



Headteacher's Message

I am delighted to say that our new children are settling into school really well. Therefore, as from Monday 1st October, all children will now come into school via the entrance to Early Years, as they had done previously.

Our Early Years staff will be encouraging children to come in by themselves and rewarding them with stickers for their good work. We hope this will help the children become more confident to come in by themselves.

A few parents have mentioned that it is taking some time for their children to be released into their care at the end of the school day. Our priority is to ensure that children are released safely and to the correct person, so if you need to speak to your child's teacher, please could you hold back until all of the children have been released. That way, we can ensure that all of the children are released safely and promptly.

Please could you also ensure that children do not collect their scooters from the scooter park until all children have been released to their parents. This will help to avoid any injuries. Thank you for your cooperation.

If your child is being collected by someone who is not on their collection list, please ensure that you have written it in the 'going home' book or that you have notified the school office.

Have a nice weekend.

Mrs Cawson, Headteacher

School Lunches

Week commencing **1st October** we will be on **Week 1** of the dinner menu.

Please note that there is a slight menu change on Thursday 4th October. An email has been sent home about this today.

Newsletter—Important

Please note that our newsletter is issued fortnightly. Our next edition will be issued on 12 October. Copies of our newsletter can be found on our website: www.walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk.

English Open Morning

On Tuesday 2nd October we will be running an English based Open Morning in school for parents from 9am to 10am. This is an opportunity for parents to come along and see an English lesson being taught in their child's classroom.

If you would like to come along, please wait in the school hall after you drop your child off and wait until you are called into your child's classroom.

As this will be a working lesson we are unable to admit pre-schoolers as it causes too much of a distraction for the children.

Please remember that there is no parental parking on-site and please park with consideration for our neighbours if you need to park in the local area.

New Parent Collective Worship

After the English Open Morning on 2nd October, new parents are welcome to join Father Keith and the children for our New Parent Collective Worship in the school hall at 10.30am.

If you would like to join us, please wait in the school hall after the Open Morning finishes. Our Year R children will not be joining us for this assembly, it is just an opportunity for you to see a Collective Worship.

Arrangements for the Teddy Bear's Picnic Today

This afternoon is our Teddy Bear's Picnic from 3.30pm to 5.00pm. Currently the weather is looking okay so we plan to hold the event outside.

Please bring with you any chairs or picnic blankets you may need and make your way to the grass area opposite early years once the Year R children have all been collected by their parents and the area is clear.

Please bring your picnic with you and any drinks you may wish to consume, and of course, your child's favourite Teddy!

We hope you will enjoy making new friends and that you will get to meet some of your child's new classmates.

Children and siblings are welcome to climb on the castle and pirate ship but they remain your responsibility at all times.

Please note that alcohol is not permitted on school grounds at any time. This is also a no smoking or vaping site.

Please remember there is no parental parking on-site and please park considerately in the local area if you need to drive to school.

We will be selling cakes to raise money for Macmillan.

Harvest Festival Assembly

All parents are invited to our Harvest Festival Assembly on Friday 12th October at 9.10am.

This year we will be supporting our local Foodbank. Our Foodbank helps local people in crisis and provides them with food for three days. They also offer support and help signpost the families to additional support.

Should you wish to make a donation, please bring it into school and put on the table in the hall on or before 12th October.

All parents are welcome to come along and watch our assembly. Year R will be making a very short appearance at the end of the assembly. Pre-school children are welcome but please take them to the library if they are noisy as some of our children only have little voices and we would like everyone to enjoy the experience.

Please remember there is no parental parking on-site and please park considerately in the local area if you need to drive to school.

Parent Helpers

We would love to have more parent helpers in school. If you do have some spare time to help out, please speak to the school office. A DBS check will be required.

P.E. Shorts

We are missing a number of our spare P.E. shorts which are embroidered with the school logo. Please could you check at home and send them into school if you find any. Thank you.

Individual School Photos

On **Monday 5th November** our school photographer will be coming into school to take individual photos of the children for you to purchase if you wish.

We will be opening the school at 8.00am for any parents who would like to have a family portrait taken or a photo of their infant and junior school children together. If you would like a family photo, please come to our reception area at 8.00am. You may need to queue for a short while.

Children who have siblings in our school will be photographed together and individually during normal school hours.

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!

Water Bottles

Someone very kindly donated some water bottles to the school which we will be sending home with our Year One and Two children in the next few days.

Whilst they are lovely bottles, the drinking mechanism is a little complex and therefore these water bottles are not suitable for school. We hope that Year One and Two children are able to make good use of them at home.

Flu Vaccinations

On 12th November our School Nursing Team are coming into school to administer the flu vaccination, in the form of a nasal spray, to all of our children who have returned a signed consent form.

Flu vaccination consent forms have been sent home in book bags, so please complete and return them before 5th October, even if you do not give consent for your child to have the vaccination.

Please ensure that the form is completed fully and signed, otherwise they may not be able to administer it on the day.

RM Maths—100 Minute Challenge

Our RM Easimaths challenge is well underway and many of our children are very close to achieving 100 minutes and obtaining their mathematical pencil case. There are a number of children who have already received their pencil case and are close to achieving their first mathematical tool.

Please do keep encouraging your child to play as often as possible. Ideally we would like children to access RM Maths at least twice a week in order to receive maximum benefit from it.

Please let the school office know if you need a copy of their sign in details or if you believe your child needs to be re-levelled.

Year R children will be issued with log on details in due course.



Supporting your child at home

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
	Autumn Term 1	
28th September	PTA Teddy Bear's Picnic	3.30pm-5.00pm
2nd October	English Open Morning (no siblings please)	9.10am-10.00am
2nd October	New Parent Collective Worship	10.30am
3rd October	PTA AGM in the school hall (all welcome)	7.30pm
12th October	Harvest Festival Assembly	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	Individual School Photos	
5th November	Early Parents Evening (more information to follow)	3.30pm-6.00pm
12th November	Flu Vaccinations	
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.