



### *Headteacher's Message*

Last week, the children watched Star in the Jar, performed by the Pied Piper Travelling Theatre. They were totally captivated and they were all mesmerised by the performance. We hope that they told you all about it when they got home. This performance was paid for by profits from ice cream sales in the summer, so thank you to everyone involved as it was money very well spent!

I wanted to take the opportunity to let you know about the charities that you have chosen to support, based on nominations from parents. These are; Save the Children, MacMillan, WWF, Hygiene Charity Bank and Unicef. We look forward to supporting these charities over the coming years.

A special thank you to the Co-op who have been collecting money for the school and have raised nearly £400 for us. This money has been spent in Early Years on small world equipment and on supplies for Rainforest Week for the whole school. Unfortunately the Co-op are no longer able to support us as the Co-op family has decided to support a national charity.

Finally, thank you very much to Mrs Stevenson who donated some fish and a tank to the school for children to take care of. The children are enjoying looking after them.

*Have a lovely weekend*  
**Mrs Cawson, Headteacher**

### *School Fund Update*

Several parents have requested clarification on the use of this fund.

We have decided to focus on three areas this year. In the Autumn Term the contributions will be used to provide any replacement Christmas costumes in the school play and on creative equipment such as sparkly paint and glitter etc. that the children use over the festive period. In the Spring Term the contributions will be used to fund drama workshops and the Summer Term used to replace the tired and worn out reading scheme books and fund any additional resources for the Special Curriculum week we always have. This year the focus will be on Design Technology and Science.



### *Little Stars!*

This fortnight we are celebrating the achievements of the following children who have received a Headteacher's Award for exceptional work and wonderful behaviour or attitude to learning.

- Fraz
- Talia
- Stanley
- Mason
- Oliver S
- Dexter
- Poppy
- Summer-Rose

A very well done to these children!

### *Term-time Holidays*

If you do choose to take a holiday in term time the school is unable to provide any work including reading books for your child. We also do not allow Barnaby Bear (our travelling bear) to accompany you on term time holidays as he needs to be in school. He is welcome to be invited to attend any weekend away or non-term holiday and can be booked out via your class teacher. We love to hear about his adventures whilst he is a guest with your family.

### *Christmas Decoration*

Please do not forget to send your child's beautifully decorated bell to school to hang on our Christmas tree. Please send back to school on Monday 2nd December at the latest to enter our competition for best in class! Therefore, please ensure that your child's entry is clearly labelled with their full name. We are hoping for a really beautifully decorated Christmas tree this year!

### *School Lunches*

Week commencing 2nd December we will be on **Week 2** of the new dinner menu.

# Rolling Reminders

## IMPORTANT!

### Applying for a Junior School space or for Year R for September 2020

Year Two parents will need to apply for a Year Three space for their child for September 2020, even if they intend for their child to go to Walsh Junior School. It is imperative that you apply before the deadline of January 15th or you may not be offered one of your schools of choice. The on-line system is now open and you can change your choice of schools any time up to 15th January.

You will need to apply online if you have access to the Internet via the following website:

[www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions) - if you pay your Council Tax to Surrey County Council

[www.hants.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hants.gov.uk/admissions) - if you pay your Council Tax to Hampshire County Council

It does not matter if you are applying on the Hampshire website for a Surrey School or vice versa. After the closing date, the application information will be shared between the two counties.

If you need a paper copy of the application form for a postal application, please let the school office know. Similarly, if you need assistance completing the paperwork please let the school office know.

You can download the 'ParentComms' app to your mobile device to receive notifications about your application.

Once you have submitted your application you will receive a confirmation email.

### Important dates to remember:

**4th November 2019** - You can apply online for a school place from this date.

**15th January 2020** - Closing date for applications. However, the councils welcome early applications

**16th April 2020** - School offer letters are posted first class. If you applied on-line you will be sent an email in the evening with the outcome and you can also view your school offer online.

**30th April 2020** - You must confirm, by this date, whether you wish to accept or decline the place you have been offered.

Please note that if you are applying for a sibling to start in September 2020, and you have a child in our school or Walsh Junior School, you should tick the box which states that your child is a sibling as you will be given sibling priority status.

## Christmas Cards

Please do not send any Christmas Cards into school until Monday 2nd December when the special Year Group post boxes will be put out ready for the children to use. Please ensure that the child's full name and class appears on the envelope. Thank you!

On Friday 20th December, the children will be having a visit from Father Christmas but please keep this to yourself!

## Ticket Allocation for 'EVERYONE Loves a Baby!'

A letter has been sent home w/c 18th November regarding ticket allocation for our Christmas performances this year.

Everyone is allocated 2 tickets per family. Tickets will be strictly allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Tickets have been sent home in book bags today for those who have returned their form. Unfortunately some performance dates are now full.

Please see the attached diary for the different performance times. Please note that on Monday 9th December it is the Grandparent only performance, no pre-school children will be admitted.

Toddlers will only be able to attend on Tuesday 10th December as 11th and 12th December are also adult only performances.

Please note that we do not allow photos or videos to be taken during any of our performances as some parents have not given permission for their child to appear in them. However, the PTA will be selling photographs of the children in their costumes and there will be a DVD of the performance on sale too, however, this will only apply to the children who have permission on file. If you wish to check your preferences, please speak to the school office.

## Raffle Tickets

Last week we sent 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 Monday 9th December in order for the draw to take place at the end of the afternoon performance of 'EVERYONE Loves a Baby!'

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

## Save the Children

On 13th 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. The suggested donation is 50p. This jumper should be worn with school uniform on the bottom half.

This is one of our nominated charities so 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.

# Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
	<b>Autumn Term</b>	
29th November	PTA Movie Night	5.00pm-6.30pm
30th November	Walsh Junior PTFA Christmas Fair	11.00am-2.00pm
2nd December	Pause Day—Advent	
2nd December	Nasal Flu Vaccinations in school	
2nd December	Christmas Craft Club (for those with tickets)	3:00pm-4.15pm
3rd December	Christmas Craft Club (for those with tickets)	3:00pm-4.15pm
6th December	Videoin of the school performance by the PTA (for those with the respective permission)	
9th December	Grandparents Christmas Performance—Grandparents only	9.15am
10th December	Christmas Performance with pre-school children permitted to attend	9.15am
11th December	Christmas Performance—Adults only	9.15am
12th December	Christmas Performance—Adults only	1.30pm
13th December	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day	
18th December	Christmas Lunch (please ensure you have returned your child's meal choice form)	
19th December	Church Visit to St Peter's, please collect your child from church at 2.45pm.	1.30pm– approximately 2.45pm
20th December	End of Autumn Term—early finish	1.10pm
6th January 2020	Start of the Spring Term	8.45am
	<b>Spring Term 2020</b>	
15th January 2020	Deadline for receipt of Reception and Year 3 applications for Sep 2020	
12th February 2020	Maths Mastery Open Morning	9-10am
14th February 2020	Last day of term before the start of the half term holiday	3.00pm finish
24th February 2020	INSET Day—school closed to children	All day
5th March	Wear your Pyjamas to school for World Book Day (more information to follow)	All day
19th March	Wear Odd Socks to School Day (more information to follow)	All day
30th March	PTA Stationery Sale (more information to follow)	TBA

**Remaining Inset Days 2019/20:** 24th February 2020, 22nd May 2020 and 1st June 2020. **Please note that the early May Bank Holiday has changed to Friday 8th May in 2020.**