



Headteacher's Message

Thank you for all your wonderful Harvest donations for Farnham Food Bank, you have been very kind and generous.

We have celebrated Harvest in school today and enjoyed seeing a Harvest Loaf. The children have worked hard to produce their class Harvest videos which we hope you enjoy watching with them.

Have fun colouring the pumpkin picture we sent home last week and display it in your window at home. Maybe you will be able to go on a walk and find the pumpkin pictures in windows around Ash.

We recently sent home workbooks and pencils. Please remove these from book bags and keep these safe at home.

Our wonderful PTA are holding their AGM meeting on Wednesday 11th November at 7.30pm, via Zoom. All parents are welcome and we would love to see you there.

The half term holiday is not far away (from Monday 26th October). We hope you have a relaxing week. Remember we have an inset day on Monday 2nd November.

Have a lovely weekend!

Year One Autumn Day

On Tuesday 10th November, our Year One children will be celebrating autumn. On this day they are welcome to come to school dressed in coloured clothes that they believe best represent autumn, such as reds, oranges and browns.

All of the learning on this day will be centred around autumn and is one of four seasonal days that help the children learn about the different seasons.

No Halloween costumes please and children should wear clothes that are suitable for a normal school day. If your child does not want to wear autumnal clothing, please could they wear their normal school uniform. Thank you.



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. These children will be bringing their certificates home today

- Charlie P.
- Melody
- Charlie C.
- Charlize
- Mikah
- Finley M.
- Liviah
- Elodie
- Lily C.
- Stanley
- Jack S.
- Matthew N.
- Connie
- Max
- Fraz
- Daisy J.

A very well done to these children!

PTA Annual General Meeting

This year we are going to try a zoom meeting so grab a glass of something nice and meet us on Wednesday 11th November at 7.30pm. (A password code will be communicated out nearer the time.)

As parents you automatically become members of the PTA when your child joins the school. It can be a brilliant way to get involved, meet other parents and have fun; helping to arrange activities, help at events and get creative. We are always looking for new ideas and ways to freshen up the annual events. We know your time is precious but any help you are able to give no matter how small is so greatly appreciated.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting on 11th November.

School Lunches

Week commencing 19th October we will be on **Week 2** of the dinner menu.

Useful Information

IMPORTANT!

Applying for a Junior School space or for Year R for September 2021

Year Two parents will need to apply for a Year Three space for their child for September 2021, even if they intend for their child to go to Walsh Junior School. It is imperative that you apply before the deadline of 15th January 2021 or you may not be offered one of your schools of choice. The on-line system will open on 2nd November and you can change your choice of schools any time up to 15th January 2021.

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

www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions - if you pay your Council Tax to Surrey County Council

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:

2nd November 2020 - You can apply online for a school place from this date.

15th January 2021 - Closing date for applications. However, the councils welcome early applications

16th April 2021 - 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 2021 - 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 2021, 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.

Surrey Adult Learning.

Free parenting courses to help you create a better family life.

Are you worried about your child's behaviour or development or see your child struggling at school?

Do you sometimes feel anxious and would like to be more involved in their school life?

Perhaps Maths isn't your strong point or English isn't your first language or you find phonics puzzling and you need some help to understand what your child is learning.

Family Learning provides **free** courses and workshops to help you navigate school life and give support where your child is struggling.

Because learning together is fun - and right now it couldn't be more important.

Open to parents, carers and grandparents. **Spaces are available now** on a range of topics including Christmas workshops. Pre-booking via our website is essential.

- EAL - English as an Additional Language
- Maths – learning your child's curriculum
- Exploring good behaviour strategies
- Understanding children's behaviour
- Yoga for anxiety
- Cooking together; Scrummy yummy soups, Merry Muffins
- Skills to encourage mini scientists

Storytelling workshops; Aliens love Panta Claus

www.surreycc.gov.uk/familylearning
email Family.Learning@surreycc.gov.uk

Dates for your Diary

| Date | Event | Time |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| | Autumn Term | |
| 23rd October | Break up for Half Term Holiday 26/10/20—30/10/20 | Full school day, finish normal time |
| 2nd November | Inset Day - school closed to children | |
| 4th November | Ruby Class parent interviews (via phone or Microsoft Teams) | |
| 5th November | Sapphire Class parent interviews (via phone or Microsoft Teams) | |
| 6th November | Emerald Class parent interviews (via phone or Microsoft Teams) | |
| 10th November | Year One Autumn Celebration Day | |
| 11th November | In school Remembrance Assembly (no parents) | |
| 11th November | Diamond Class parent interviews (via phone or Microsoft Teams) | |
| 11th November | PTA meeting (via Zoom) all welcome. (A passcode will be communicated nearer the time.) | 7.30pm |
| 13th November | Nasal Flu Vaccinations in school | |
| 16th November | Individual School Photos (for those who have given consent) | |
| 19th November | Pied Piper Theatre visiting school— performing 'ZOOM' | |
| 1st December | Pause Day—Advent (more information to follow) | |
| 11 December | Christmas Jumper Day in support of Save the Children | |
| 18th December | End of Autumn Term—early finish | approximate finish 1.10pm (to be confirmed) |
| 15th January 2021 | Deadline for receipt of Reception and Year 3 applications for September 2021 | |

Inset Days 2020/21: 2nd November 2020, 22nd February 2021, 7th June 2021

(one more inset day still to be confirmed)