



Headteacher's Message

Happy New Year to you all, we trust you had an enjoyable and restful Christmas break. I would like to take the opportunity to thank you on behalf of all our staff for our very generous Christmas gifts—we were all delighted and overwhelmed with your generosity.

We are delighted to tell you that we have been selected for Bags for Life Local Funding at Tescos in Aldershot. Any money raised will go towards our new Wildlife Garden. Tescos use the money raised from the sale of the reusable Bags for Life to fund projects like these, so if you are given a token in store please pop it in our slot! If you visit another Tesco store and are given a blue token, please keep it and bring it into school and we will add it to our collection. To make this a real success, please ask family and friends to support us. This runs until March.

May I take the opportunity to remind Year Two parents they **must** apply for a Junior School space for their child **before** Wednesday 15th January. 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 do not submit your application before this date, you may not be allocated a space at a Junior School in the first round and you may end up with a school out of the area.

Please also note that 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 in September. All siblings are given priority status at Walsh Infants and Walsh Juniors.

If you have any problems completing the application, please speak to a member of the school office who will be happy to help.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Cawson, Headteacher

School Lunches

Week commencing 13th January we will be on **Week 3** of the dinner menu.



Little Stars!

Little Stars will start up again in our next newsletter on 24th January. However, hopefully you spotted our picture of a few of our Little Stars in the Surrey Advertiser before Christmas!

Parents Forum

On 26th February at 2.15pm we are holding a Parents Forum. This is an opportunity for parents to come along and share their views on a variety of topics.

On this occasion, we will be focusing on the following areas; some of which came out of our recent Parent Ofsted Questionnaire:

- There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school
- The school has high expectations for my child
- When I have raised concerns they have been dealt with properly
- The school supports my child's wider development

We will also be discussing a new policy on Sex and Relationships which will be introduced in September 2020.

We would welcome as many parents to join us as possible. If you are able to attend, please let a member of the school office staff know.

Holidays during term time

We would like to remind parents that holidays should not be taken during term time and authorisation will only be granted in exceptional circumstances.

If you wish to take your child on holiday, please ask for a holiday form in the school office. If a parent takes their child on holiday during term-time for more than four school days, **each parent** is liable to receive a penalty notice for **each child** from Surrey County Council.

Pupil Premium Form

If your child is in Year One or Two and you are currently claiming benefits, we would urge you to look at a letter which was sent home in book bags yesterday regarding Pupil Premium. If you complete the form and return it to school and it comes back true, your child will be entitled to free school meals when they move to a Junior School, whilst Universal Credits is being rolled out. The letter explains in more detail, if you are unsure whether you would qualify, please return it to school anyway and we can check for you. If you are a new claimant and it comes back true, you will also be entitled to a new sweatshirt or cardigan for your child.

Save the Children

Thank you to everyone who made a donation on Wear a Christmas Jumper Day. As you know, it was completely optional so we are really pleased to advise you that we raised £116.83 which has been sent off to this very worthy cause.

PTA Fundraising

A huge thank you to our wonderful PTA team who have been very busy running lots of fundraising activities:

- Sale of performance photos and other Christmas activities: £189.79
- Sale of Christmas performance DVD: £336
- Sale of Raffle Tickets for Hampers: £572
- Chocolate Tombola (at Walsh Junior Fayre): £275
- Sale of tickets for Movie Night: £308.50

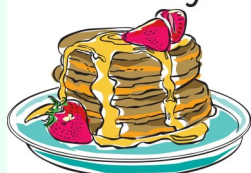
As you are aware, school budgets are under increasing pressure at the moment so fundraising activities like these are invaluable and help us to buy equipment and resources for the school that we would not be able to buy with our school budget. Thank you to everyone who organised, ran and supported these events—we couldn't do it without you!

St Peter's Church Events

On Saturday 18th January at 6pm, St Peter's Church are running a Family Film Night (PG rated) at St Peter's Centre (opposite the church). It is a free event, so please do feel free to pop along and join them. Please take your own drinks and they will provide the popcorn!



Shrove Tuesday



On Tuesday 25th February from 4-6pm, they will be holding a Pancake Party at St Peter's Centre. Everyone is welcome—just pop into the centre!

Star of Wonder Light Installation

Guildford Cathedral will be putting on a stunning immersive light and sound show for families to enjoy from 15th to 18th January. The show takes you on a journey of the Magi where you will walk through stunning starry skies and be enveloped with beautiful light and sound.

The shows last 45 minutes and runs from 6.30pm-10.15pm. Tickets are £5 for adults and £2.50 for 3-15 year olds if purchased in advance. There is a taster video and link to the box office here:

<https://www.guildford-cathedral.org/events/>

Chinese New Year Menu Change

To celebrate Chinese New Year, on Tuesday 28th January we will be having a menu change to introduce the children to Chinese cuisine.

A meal choices form has been sent home shortly. Please could you ensure that you add your child's name and return it to school before Friday 17th January. If we do not receive your form back on/ before this date, we will assume that your child will stick with their current meal choice selected for that day (i.e. red, green or jacket potato). Obviously we will take into account any special dietary requirements and amend the choice as necessary.

Please note that both the red and the green option are suitable for our dairy free children.

Year One Winter Celebration Day

On Tuesday 14th January children in Year One will be celebrating Winter Days. 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!

No dressing up costumes please and please ensure that all clothing is suitable for a normal school day.

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

Parents with DBS Checks

If you have a DBS check with the school please can you ensure that you have signed in within the past 3 months, if you have not already done so. This enables us to keep your DBS check current. If you do not sign in every term then unfortunately your DBS check will become invalid and we will need to redo it if you would like to help out in the future. Thank you.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
	Spring Term 2020	
14th January 2020	Winter Celebration Day for Year One children	All day
15th January	Deadline for receipt of Reception and Year 3 applications for Sept 2020	
28th January	Chinese New Year Menu Change	
30th January	Year Two Church Visit (timings TBA)	
12th February	Maths Mastery Open Morning	9-10am
14th February	Last day of term before the start of the half term holiday	3.00pm finish
24th February	INSET Day—school closed to children	All day
26th February	Parent's Forum	2.15pm-3.00pm
5th March	Wear your Pyjamas to school for World Book Day (more information to follow)	All day
17th March	Parents Evening (<u>Gold Class only</u> , more information to follow)	3.30pm-6.20pm
18th March	Parents Evening (all classes except Gold—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 - all classes (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
1st April	Year 2 Trip to Legoland	4pm return
3rd April	Easter Bunny Visit (please keep this quiet!) and early finish	1.10pm
6th—17th April	Easter Holiday	
	Summer Term 2020	
20th April	Back to school and start of the summer term	8.45am
22nd May	INSET Day—school closed to children	All day
25th—29th May	Half Term Holiday	
1st June	INSET Day—school closed to children	All day

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.**