



### *Headteacher's Message*

Dear Parents,

I hope you have had a lovely week.

Over the last week we have been continuing to ensure the school remains COVID secure and have installed hand sanitiser dispensers outside each classroom.

We are now considering ways to make drop off and pick ups run more quickly and will feedback to you soon.

If you do need to contact me, please do so via the following email address:

[Head@walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:Head@walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk)

I hope you all have a restful weekend.

*Kind regards,  
Mrs Richmond,  
Interim Headteacher*



### *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 on Monday.

- Freddie K
- George
- Darcie
- Oliver H
- Orson
- Teddy
- Romy
- Freddie R
- Sophia
- Jessica R
- Betsy
- Matthew O
- Griffin
- Femi
- Joshua O
- Sienna
- Mia
- Millie
- Callum
- Lily D
- Mason
- Aaliyah
- Talia
- Oscar P

A very well done to these children!

### *Road Safety*

Please be extra vigilant crossing the main road outside the school as we have been made aware of drivers jumping the lights.

Please use the pedestrian crossing where possible and keep your children closely with you.

### *Christmas Lunch*

Christmas dinner will be served in school on **Wednesday 16th December**. The red option will be roast chicken with all the Christmas trimmings. There will be a vegetarian option and special diets will be catered for. The full menu is still to be confirmed. Please be aware that jacket potato options will not be available on this day.

### *Christmas cards*

Due to current COVID restrictions please do not bring Christmas cards into school before Thursday 3rd December.

### *Individual School Photos*

We will be sending home the individual school photo proofs on Monday following four days quarantine in school. If you would like to order prints, please make sure you place your order by **Monday 30th November** to ensure you get free delivery to school.

We would like to encourage as many families as possible to order online as it reduces the handling of orders (there are also more package options to choose from if you place an online order).

We will still collect orders in school for those who cannot order online. Please make sure the correct money or cheque is sealed inside the order package as we do not hold cash in school.

### *School Lunches*

Week commencing 23rd November we will be on **Week 3** of the dinner menu.

# Reminders

## *What to do if a member of your household is showing COVID symptoms*

There seems to be a bit of confusion over the procedures we need to follow if a member of a household is showing COVID symptoms.

We would like to clarify the guidelines as follows:

- The person showing symptoms should request a test and the entire household must self-isolate at home pending the test result.
- This means that you should keep your children at home until the result is received. Please inform the school on the first day of absence.
- If the test result is positive your whole household must continue to self-isolate until the date advised by the NHS. Please advise us of this date.
- Please keep in communication with the school and inform us if any other member of your household develops symptoms and subsequently has a positive test result, as this could impact on our school bubbles.
- If the result is negative we ask that you send your child back to school as soon as possible. Please send them in on the day that the result is received if that is practical, or on the next day if that is not feasible. If your child is the one who had the negative result they can return as soon as they are well enough. Please inform the school of the negative test result.

Please follow these guidelines very carefully to help us keep our community safe.

## **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. For both Junior and Reception places 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](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions) - if you pay your Council Tax to Surrey County Council

[www.hants.gov.uk/admissions](http://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.

# Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
	<b>Autumn Term</b>	
30th November	Last day for photo orders with free delivery to school	
1st December	Pause Day—Advent (more information to follow)	
11th December	Mufti-day for donations to the Christmas Hampers (more information to follow)	
16th December	Christmas Jumper Day in support of Save the Children	
16th December	Christmas Lunch served in school	
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:**

22nd February 2021

7th June 2021

(one more inset day still to be confirmed)