



Please note that school finishes on Friday 20th December at 1.10pm for the Christmas break. We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 6th January 2020 at 8.45am.



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.

- Jack C
- Ruby P
- Amelia M
- Sonny L
- Eva W
- Felicity J
- Rosie C

A very well done to these children!

Christmas Bell Competition

Well done to all of the children who decorated bells to go on our Christmas tree. It looks absolutely beautiful. The Class Winners were Katelyn C (Silver), Charlize (Gold), Dawid (Ruby), Alysia (Diamond), Eloise (Sapphire) and Aaron (Emerald).

The overall winners were:

1. Ben
2. Madaline B
3. Dylan
4. Rosie

The children will be given their prizes in our last assembly of the year, on Friday 20th December.

Parking around school

We have received a letter from a parent outlining her concerns about the manner in which some parents are parking around the school, the net result of which was that her child was very nearly hit by a car last week. Understandably she, and the child concerned, were very shaken.

Please could we respectfully remind parents to park sensibly and not to park on yellow lines, or by mounting the pavement and endangering pedestrians.

School Lunches

Week commencing 16th December we will be on **Week 1** of the dinner menu.

Headteacher's Message

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

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

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.

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.

Thank you to everyone who completed Exemplar Education leaflets. We are pleased to tell you that this earned £50 for our school funds.

This will be our last newsletter for 2019 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 2020.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Cawson, Headteacher

Christmas Lunch—18th December

Just to remind parents that we will be serving our Christmas Lunch to children on Wednesday 18th December if you have ordered a lunch for your child. Some parents have opted to provide their child with a packed lunch on this day, so please remember to send it in if you did so! Thank you.

Rolling Reminders

Christmas Church Service

IMPORTANT!

We will be walking all the children to Church for a Christmas Service on **Thursday 19th 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 and water bottles will be remaining in school on Thursday, to prevent them going astray. We will change the water for the children the next morning.

Year R and Year 3—September 2020

A letter has recently been sent home to all Year Two parents regarding applying for a Junior School place for September 2020. 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.

Lunchtime Vacancy

We are advertising for a mid-day play leader to enhance the children's enjoyment of lunchtime, and promote good behaviour, by organising and leading activities and teaching children how to play. The closing date is Tuesday 17th December at 12pm. Further details can be found on Eteach.com or you can pick up an application form from the school office.

Christmas Cards

Our special year group post boxes are now available for the children to post their cards to their friends. 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!

Back Packs

As we have very limited space in school and our corridors tend to get very congested, please could we ask that children do not bring back packs to school unless previously agreed. This will help us to keep the corridors clearer.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Parking during pick-up

Just to remind parents that there is no parking on-site, unless you have a valid disabled badge and you have been given permission to park on the school grounds.

We have recently had instances where parents have come through the 'no entry' and parked on the school site. This is extremely dangerous as there could be another car coming the other way.

Obviously, we do appreciate that there maybe exceptional circumstances which mean you need to park on-site, but we would ask that you put a phone call into the school before-hand and the office staff will notify the staff who man the gate.

Scooters and Bikes

For health and safety reasons, please could we ask that children do not ride their bicycles or scooters in the playground. This makes it potentially hazardous for other children, especially toddlers who may be running round the playground. Children should wheel their scooters/bikes out of the playground and only use them once they are out of the school grounds. This also applies to the Junior School playground.

Nativity at Guildford Cathedral

The children have all had a part in creating a wonderful host of angels which we have donated to Guildford Cathedral for their Crib and Nativity Display.

The nativity will be on display until Wednesday 8th January 2020 and the Cathedral is open between Christmas and New Year, so please do pop along and see if you can spot our angels!

Year One Winter Celebration Day

On Tuesday 14th January Year One children will be celebrating Winter Day 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.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
	Autumn Term	
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
	Spring Term 2020	
6th January 2020	Start of the Spring Term	8.45am
14th January 2020	Winter Celebration Day for Year One children	All day
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
18th March	Parents Evening (more information to follow)	3.30pm-6.20pm
19th March	Wear Odd Socks to School Day (more information to follow)	All day
20th March	Mother's Day Assembly (one female family member only due to space restraints)	9.10am-9.50am
23rd March	Parents Evening (more information to follow)	3.30pm-6.20pm
30th March—3rd April	Money Week (more information to follow)	
30th March	PTA Stationery Sale (more information to follow)	TBA
3rd April	Easter Bunny Visit (please keep this quiet!) and early finish	1.10pm
	Summer Term 2020	
20th April	Back to school and start of the summer term	8.45am

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.**