



### *Headteacher's Message*

Welcome back to all our children and families. We all hope you enjoyed your time with your children during the summer holidays.

A very special welcome to our new families. Thank you for choosing our school and we hope our partnership will be a very happy and successful one.

We would also like to welcome our new Year One Teacher Miss Sherlock, our Teaching Assistant Mrs Loftus and our Administration Assistant Mrs Saunders (not to be confused with Mrs Sanders, as they are job sharing!)

Thank you for your efforts to follow our guidelines for pick up and collection. We are aware that parents are still concerned and confused and we are working hard to improve the system and to reduce waiting times. To help relieve congestion we will be asking **Emerald Class to arrive at 8.45am from Monday.**

We are pleased to say that in school we are achieving our aim in keeping each class separate during the school day. If we find ourselves in the position that we need to close one class bubble of 30 children, the rest of the school will remain open.

The children have all settled in well and it is lovely to have them back in school.

Please note that if you would prefer a paper copy of the newsletter we have copies in the reception area which you can pick up. Alternatively you can find it on our website too [www.walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk).

*Have a lovely weekend!*  
**Mrs Cawson, Headteacher**

### *School Lunches*

Week commencing 7th September we will be on **Week 2** of the dinner menu.

### *Meet the Teacher*

As we are unable to invite parents in to school to meet their child's new class teacher we will be emailing a Powerpoint presentation which introduces the teachers and teaching assistants and gives guidance to parents on the years expectations.

If you have any questions for your child's teacher please email the office on [info@walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk)

### *Fruit and Veg Scheme*

The school fruit and veg scheme will resume next week. All children in school will receive a fruit or vegetable snack during morning break.

### *Coolmilk*

If your child is under 5 they will receive free milk at school to drink at morning break.

Once your child turns 5 you have the option to pay for their milk through the Coolmilk scheme. If you wish to pay for your child's milk you will need to register with Coolmilk at [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)

### *Emerald Class*

From Monday 7th September Emerald Class start time will be **8.45am**. This is to help ease congestion in the mornings.

### *Reading Records*

Please can you ensure that reading record books from last year are returned to school on Monday. If you still have school reading books at home can these also be returned as soon as possible, as they need to go back into the reading scheme.

### *Book Bags*

Please ensure that your child has a book bag in school every day.

Please note, book bags will remain in school over this weekend whilst we sort out reading levels for all children. A letter explaining the new reading system will come home in your child's book bag on Monday.

# REMINDERS

## *Quarantining items at home*

If you are concerned about any items being sent home in book bags please make it your responsibility to quarantine them at home. School reading books will have been quarantined for 72 hours before they are sent home.

Please also note that we cannot receive any items into school for show and tell, or birthday sweets to hand out to the class.

## *New Reception 2021*

Sadly we are unable to offer school visits to parents of new Reception 2021 children. We are in the process of making a video of our school which should be available to view on our website by the end of September.

We appreciate that this is not ideal and are really hoping that schools are able to welcome visitors soon.

## *Absences*

If your child is going to be absent from school, please call the school before 9.30am on the first day of their absence. This will avoid any unauthorised absence marks. You do not need to call on subsequent days unless the illness continues over the weekend and into the new week.

If you are unclear what the exclusion period is for a particular condition, please contact the school for advice or visit [www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england) for guidance.

## *Special Diets*

If your child's dietary requirements have changed over the summer break and they now require a special diet, please contact the school office. Please note that special diets are those that are required for medical or religious purposes.

If your child does not like a particular element of the menu, such as beans, this is a preference, not a special diet requirement. The dinner ladies will be able to deal with most preferences when meals are served.

## *Accessing the School Grounds*

We would like to remind parents that there is no parental parking on-site at anytime, unless you are the holder of a disabled badge or you have been called and asked to collect a poorly child from school.

Access to our grounds is strictly one way so please do not enter the school grounds where it is clearly marked 'no entry'. Staff members are there in the morning to help to get the children safely into school and to keep the traffic moving.

Kiss and Drop opens at the same time as your child's gate, please do not attempt to drop your child off before that time as the gate is not manned before this time.

Kiss and Drop is not currently available to Year R families as the gates are too far from the drop off point.

Please also note that dogs must not be taken into our playground or the Junior School playground at anytime.

## *Holidays during term time*

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their child out of school without authorisation for 5 or more days, they will be liable to receive penalty notices.

Currently, the amount payable under a penalty notice is £60.00 and payable within 21 days, rising to £120.00 if paid within 21-28 days. If the penalty notice is not paid within 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court.

Please note that Penalty Notices are issued per parent/carer per child, so a family with 2 parents/carers and 2 children will receive 4 penalty notices.

# Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
	<b>Summer Term</b>	
9th October	In school Harvest Festival Assembly (no parents)	
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	
11th November	In school Remembrance Assembly (no parents)	
13th November	Nasal Flu Vaccinations in school (more information to follow)	
16th November	Individual School Photos (for those who have given consent)	
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