



Headteacher's Message

I am writing with a brief update on the coronavirus situation here at Walsh Memorial CE Infant School.

At the time of writing there are no known cases of coronavirus amongst students or staff at the school. We are continuing to monitor and follow the advice coming from the Department of Education and Public Health England and as such the school remains open. We continue to promote good basic hygiene habits and pupils may bring in their own gentle hand soap and moisturiser if their young skin is suffering.

We continue to remind you about looking out for signs of infection and should your child have a temperature of over 37.8 or a new continuous cough then they must remain at home for 7 days. Please inform the school immediately so that we can correctly record your child's absence.

The Government has made it very clear that schools are to remain open so we have put some safety measures in place for our school to ensure that both staff and children remain as healthy as possible. We have decided the following:

Mother's Day

Mother's Day Collective Worship is cancelled.

Year 2 Legoland Trip

The Legoland Trip will be postponed until July, however we will reassess the situation nearer the time. If the trip cannot go ahead all money paid will be refunded and the penalty for cancellation will be covered by the school.

Parents Evening

Parents evening will go ahead, but we understand if parents would like to cancel and receive the brief written summary report. Should you wish to attend Parents Evening we will have a hand sanitiser at the door for you to use and we ask that you do not offer a handshake. No books will be available to view and we will try and limit the number of people in the building by doing our utmost to keep to time. We ask that you arrive shortly before your appointment and leave promptly.

Miller's Ark farm visit to school for Year R and Year 1

Miller's Ark farm will still be visiting the school as the event is outside.

Year 2 SATS workshop

We had planned a Year 2 SATS workshop for parents to attend in early April, however this will no longer go ahead and instead information will be sent home to parents in due course.

Despite our determination to continue as long as we can without jeopardising the wellbeing of the students and staff, we have precautionary plans for providing continuous education in the event of the government closing schools. In this event we have organised packs for the children to continue their learning at home. As part of this we have arranged home access to a new learning platform called Purple Mash. Children will have their logins on the front of their reading diary shortly. We will be sharing this with the children next week.

We hope that we will not have to put any of this into practice, but given the current reporting on the situation it seems sensible to be prepared for any eventuality. Despite this, please rest assured that we will continue to take an appropriate/measured approach to the situation at school and do all we can to reassure the children and prevent them from becoming unduly anxious.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Cawson, Headteacher

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 went live on Monday 10th February at 6pm. We have sent home details about how to book your appointment via email. If you are unable to do this on-line, please contact the school and we will book

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.

World Book Day

Thank you to the many parents who came in to read with a small group of children in their child's class on World Book Day. We were over-whelmed by the number of you that came in and we know that the children thoroughly enjoyed hearing the stories. We are pleased to announce that the school earned £365 commission from Usborne Books, from the book sale on the day.

Mother's Day Candles

Mother's Day candles will be coming home today, for those that have ordered them.

Miller's Ark Mobile Farm Visit

On Monday 30th March, Miller's Ark Mobile Farm will be visiting Year R and Year One and the children will be spending some time with a variety of farm animals. Obviously we will ensure that they wash their hands thoroughly after the visit, but we will also be sending home an information leaflet after the visit which we would ask that parents read carefully.

Please ensure that your child has a warm coat with them on Monday 30th as they will be spending some time outside. A pair of named wellies would also be beneficial.

Wear Odd Socks to School Day

Children are invited to wear odd socks to school on Thursday 19th March in support of National Anti-Bullying Week. This was postponed from November, due to November being such a busy time of year in the school.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Chelsea Football Club (External provider)

Fee paying club—all year groups. Block 2 starts on 2nd March and runs until 30th March (inclusive).

Choir Club

Choir Club is cancelled until further notice, due to group size and nature of the club and the increased likelihood of spreading germs.

Sewing Club (Year Two only)

Group Two started on 27/02/20 and will run through until 21/05/20. This is a small group and we will be monitoring this on a weekly basis, so please keep an eye on emails.



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.

- Edward R
- Charlie C
- Callum
- Freddie
- Sydney
- Abbie
- Harriet
- Mikah
- Emirali
- Melody
- Jake
- Rayyan
- Annalise
- Dexter
- Ben
- Wynter-Mai
- Charlie E
- Jessica F
- Jessica B
- Kingsley
- Hassaan

A very well done to these children!

World Book Day, book review competition winners

It was lovely to see so many book reviews. The overall winner of the competition is Harry B for his excellent review of Funny Bones. Additional awards go to:

Beautiful Illustration Award

- Zainab
- Lee
- Oscar P
- Daisy
- Alexis
- Oscar G
- Emlyn W

Neatest Handwriting

- Violet
- Oscar T

Presentation

- Madaline B
- Owen
- Eva W
- Felicity W-K

Best Review

- Dexter
- Charlie P
- Thomas C
- James C

We were so impressed with the number of entries we received and they were all an absolute pleasure to read.

School Lunches

Week commencing 16th March we will be on [Week 2](#) of the dinner menu.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
	Spring Term 2020	
17th March	Parents Evening (Gold Class only)	3.30pm-6.20pm
18th March	Parents Evening (all classes except Gold)	3.30pm-6.20pm
19th March	Wear Odd Socks to School Day	All day
Cancelled	Mother's Day Assembly	
23rd March	Parents Evening - all classes	3.30pm-6.20pm
Postponed	Ball Skills Inter-school Competition	
Postponed	Money Week (more information to follow)	
Postponed	PTA Stationery Sale	
30th March	Miller's Ark Farm visiting Year R and Year One	
Postponed	Year Two Trip to Legoland	4pm return
Cancelled	Year One Parent Lunch	
2nd April	Year One Spring Celebration Day	
Cancelled	Year Two SATS Workshop	
Cancelled	Year One Bake Sale	
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
1st May	Mufti Day for toys (more information to follow)	
7th May	V.E. Day Family Picnic with Walsh Junior School (more info to follow)	
15th May	Mufti Day for Jolly Jars and Bottles (more information to follow)	
16th May	Walsh Memorial Summer Fair	12-3pm
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
22nd June	NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. Assembly (more info to follow)	
29th June	St Peter's Day Family Picnic (more information to follow)	12.00-1.00pm
10th July	Sports Day	Timings TBA
20th July	Leaver's Assembly	1.45pm

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