



Headteacher's Message

Thank you to all the children who purchased books at the Travelling Book Fair, using the money they saved in the book saving scheme. We are delighted to tell you that we sold £501.17 worth of books, which gave us £240.70 to spend on new books for the school! We hope your children have enjoyed reading their books.

If they had any money left, we will keep this in school for them to use on another occasion, unless you advise us that you would like it returned.

Well done to all of the children who submitted entries for the Bunting Competition. The winners were:

- ◆ Felicity W-K
- ◆ Willow
- ◆ Nia
- ◆ Jack R
- ◆ Vincent K

Each child received a £5 book token to spend at the Travelling Book Fair this week and all bunting will be displayed in the library.

Finally, thank you to everyone who donated cakes and purchased them on the day of our Macmillan Coffee Morning, I am pleased to tell you that we raised a huge £225!

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Cawson, Headteacher

Surrey and Hants

Please could you let the school office know if you would be prepared to have a Surrey and Hants board outside your house from 5th to 14th December as they have very kindly offered to make a donation towards our new sound system. Please let us know by replying to this email and confirming your address. Thank you in advance for your support!

Remembrance

Thank you to everyone who sold poppies for us leading up to Remembrance Day. We will let you know in due course how much money was raised.

School Lunches

Week commencing 19th November we will be on [Week 1](#) of the new dinner menu.

Newsletter

Please note that our newsletter is issued fortnightly. Our next edition will be issued on 30 November. Copies of our newsletter can be found on our website: www.walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk.

Mufti Day for Christmas Hampers



On Friday 7th December, children are welcome to come into school dressed in casual clothes – this is called Mufti Day.

In exchange, we would ask that everyone in school makes a donation towards our Christmas Hampers, which are raffled off at the end of our last Christmas performance on 13th December.

Suitable donations might be wine, chocolates, Christmas crackers, mince pies, sweets, biscuits or chutneys.

Please ask your child to take their donation to the school hall on 7th December and a member of our PTA will give them a sticker.

Thank you very much for your support.

Raffle Tickets

Next week we will be sending home raffle tickets for families to purchase.

The prizes will be a number of luxury Christmas hampers which will be put together by the PTA.

Raffle tickets need to be returned to school by Friday 7th December in order for the draw to take place at the end of the afternoon performance of 'It's a Baby!'

Please return the tickets to the school office even if you do not wish to purchase any.

We need to raise £2,000 to pay for our new sound system which will be used for our school performances. We also plan to buy new costumes for our upcoming Christmas Performance of 'It's a Baby', so the more raffle tickets we sell, the closer we will get to our target. Thank you for your support.

Children's Centre Consultation

There are some fairly radical reforms proposed for the Children's Centres which will affect services provided by Ash Grange and St Paul's. To view the proposed changes and to have your view, please go to:

<https://www.surreysays.co.uk/csf/family-resilience-childrens-centres/>

Christmas Cards

Please do not send any Christmas Cards into school until Monday 3rd December when the special Year Group post boxes will be put out ready for the children to use. Thank you!

Church Service

On Monday 17th December we will be walking to St Peter's Church for a Christmas Service, leaving the school at approximately 1.30pm. If you are able to help with the walk, please let a member of the office staff know. Please note that you will not need to be DBS checked on this occasion as you will not be left alone with the children. Thank you.

Christmas Lunch—19th December

On Wednesday 19th December we will be serving Christmas lunch for the children. This will comprise of:

*Roast British turkey with a chipolata sausage
Or a Quorn cracker (vegetarian option)*

Served with

Sage and onion stuffing

Seasonal vegetables

*Roast potatoes and
gravy*



Followed by

Festive trifle

If your child normally has a school dinner on this day, we will automatically order a school dinner for them, taking into account any special diets.

If your child normally has a packed lunch on this day and would like to have a school dinner, please let the school office know before 10th December when the meals will be ordered.

Save the Children

On 19th December, children are welcome to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper or Christmas colours, in exchange for a small donation which will be sent to Save the Children.

Whilst it is not one of our nominated charities, it will be nice to dress up and get the children in the Christmas spirit after all their hard work on the Christmas performances and raise a little for charity at the same time. Participation is purely optional.

Ticket Allocation for 'It's a Baby!'

A letter has been sent home this week regarding ticket allocation for our Christmas performance of 'It's a Baby!'.

Tickets will be strictly allocated on a first come, first served basis, so in order to avoid disappointment, please return your form to school as soon as possible.

If you need a copy of the form, please pop to the reception area where there will be some spares.

Milk Bottle Tops

Unfortunately we are no longer collecting milk bottle tops as the lady who was collecting them for Parity is no longer able to do it. If we are able to find another charity that will take them, we will let you know.

Puzzle Club (free by class invitation)

Sapphire Class Puzzle Club— 20th and 27th November.

This club is on class rotation for Year One and Two.

Choir Club

Choir Club for Year One and Year Two starts on Tuesday 6th November and will run up to and including 30th November from 3.00-3.45pm. If you have returned your child's form you will automatically be allocated a place until the end of the summer term, however, please let us know if your child no longer wishes to attend. Year R will be invited to join in the Spring.

