



Please note that school finishes on Thursday 20th December at 1.15pm for the Christmas break. We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 7th January 2018 at 8.45am.

Headteacher's Message

This week we were so proud of the children's performances of 'It's a Baby!' We had some lovely feedback from parents and Grandparents and we hope we have created some lasting memories for you all.

Thank you to the teaching staff for all their hard work and to Mrs Hemmings for being our wonderful Play Director.

Thank you very much to the whole team of PTA parents for their continued support throughout the performances and for creating the amazing hampers. We will let you know in due course how much money we raised.

We would like to say a big thank you to our sponsors this year, Surrey & Hants Property Agents and Bridges. Their donations have been very gratefully received.

This will be our last newsletter for 2018 so may I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from everyone at Walsh Memorial.

We look forward to welcoming you back in 2019.

Have a lovely weekend.
Mrs Cawson, Headteacher

Menu Change

Please note that there is a change to the menu on **Thursday 20th December**; we will be serving a beef burger with fries and a selection of puddings.

Please note that we will automatically order a meal for your child if your child has a school meal on Thursday Week 2 and we obviously will take into account any special diets.

If your child would normally have a packed lunch on this day and they would like a school dinner, please let the school office know. The normal menu will resume after Christmas.

School Lunches

Week commencing 7th January we will be on **Week 1** of the dinner menu.

Christmas Church Service

IMPORTANT!

We will be walking all the children to Church for a Christmas Service on **Monday 17th December**. We will be leaving school at around 1.15pm.

During this time the school will be locked and unmanned as all staff will be attending church with the children.

If you have offered to walk to the church, please come to school for 1.10pm.

Children who attend an after school club will be walked back to school by staff, but please let us know if your child requires this service.

If you are not walking to church with the children and your child is not going to an after school club, you will need to collect your child from St Peter's Church at around 2.45pm on this day.

Please wait outside the main door until we open it, you can then collect your child and leave through the exit on the left hand side of the church.

Please note that book bags will be remaining in school on Monday, to prevent them going astray.

Christmas Craft Club

Thank you to all the parents and staff who helped out at our Christmas Craft Club last week. The children all had a wonderful time and made some lovely Christmas keepsakes. We could not run these events without you.

Nativity at Guildford Cathedral

The children have all had a part in creating a wonderful shepherd which we have donated to Guildford Cathedral for their nativity display. Our shepherd was 1m tall!

This nativity will be on display until Monday 7th January 2019 and the Cathedral is open between Christmas and New Year, so please do pop along and see if you can spot our shepherd!

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- talk to other families online
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Christingle

For Christingle this year we are supporting The Children's Society in their vital role supporting vulnerable young people. In book bags this week, we sent home candle-shaped collection boxes to raise money for The Children's Society. Please bring your box containing your donations to school on **Monday 17th December** so that we can take them to our Christingle service at St. Peter's Church that afternoon. Please note that this donation is completely optional, we appreciate that we ask a lot of you at this time of year. Please see instructions below for building the box, should you wish to take part.

How to build your Christingle collection candle



1

Start by securing the bottom of your candle. To do this, fold down **tabs 1, 2 and 3** towards the centre of the candle. Then tuck the two flaps on **tab 4** into the opening on **tab 3**. The bottom of your candle should now be secure.

2

At the top of the candle, fold **tabs 5 and 6** towards the inside of the box. Then place **the outer coin slot tabs** into the slots by **tab 5 and 6**. Now insert the remaining **coin slot tab** into the gap in front so that it is hidden from view.

3

Fold over the tab with the flame on it so that the flame pops up and stands straight. Secure this flap by tucking it into the gap behind the coin slot.

Now you've finished your candle. Time to fill it up!

Save the Children

On **Wednesday 19th December**, children are welcome to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper or Christmas colours. Parents are welcome to make a donation to Save the Children if they choose to, but participation is not mandatory as the staff will make a donation on behalf of the children.

It will be nice to dress up and get the children in the Christmas spirit after all their hard work on the Christmas performances, especially as it is our Christmas lunch that day. *Participation is completely optional.*

Little Roo Charity Collection

Thank you so much for your generous donations to the Ashford and St Peter's Little Roo Neonatal Fund. We raised £96.14 and we will be sending a cheque to this very worthy cause before Christmas.

Year One Winter Celebration Day

On Thursday 17th January Year One children will be celebrating Winter Days and all of their learning will be centred around the changing seasons. Therefore, we would ask parents to send their child into school dressed in winter colours on this day. These could be shades of blue, grey or white, or any colour that you believe represents winter. Your child may even want to wear something sparkly to represent the frost!

This is a non-school uniform day for Year One children who would like to dress in winter colours.

Year R and Year 3 – September 2018

A letter has recently been sent home to all Year Two parents regarding applying for a Junior School place for September 2019. You will need to complete this process before **15th January**, even if your child is going to Walsh Junior School, as allocation of a Junior School place is not automatic.

If you are applying for a Year R space for a younger sibling, please ensure that you tick the sibling box, even if your older child is going to Walsh Junior School next September, as siblings are given priority.

Year Two Bake Sale

We are delighted to tell you that Sapphire and Emerald Class raised £131.30 at their recent cake sale. This money will go directly to the classes for them to buy new games and puzzles for wet play and golden time.

Next up is Year One on Monday 11th February.

Pupil Premium

If your circumstances have changed and you feel that your child would be eligible for Pupil Premium, please speak to the school office who will give you a form to complete. 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.

Learning Zone

Please take a look at our Learning Zone on our website, where you will find links to interactive phonics and maths games online. You can access the page by going to our website, then clicking on the Learning tab, then the Learning Zone.

Please be aware of internet safety when using on-line websites.

We will be adding a new link shortly, which will cover information shared in our Parent Workshops.

RM EasiMaths Challenge

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

Year R children have now been sent log on details for this learning programme.

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.

Things to do at home!

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
	Autumn Term 1	
17th December	Christingle makers needed!	9.00am
17th December	Christmas Church Service— please collect your child from St Peter's Church at 3pm.	1.30pm-3.00pm
19th December	School Christmas Dinner	
19th December	Wear a Christmas Jumper for Save the Children (optional)	
20th December	End of term	1.15pm finish
23rd December	Carol Service at St Peter's Church	3pm
24th December	Christingle and Nativity Service at St Peter's Church—children welcome to dress up as Angels, Kings or Shepherds	3pm
	Spring Term 1	
7th January	Return to school	8.45am
15th January	Deadline for receipt of reception and Year 3 applications for September 2019.	
16th January	PTA Meeting—all welcome	7.30pm
17th January	Year One Winter Celebration Day	
11th February	Year One Bake Sale	3pm
1st April 2019	Year Two Trip to Legoland	4pm return

2018/2019 Inset Days (School closed to children)

Friday 4th January 2019

Monday 25th February

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.