P.E. lessons outside, so it is important that they have the correct footwear.

P.E. kits are sent home at the end of each half term to be washed.

Midday Supervisor

We have a role for a Midday Supervisor. If you are interested, please pick up a form from the school office. The closing date for application is 21/09/2018.

Parents with DBS Checks

If you have a DBS check with the school please can you ensure that you have signed in this term, if you have not already done so. This enables us to keep your DBS check current. If you do not sign in every term then unfortunately your DBS check will become invalid and we will need to redo it if you would like to help out in the future. Thank you.

Lates

If your child is going to be arriving at school after 9.15am and they require a school 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.

Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school, please call the school before 10.00am on the first day of their absence. This will avoid any unauthorised absence marks. You do not need to call on subsequent days unless the illness continues over the weekend and into the new week.

If you are unclear what the exclusion period is for a particular condition, please contact the school for advice or visit www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england for guidance.

Holidays during term time

We would like to remind parents that holidays should not be taken during term time and authorisation will only be granted in exceptional circumstances.

If you wish to take your child on holiday, please ask for a holiday form in the school office. If a parent takes their child on holiday during term-time for more than 4 school days each parent will be liable to receive a penalty notice from Surrey County Council.

Special Diets

If your child's dietary requirement have changed over the summer break and they now require a special diet, please contact the school office. Please note that special diets are those that are required for medical or religious purposes. If your child does not like a particular element of the menu, such as beans, this is a preference, not a special diet requirement. The dinner ladies will be able to deal with most preferences when meals are served.

Healthy Eating

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

Please could you also ensure that drinking bottles contain plain water only.

All children in this school are entitled to free school meals, which are 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.

Year One Phonics Briefing

Parents of Year One children are invited to a Phonics Briefing in school on **17th October at 2.30pm**. If you are interested in attending, please come to the office reception at this time.

Accessing the School Grounds

We would like to remind parents that there is no parental parking on-site at anytime, unless you are the holder of a disabled badge or you have been called and asked to collect a poorly child from school.

Access to our grounds is strictly one way so please **do not** enter the school grounds where it is clearly marked 'no entry'. Staff members are there in the morning to help to get the children safely into school and to keep the traffic moving.

Kiss and Drop opens at 8.40am, please do not attempt to drop your child off before that time as the gate is not manned before this time. Thank you for your cooperation.

PTA Annual General Meeting

All parents are invited to attend the PTA AGM on 3rd October 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 2nd October. These statements are then shared with the AGM meeting should a vote be necessary.

We hope to see you there!

Post Box

We have a 'safe style' Post Box in our reception area for parents to post any letters, money, forms or other documentation to us. This box will be checked regularly throughout the day.

RM Maths—100 Minute Challenge

This year, Mrs Wall and I will be working really hard to encourage the children to practice their RM Maths at least twice a week at home. To reward the children we have purchased some small mathematical treats as prizes, such as dice, rulers, numbers lines etc.

30 children have already received their pencil case and are working towards their first instrument. The equipment will then help them with their maths homework. Mrs Wall challenges children to do 4 x 20 minute sessions before the end of September to earn their pencil case or their first mathematical tool.

This is currently for Year One and Two only and will be rolled out to Year R in due course.



Lending Library

Children will start using the Lending Library from next week onwards. The change days are as follows:

Day	Class
Monday	Diamond Class
Tuesday	Sapphire Class
Wednesday	Ruby Class
Thursday	Emerald Class
Friday	Early Years

We always need Parent Helpers to help us with the Lending Library. If you are free to help in the afternoon that your child changes, please speak to your child's teacher. We will need to complete a DBS check before you start helping on-site.

Supporting your child at home

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
	Autumn Term 1	
19th September	Year One Meet the Teacher— corrected date	2.30pm
20th September	Year Two Meet the Teacher	2.30pm
28th September	PTA Teddy Bear's Picnic (more information to follow)	3.30pm-5.00pm
2nd October	English Open Morning (no siblings please)	9.10am-10.00am
2nd October	New Parent Collective Worship (more information to follow)	10.30am
3rd October	PTA AGM in the school hall (all welcome)	7.30pm
12th October	Harvest Festival Assembly (more information to follow)	9.10am
17th October	Year One Phonics Workshop (more information to follow)	2.30pm
17th October	Prospective Parents Open Evening	7.00pm-9.00pm
5th November	Early Parents Evening (more information to follow)	3.30pm-6.00pm
12th November	Flu Vaccinations (letter to be sent home shortly)	
14th November	Late Parents Evening (more information to follow)	6.00pm-8.20pm

2018/2019 Inset Days (School closed to children)

Monday 29th October

Friday 4th January 2019

Monday 3rd June

Christmas Holidays 2018

Please note that we break up a day later than the Surrey published dates for the Christmas break. We break up on 20th, not 19th December, but this means that children do not come back to school until Monday 7th January.