



Headteacher's Message

We continue to develop our school Values; Community, Love and Perseverance and this term we will be focussing on love. We would like to set children a challenge for the half term holiday which is to draw and label a picture of themselves demonstrating something that shows that they are a loving person e.g. having a hug, doing something kind or smiling at a friend. A template will be sent home for them to use week commencing 10th February and we hope that children will bring them back the first week after half term. We very much look forward to seeing their creations.

We are delighted to tell you that Ash Music Festival very generously donated £500 to our school. We are very grateful for this generous contribution.

May I take the opportunity to remind you that school finishes at 3pm on Friday 14th February and children return on Tuesday 25th February at 8.45am as we have an Inset Day on Monday 24th February.

Have a lovely weekend and half term break!

Mrs Cawson, Headteacher

Maths Mastery Workshop

Just to remind you that we have our Maths Mastery Workshop on Wednesday 12th February from 9am-10am. Our Governors will also be joining us as part of the ongoing monitoring.

After dropping your child off, please wait in the school hall as Mrs Wall will give you a short overview of this new approach to teaching maths before you are invited into the classroom.

Please note that as the majority of this workshop takes place in the classroom, pre-school children are not permitted to attend this event unfortunately.

Please also note that there is no parental parking anywhere on the school grounds and if you need to park in the local area please show consideration for our neighbours and the local businesses.

School Lunches

Week commencing 10th February we will be on [Week 1](#) of the dinner menu.



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.

- Harry B
- Ethan Hu
- Charlie C
- Jessica G
- Elizabeth
- Romy
- Thomas Ca
- Jayden-Jack
- Ella-Louise
- Matthew N
- Jessica T
- Lily-Anne
- Madeleine
- Demilade
- Eloise
- Ewan
- Izashar
- Holly P
- Trinity N
- Sofia S

A very well done to these children!



These are some of the beautiful hearts that our Sewing Club children have made. What a talented group of children they are!

World Book Day – 5th March

To celebrate World Book Day, children are welcome to come to school dressed in their pyjamas on [Thursday 5th March](#).

Usborne Books will also be coming into school and children will be able to buy books with any money they have saved in the book saving scheme.

If your child would like to save some money in the book saving scheme, please put it in an envelope with their name, class, and the amount on and ask them to hand it in to the school office or pop it in the school post box in reception.

Parents will be able to come into school and look at the range of books available from 2.45pm on this day.

Parents are invited to come in and share a book with their child's class at 2.30pm on this day and we will be running a Book Review Competition.

Parent Interview

On Wednesday 18th March (Tuesday 17th March for Gold Class) and Monday 23rd March you will have the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss your child's progress in school.

Our on-line booking will go live on Monday 10th February at 6pm. We will be sending details about how to book your appointment via email. If you are unable to do this on-line, please contact the school after this date and we will book an appointment for you.

Week One Menu Changes

We have recently sent home an email with details of some menu changes which start next week:

Tuesday

We will be changing Beef Enchilada to Beef Lasagne for children who take the red option.

For our dairy free children who chose the red option, we will provide them with Pasta Bolognese.

Wednesday

The pudding will change to a flapjack.

Thursday

The red option will change from Veggie Quarter Pounder to Chicken Fajitas with peppers and onions. The peppers and onions will be served separately, so the children can choose whether they want them. There will be a selection of seasonal vegetables on the side.

We will leave our records the same, so if your child normally has a red on these days, we will leave them as a red (we will be mindful of dietary requirements however). Should you wish to make any changes to any of these days please let us know as soon as possible.

Shrove Tuesday

To celebrate Shrove Tuesday, we will be serving pancakes with lemon and sugar as the pudding on Tuesday 25th February. This is a one off change and there will be other options available if the children do not like them.

Summer Menu

Our new summer menu will start after the Easter holiday and new meal choice forms will be sent home after the half term holiday.

Save the Dates!

We have added a few important dates to our calendar this week for events that many of our parents like to attend. These are:

- ◆ V.E. Day Family Picnic with Walsh Junior School on 7th May
- ◆ St Peter's Day Family Picnic with Walsh Junior School will be on 29th June
- ◆ Sports Day on 10th July (timings will be advised in due course)
- ◆ Year Two Leaver's Assembly will be on 20th July

More information will follow nearer the time.

Parent Forum

On 26th February at 2.15pm we are holding a Parent's 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 (2 parents concerned, 4 did not know)

The school has high expectations for my child (4 parents concerned, 7 did not know)

When I have raised concerns they have been dealt with properly (4 parents concerned)

The school supports my child's wider development (1 parent concerned, 11 did not know).

We will also be starting to discuss a new policy on Relationships and Sex Education 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.

