



Headteacher's Message

A huge thank you to everyone who helped to organise our Summer Fair and thank you to those who braved the weather and came out to support us. Early indications show that we have beaten the amount raised in the previous two years, which is fabulous news! We will let you know in due course how much money we raised.

May I take the opportunity to thank RaaS Solution for match-funding our Tombolas. Match funding really does help us to boost our overall fundraising amount and we are very grateful for the generous donation. Thank you also to Surrey and Hants Property Agents and Bridges Estate Agents for sponsoring our event.

Year One were the winners of the Tug-of-War match. Unfortunately there were not sufficient volunteers to do it by class. Well done to Year One!

Have a lovely weekend!
Mrs Cawson, Headteacher

My Activity Passport

At the Parent Forum in early May we discussed the DFE's 'My Activity Passport'.

This is a suggested list of activities that they recommend that children should experience. The Parent's Forum suggested that we circulate the ideas to you for your perusal, so we will be sending these home in book bags shortly.

We will be reminding you of some of these challenges via our Blog. Please do take a look! The Blog can be found at www.walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk/blog/
The password is WalshBlog18.

Tea Towels

We have a few tea towels left, please pop to the office if you would like one. They are £4 each.

School Lunches

Week commencing 20th May we will be on [Week 2](#) of the new dinner menu. A copy of the menu can be found on our website www.walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk.



Little Stars!

At our recent Parent Forum, some of our parents suggested that it would be nice if we could celebrate some of the children's achievements in the newsletter. Therefore, we plan to make this a new feature.

This week's Little Stars for completing the RM Maths Challenge are: James C, Jayden L, Jessica R, Liam S, Jack S, Eddie A, Thomas C, Jacey J, Oscar P, Dawid, Josh T, Olivia W, Demitri, Isla D, Harrison S, Blake G, Nia L, Emily S, Libby S, Alexis and Stuart T.

These children have been celebrated with Headteacher's Awards for doing some good work in school:

- Lily C-C
- Lilly-Rose
- Eloise C
- Finley R
- George W
- Oliver P

A very well done to all of these children.

Flowers!

We are taking part in the St. Peter's Flower Festival on 15th and 16th June. Our display is called Noah's Ark and all the classes are designing flower arrangements to contribute towards our display. We would like to invite parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles or friends and neighbours to contribute towards our flower display by helping us to make, by knitting, crocheting, paper flowers or any other craft medium, a rainbow of flowers.

There are seven colours; red, orange, blue and indigo, and the flowers should be no more than 15cm. We will need around eight big flowers and as many smaller ones as you wish. If you, or a crafty friend would like to adopt a colour that would be good and help us ensure we have the full seven colours.

If you are or know a kind person that would like to help us with our rainbow please email info@walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk or pop into the school office. We need the flowers by June 10th at the latest.

Year One Castle Day—REMINDER!

On Thursday 23rd May, to enhance our Castles topic, Year One will be having a 'Castle Day'. The children will be taking part in a range of activities through a day full of medieval fun and learning.

As we have been learning about the people who lived in a castle, we feel it would add to the fun if your child dressed up for the day. Castle residents include Kings, Queens, Lords, Ladies, Knights, Guards, Jesters, servants etc. A letter has been sent home recently with further information.

Year R Trip to the Basingstoke Canal Centre

We are in need of a few more DBS checked parent helpers to accompany us on our Year R trip to the Basingstoke Canal Centre on 12th June. We will be leaving school at approximately 9.15am and returning at 3pm.

Please let the school office know if you are DBS checked with the school and you are able to help. We will then provide you with further information.

A letter with more information will be sent home to all parents shortly.

Helping out in school

At our recent Open Morning, one of the feedback forms we received asked for further information about helping out in school.

We always welcome parent helpers into school and they help with a variety of activities, such as reading with the children, playing games with them, helping with the lending library, helping out on school trips, helping with PTA events and there are also specific days throughout the year where we are running extra events in school, such as Art Week, and need some parental support.

If you are able to help out in school, please speak to your child's teacher in the first instance and let them know what you would like to help out with. You will then need to come and see the school office and we will give you the DBS documentation which needs to be completed on-line. You will then need to bring some evidence of your address etc into school. Full details of what you need to bring in will be provided.

If you help out in school before your check has come back we will provide you with a red lanyard and you will need to be supervised by a member of staff.

Once your DBS check has come back, you are free to start helping out in school and we will give you one of our blue lanyards when you come in.

Coaster Cards

This year the children have been designing their own coaster card for their Dad to celebrate Father's Day.

These lovely cards feature a coaster showing the child's individual artwork. The coasters have felt surface protectors and a high gloss wipe-clean surface and are priced at £3.50 each.

We have sent an order form home in book bags but if you would like a copy of the letter, there are more copies in reception.

The deadline for receipt of orders is 23rd May at 3pm. Unfortunately we cannot accept any orders without full payment as they are being sent to the printers on Friday.

Mobile Phones in School

Just to remind all parents that mobile phones need to be kept in a locker or with the school office if you are helping out in school. This is in order to comply with our Safeguarding Policy.

If you need help identifying a locker that is available, please speak to the school office.

Father's Day Celebration

To celebrate Father's Day, we would like to invite Dads or Grandads to come along and play Tag Rugby with their child/ren on Friday 14th June.

A letter has been sent home regarding timings as we will need to split the sessions up by year-group, but also allow for Dads with more than one child at school to choose which session they would like to attend.

Please keep an eye out for the letter in your child's book bag and complete the reply slip and send it back to school by Friday 24th May if a male family member would like to attend.

Sickness and Diarrhoea

Just to remind parents that if your child has sickness and/or diarrhoea then they will need to be kept home for 48 hours after the *last* episode of sickness or diarrhoea.

There are no exceptions to this as it is the recommendation of Public Health England and it is in place to prevent the spread of infection around the school.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
	Summer Term	
23rd May	Year One Castle Day (more information to follow)	
23rd May	Last day for ordering Father's Day Coasters	3.00pm
24th May	Team Sports Day (chosen by the children)	
3rd June	INSET Day—School closed for children	All day
5th June	School Nurse visiting and conducting a Dental Workshop for the children to talk about the importance of dental hygiene	
10-14th June	Year One Phonics Screening (please do not take any holiday)	
12th June	Year R trip to the Basingstoke Canal Centre	9.00am-3.00pm
14th June	Father's Day Celebration (for Dads and Grandads only)	TBA
18th and 19th June	New children visiting school	2.00pm
20th June	Year One Summer Celebration Day (more information to follow)	
27th June	Year One trip to Alice Holt	9.00am-3.00pm
28th June	St Peter's Day Family Picnic (more information to follow)	12.00pm
8th—11th July	Music, Art and Dance Week (MAD WEEK)	
11th July	Annual Academic Reports sent home	
12th July	Sports Day Year 1 9.15am – 10.05am Year 2 10.05 am – 10.55 am Year R 10.55 am – 11.45am	
15th July	Early Parents Evening (for those parents wishing to discuss their child's academic report). Please book directly with the office after 11th July when you have seen your child's report.	
17th July	Children in Year R and 1 meet their new teacher	
17th July	New to Year 1 (current YR) Meet the New Teacher session for parents—informal session	2.30pm
18th July	New to Year 2 (current Y1) Meet the New Teacher session for parents – informal session	2.30pm
19th July	Family Picnic and Disco	3.30pm-5.00pm
22nd July	Year Two Leaver's Assembly	2.00pm
24th July	End of term	1.10pm finish

Inset Days 2019/20

4th September 2019

1st June 2020