

WALTER INFANT SCHOOL

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'To be the best I can be'



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Dear Parents,

I cannot believe the autumn term is already coming to an end; it has been a very eventful and successful term and there are still many exciting things to come before we break up on the 19th December at 2:20 pm. We have had several cold weather warnings; the 'gritters' have been to school to ensure the playgrounds are not icy. We have made provision for extreme weather conditions and will inform parents of any changes to the school day, if necessary, as soon as we can. We are not yet expecting snow, but who knows! Our cold weather procedures can be found on the school website. Please send your children to school with suitable clothing for cold weather as they will be playing outside. Please also make sure that all their belongings are labelled with their names. We have a lot of things in our Lost Property box, so please have a look in there if you are missing things.



UP AND COMING EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

We still have some very exciting events happening before we break up:

Friday 8th December:

- Violin assembly at 9:00 am and I-rock performance at 2:45 pm (only the families of the children involved to attend)
- Cake Sale run by the Parents Association to raise money for our school at 3:20 pm in the playground

Tuesday 12th December

- Robin (F1) classes Christmas Performances at 11:00 am and 2:45 pm

Wednesday 13th December:

- Robin (F1) classes Christmas Performances at 11:00 am and 2:45 pm
- Christmas Lunch

Thursday 14th December:

- Open Box Christmas Production in the afternoon for all children at 2:00 pm

Friday 15th December:

- Christmas Jumper Day
- 8:45 am Foundation Stage Christmas Celebration for all F2 parents (including mince pies!)
- 2:45 pm Year Two Christmas Celebration for all Year 2 families (including mince pies!)

Monday 18th December:

- Christmas Parties in all classes

ANTI-BULLYING MEETING

Thank you to all of you who attended our Anti-bullying meeting on Wednesday 22nd November, we had an exceptionally good turn out and positive feedback. I have included the link to the website again for any of you who would like more information about Anti-bullying – please follow this link or look at our Equality and Anti-bullying Policy on our website.

<https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/news-insight/news/theme-anti-bullying-week-2017-has-been-announced-%E2%80%98all-different-all-equal%E2%80%99>

All our children, even our very youngest, know that they should feel safe at school and that bullying behaviour will not be tolerated. Please speak to a member of the school staff, or to myself directly, if you have any concerns.

We all had great fun wearing odd socks for a week and learning that we are all unique and all equally important.



DRESSING THE TREE

On Monday 4th of December, the winners of our Christmas Tree Decoration for the Wokingham Town Christmas tree, Luka Svetic and Teddy Inns, attended the Tree Dressing Celebration at the Town Hall. We were very proud of their decorations and you will be able to see them on and around the tree outside the Town Hall. The other decorations are all proudly displayed on our school Christmas tree.



The winners with the Mayor and the Mini-Mayor!



These beautiful decorations were made by; Luka, lyla, Eva, Jacob, Colbie, Teddy, Monty, Lola and Ffion. They look fabulous on our tree in the school hall, which was very kindly donated by Henry Street!

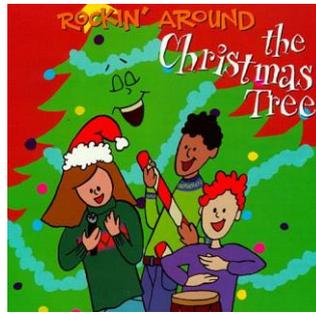
A KING IS BORN (Year 1 Nativity)

We have had three AMAZING performances of the Christmas Production starring all our Year 1 children; if you have been lucky enough to see it I am sure you had a truly wonderful time. The children worked so hard to learn all the songs and their lines and stage direction. They were all fantastic and I have been feeling so very proud of them. I would like to thank all of the Year 1 staff who have worked tirelessly to ensure that the children put on a wonderful show but also enjoyed themselves at the same time.



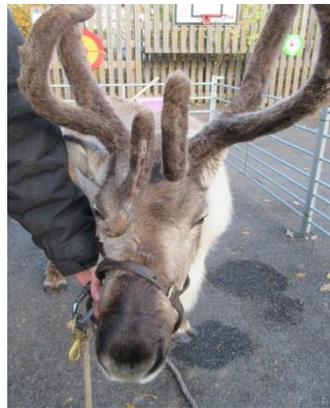
CHRISTMAS SINGING CELEBRATIONS IN SCHOOL

As mentioned in the list of dates above; the children in FS1, FS2 and Year 2 have all been learning festive songs to share with their families too; we would love you to come along, to listen and to possibly join in with the celebrations in school.



REINDEER IN SCHOOL

We were delighted to have the reindeer in school again this year; it is a wonderful experience for our children and they learned so much about them. The work the children have produced is beautiful and on display in classrooms and corridors. The toy reindeer was won by Heidi in Woodpecker, by guessing that his name was Walter! We still have some reindeer 'poo' for sale, so come and buy some at the Bake Sale. If you would still like to donate a £1:00 towards the cost of the reindeer; please hand it to the staff in the office. Thank you.



BAKE SALE

The Parents Association Bake Sale will take place after school on Friday 8th December; please don't forget to bring your contributions to the sale into school in the morning. Thank you so much to all the bakers (and shoppers) in advance – the money raised will be put to very good use.



CHRISTMAS PARTIES AND CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Christmas Lunch is taking place on Wednesday 13th December; if you have not made your selection please contact the office as soon as possible.