Year One Spring Celebration Day

On Thursday 2nd April children in Year One will be celebrating Spring Day. Therefore, we would ask parents to send their child into school dressed in spring colours on this day. These could be any colour that you believe represents spring.

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 spring colours.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Chelsea Football Club (External provider)

Fee paying club—all year groups. Block 1 runs every Monday, up to and including 10th February from 3.00pm-4.00pm. Block 2 starts on 2nd March and runs until 30th March (inclusive).

Choir Club

Choir Club for Year One and Year Two is held every Tuesday from 3pm-3.45pm. Choir Club will run all the way up to and including Tuesday 7th July.

Unfortunately there are no further spaces available at present. This club will be opened up to Year R after the Easter break.

Sewing Club (Year Two only)

Group One will run up to and including 13/02/20. Group Two will start on 27/02/20 and will run through until 21/05/20.

Response to our Parental Questionnaire

This week we pondered on the range of subjects at this school. We hope to convince the few that felt the range was not good that actually our curriculum is very demanding for children aged 4-7.

We are a Church of England Surrey Maintained Community School, which means we have to follow the National Curriculum and offer the children a broad and balanced curriculum. We teach English, maths, science, design and technology, history, geography, art and design, music, physical education, computing, Personal and Social Health Education including Citizenship and British Values and RE. In Year Two all children learn to play the recorder which is not statutory. What and when we specifically teach each subject can be found on our website under the learning tab. We have national expectations and strive for all children to reach or exceed these.

We could teach swimming and a foreign language, but at Walsh Memorial we take the view that we have a very packed curriculum which we aim to teach to the highest standard possible. Also we believe that children are in education for a very long time and going to Junior School and learning to speak another language and developing swimming skills is something to look forward to in a new school or key stage.

Our curriculum must reflect the community we serve. We regularly discuss which skills a child living in Ash today needs and where we have it covered in our curriculum. A good example of how we have adapted our curriculum is that we cover level crossing safety and water safety when visiting a canal. We have asked Parents at open mornings, and discussed with our Parent Focus Group, if they feel we have any missing skills or knowledge so put into the school year planning about posting a letter and talking about the night sky at their request.

Every term we send home our Curriculum Maps which provide parents with an insight into the specific topic areas we will be teaching children that term, as well as giving parents an insight to the vocabulary we will be using and how parents can support their child at home with their learning.

We have also sent home the Government's Passport to Activities which covers the things they think children should be doing. This is the link to the page: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/772070/My_Activity_Passport.pdf

If you have any further ideas on what you would hope to see in our curriculum please either speak to a member of staff, send us an email or drop a note into the post box in the reception area. Our office email address is info@walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk.

Joining Instructions for the Disco this afternoon

Year R Disco—4-5pm

If your child is in Year R and attending the disco this evening, please wait in the reception area at 4pm until you are welcomed into school by our PTA team. There will be a number of helpers who will be signing the children in and making a note of the person who will be collecting them at 5pm. If your child is under 5, an adult will need to stay with them.

When you come to collect your child, please also wait in the reception area until you are welcomed into school by our PTA team.

Babes in arms and toddlers are welcome to this event, if a parent needs to stay because their school child is under 5 years old.

Year One and Two Disco—5.30pm-6.30pm

If your child is attending the disco at 5.30pm please wait in the reception area until you are welcomed in to school for your child to be signed in. There will be a number of helpers who will be signing the children in and making a note of the person who will be collecting them at 6.30pm.

When you come to collect your child, please also wait in the reception area until you are welcomed into school by our PTA team.

Pre-school children are not permitted to attend this event as the children are a little older and we are worried they will get knocked over.

Parental Questionnaire

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
Spring Term 2020		
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	All day
11th March	Sing Up Day at Shawfield School for Choir Club (more information to follow)	1.30pm-3.00pm
17th March	Parents Evening (<u>Gold Class only</u>)	3.30pm-6.20pm
18th March	Parents Evening (all classes except Gold)	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	3.30pm-6.20pm
26th March	Ball Skills Inter-school Competition (more information to follow)	1.30pm
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
2nd April	Year One Spring Celebration Day	
3rd April	Easter Bunny Visit (please keep this quiet!) and early finish	1.10pm finish
6th—17th April	Easter Holiday	
Summer Term 2020		
20th April	Back to school and start of the summer term	8.45am
7th May	V.E. Day Family Picnic with Walsh Junior School (more information to follow)	
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
29th June	St Peter's Day Family Picnic (more information to follow)	12.00-1.00pm
22nd June	NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. Assembly	
10th July	Sports Day	Timings TBA
20th July	Leaver's Assembly	1.45pm

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**