Year R Introduction to Phonics Workshop

On Monday 19th November, parents of Year R children are invited to a Phonics Workshop at school. There are two sessions running, one at 9.00am and one at 2.30pm. The sessions will run for approximately half an hour. Pre-school children can attend if their parents are unable to find a baby-sitter, but please do bring something along to occupy your child.

This workshop aims to explain how your child will be learning phonics in school and ways you can support your child at home. Feedback from parents who attended the meeting last year was extremely positive and we are sure you will find the workshop just as interesting and informative.

In order for us to gauge the number of parents who will be attending each session, please could you complete the form we sent home last week and return in your child's book bag or post it in the post box in reception.

We hope that as many parents as possible will be able to attend and we look forward to seeing you.

Online Safety Workshop

On Wednesday 21st November, all parents are invited to an Online Safety Workshop at 2.30pm. Please come to reception at this time if you would like to join us. Unfortunately this event is not suitable for pre-school children to attend.

This workshop aims to explain how children are taught about staying safe online in school and how parents can help to keep them safe at home.

In order for us to gauge the number of parents who will be attending, we sent home a letter last week with a tear off slip. If you are able to attend, and have not returned your form, please return this to school as soon as possible. We look forward to seeing you.



Thank you for your support wearing odd socks to school on Wednesday. In Collective Worship we learnt about the meaning 'Respect' and how we can show and be respectful towards all people, taking into account people's feelings, wishes and rights. The children were able to share why we were wearing odd socks to celebrate the differences between us and how being different is ok, and how we are all different and special. We explored what bullying means and what we can do if we feel we feel upset by someone. We practised saying no and using the stop sign, which we have on our school posters. In class we explored different ways of being kind and how we can be a kind friend. Lots of this learning continues through our PSHE and British Values curriculum.

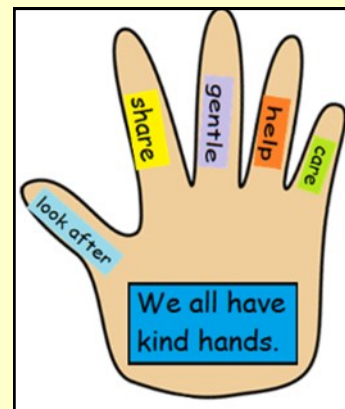
Is it Bullying?

When someone says or does something unintentionally hurtful and they do it once.
That's UNKIND

When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they do it once.
That's MEAN

When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they keep doing it even when you tell them to stop or show them that you're upset.
That's BULLYING

www.elsa-support.co.uk



Our school poster

Happiness, Friendship and kindness
At Walsh Memorial CE Infant School

Say **NO** to bullying.
STOP

How do you know it's bullying?
When someone says or does something on purpose that is hurtful tell them to **STOP**.

What to do if ...
someone says or does something on purpose that is hurtful and they don't stop when they know you are upset - **STOP**.

Several
Times
On
Purpose

Start
Telling
Other
People

At Walsh we have Respect
We take into account and have regard for others feelings, wishes, and rights'

RM EasiMaths Challenge

We will be continuing the challenge throughout November and we hope that many more children will use RM EasiMaths for 20 minutes every week.

This programme is very engaging and fun to use and it encourages even the most reluctant mathematician to have a go! It fully supports everything that your child is being taught at school and helps them to commit problem solving skills to their long term memory.



Using a ruler challenge!

In November we would like to set all children a challenge to draw a picture using straight lines only, with a ruler, and to send it into school before **Monday 3rd December**. Each of the winning entries will receive a small prize in our Celebration Assembly. If your child received their ruler in October it is a great opportunity for them to practice using it!

The picture could be anything that interests them and with the Christmas season around the corner, they may wish to draw something festive or they may wish to do a colorful pattern using straight lines.

We hope that this will encourage children to have a go at using a ruler and develop their confidence in using it.

Things to do at home!

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
Autumn Term 1		
19th November	Introduction to Phonics—Year R	9-9.30am or 2.30-3.00pm
20th November	The Enormous Present—Pied Piper performance in school, paid for by the PTA	
21st November	On-line Safety Workshop	2.30pm
30th November	PTA Movie Night	
3rd December	Year Two Cake Sale	2.45pm
4th December	Craft Club (Year R) - a letter will be sent home shortly	3.00pm-4.15pm
5th December	Craft Club (Year One) - a letter will be sent home shortly	3.00pm-4.15pm
6th December	Craft Club (Year Two) - a letter will be sent home shortly	3.00pm-4.15pm
7th December	Mufti Day for Raffle Donations	
10th December	Dress Rehearsal of Christmas Performance for Grandparents only (more details to follow)	9.15am
11th December	Christmas Performance for parents with pre-school children (more information to follow)	9.15am
12th December	Christmas Performance—adults only (more information to follow)	9.15am
13th December	Christmas Performance—adults only with raffle draw (more info to follow)	1.30pm
17th December	Christmas Church Service (walkers needed—more information to follow)	1.30pm
19th December	School Christmas Dinner (more information to follow)	
19th December	Wear a Christmas Jumper for Save the Children	
20th December	End of term	1.15pm finish
Spring Term 1		
15th January	Deadline for receipt of reception and Year 3 applications for September 2019.	
1st April 2019	Year Two Trip to Legoland	4pm return

2018/2019 Inset Days (School closed to children)

Friday 4th January 2019

Monday 3rd June

25th February

Christmas Holidays 2018