Our Christmas parties will take place on Monday 18th December 2017: the children will bring home a letter asking them to bring into school a sweet or savoury contribution to the party feast. Please remember that we are a nut free school and that no products containing nuts should be brought in to school. Thank you.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

On Friday 15th December we would like the children to come to school wearing a festive jumper; this could be a Christmas jumper or a winter jumper. The children can wear anything else they wish to with their jumpers, such as jeans, leggings, skirts or tracksuit bottoms. They can of course come in school uniform if they would prefer.

Christmas jumper day is organised by Save the Children; we will have a bucket at the front of the school if you wish to make a donation.



CHRISTMAS POST BOX

We have placed the Christmas Post Box in the reception area of school and will have it outside each morning for the children to post their Christmas cards for their friends and teachers; please make sure that the cards are labelled with the child's name and their class. The year two children will be sorting them and delivering them each day.



RAISING MONEY FOR OUR PLAYGROUND

Mr Prickett has made us a thermometer to be displayed in the playground after the holidays; it will measure the amount of money we have raised to re-surface and improve our playground. Our Target is £24,000. If you have any good ideas for how we could do this; please share them with the staff or the members of the playground association. We are hoping that work will begin in April.



Thank you Mr Prickett!

SITE CONTROLLER AT WALTER INFANT SCHOOL

Mr Jimmy Fennell has started work at Walter Infant School this week and we are absolutely delighted to have a full time Site Controller; we are already realising what the benefits will be and how much we have been missing! I am sure he will continue the many wonderful improvements and that have been carried out by Mr Prickett and that he will be able to look after our school in the way we would want it to be cared for!



APPLICATIONS FOR JUNIOR SCHOOL

Year 2 Parents - Just a reminder that you need to apply for a junior school place for next September and the deadline is 15th January 2018.

If you would like any assistance with the application, please pop into the office and I am more than happy to help complete the paperwork – alternatively you can go to the offices at Wokingham Borough Council where they will assist you.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

All our parents are invited to join the Parents' Association; if you would like more information, please contact walterinfantspa@gmail.com .

There are lots of exciting events and fund raising opportunities coming up with Christmas just around the corner and you can support our school whilst doing your Christmas shopping!

If you do any online shopping you can go to the shopping site via the 'Easy Fundraising' site <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/walterinfantpa> - the school will receive a cashback amount on every purchase. There are lots and lots of companies that will donate a percentage of your spend to school and it is very easy to set up.

If you are thinking of buying a micro-scooter you can raise money for the school by purchasing it on their website <http://www.micro-scooters.co.uk/> - the school can earn 10% 'cashback' for every purchase if you enter our URN number **109869** in the 'Apply School Code' box.

AND FINALLY...

This has been a brilliant term; every day something happens to make us all feel proud and very lucky to share our lives with the wonderful children of Walter Infant School. I would like to thank the parents who have recently shared some very positive comments with us as it is so nice to be appreciated and also those parents who have brought their concerns to us so that we can ensure the children are safe, happy and well-cared for. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any thoughts, questions or suggestions. I am happy for you to email me directly on: head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

I would like to wish you all a very happy festive time.

Judy Wheeler
Headteacher

| DATES FOR YOUR DIARY | |
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| 14 th September 2017 | Phonics and Reading Meeting for Key Stage 1 |
| 20 th September 2017 | School Photographer |
| 23 rd September 2017 | Talk like a Pirate Day |
| 11 th October 2017 | Book Fair |
| 20 th October 2017 | Harvest Festival |
| 6 th November 2017 | Parent Consultations and Robin Open Evening |
| 8 th November 2017 | Parent Consultations and Robin Open Evening |
| 13 th - 17 th November 2017 | Anti-bullying week |
| 13 th November 2017 | Reindeer in School (£1 contribution per child please) |
| 17 th November 2017 | Children in Need - Dress up, dress down, dress fancy! |
| 22 nd November 2017 | Anti-bullying meeting for parents at 2:45 pm |
| 4 th December 2017 | Foundation Stage Play and Stay week |
| 4 th December 2017 | Year One Christmas Production Dress Rehearsal |
| 5 th December 2017 | Year One Christmas Production for Beech Parents |
| 6 th December 2017 | Year One Christmas Production for Larch Parents |
| 7 th December 2017 | Year One Christmas Production for Oak Parents |
| 8 th December 2017 | 2:30 I-Rock concert for I-Rock parents |
| 8 th December 2017 | 3:15 Cake Sale for Parents Association |
| 12 th and 13 th December 2017 | Robin Christmas Performances morning and afternoon |
| 13 th December 2017 | Christmas Lunch for pupils |
| 14 th December 2017 | Open Box Theatre Christmas Show for all children |
| 15 th December 2017 | Christmas/Seasonal Jumper Day |
| 15 th December 2017 8:45 am | Foundation Stage Christmas Celebration for parents |
| 15 th December 2017 2:45 pm | Year 2 Christmas Celebration for parents |

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| 18 th December 2017 | Children's parties |
| 18 th December 2017 | 9:00 am Violin Assembly for Violin Parents |
| 19 th December 2017 | Last day of term (finishing at 2:20 pm) |
| 3 rd January 2018 | INSET DAY |
| 4 th January 2018 | First day of Spring Term |