



Friday Flyer!

Dear Walter Families,

I hope you are all safe and well; I have been working from home this week and Mrs Prickett has been in school. I have very much missed being at Walter, but it is important that we have small numbers of adults to reduce contact with each other. Mrs Prickett has had a wonderful week and has shared some photographs of the work the children have been doing. I think the Totem Pole is amazing and I can see how proud the children are of their creation. Foundation Stage children have been measuring their feet! They look to have extremely big feet! Well done everyone.



I have loved receiving all the photographs of the amazing work you have been doing at home with your children; we are sharing it on the school website in the Home Learning Gallery. I have also been able to send it to the children's teachers. We are endeavouring to ensure that every child receives a response, as well as a headteacher's award! Colonel Toby has also been replying and sending special gold medals! We have also been able to send messages to the children's friends via the website too. We will be posting more stories in the coming days too. I know that home schooling and learning is difficult for parents and children alike so keep trying to make it enjoyable and relaxing; if it is not stop and take a break. Go outside if you can or play a game or even watch some television. Please try to be mindful of the amount of time your children might be playing computer games by themselves as this is not always the best way to spend time.

A rainbow to thank our wonderful NHS and care workers

The children have also made a beautiful rainbow to display on our school gates, look out for it on your daily exercise.



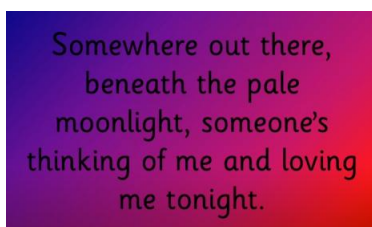
Information about the proposed return to school for some year groups

Today Mrs Janes will send you a letter about our proposed plans for Nursery (FS1), Reception (FS2) and Year 1 to return to school after the half term holiday in small groups. I recognise that many of you will be anxious about sending your children back to school and our plans have been designed to ensure that we can keep your children as safe as we possibly can. Please read the letter carefully, but also please be mindful that since completing the letter and sending it to you all, I have received information that is different from the information we were working from previously. Next week, we may have to make alternative plans, but for now we believe what we intend to put in place will benefit the largest number of children whilst still following all health and safety guidelines as closely as we can. As I said in my letter, the safety of our children, families and staff is our priority.

I would be very grateful if you could return the survey to Mrs Janes as soon as you can, but by Tuesday 19th May at the latest. Thank you.

Somewhere out there

Please look on our Walter Infant School and Nursery website for the videos Miss Rose has made for you to sing along to; in particular 'Somewhere out there'. We would love you to send us a video recording of your children singing the song so that we can make a montage to share with everyone. It is a beautiful song, and very poignant at the moment. She would love to receive the videos by Friday 22nd May 2020. It is a beautiful song.



Social Distancing

Ms Rees has also posted a video of an assembly about social distancing, which might help to explain to your children why they can't see the people they love and miss during the lockdown period. I hope you find it helpful.



A message for all our children about Colonel Toby Walter



If you would like Colonel Walter to see what you have been up to, perhaps you could show him some of your home school work, or a picture or model, or perhaps you would like to ask him a question or tell him something that is bothering you; you can email him on this address: head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk He says he will always reply and that he cannot wait to hear from you. If you send a photograph of what you have been doing; we will be able to post it on our website in the home learning gallery to share with your friends. You could even send a message to your friends and Colonel Walter will make sure they get to see it. He is really looking forward to hearing from you.

Well-being

Good mental health and well-being is as important as good physical health; if you are struggling to maintain good mental health; please visit our Well-being page on the Home Learning tab on the website. We have Mental Health First Aiders at school; if you need help in finding support, please do not hesitate to contact us on head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

You could also visit the NHS website on https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/?WT.tsrc=Search&WT.mc_id=MentalHealthGeneric&gclid=EAlaIqObChMIjoDhtpWT6QIVQe7tCh0mfwW_EAAYA

Tesco Blue Tokens

I am delighted to say that Tesco Customers can use blue tokens to vote for our School Garden Project; we are hoping to develop our garden even so that it is a haven for wild life and a fantastic stimulus for writing, science, maths and art. You

can start voting from 1st April; please tell all your friends and family. The winning project will receive £2000.



And finally....

I will do all I can to keep you well-informed and up to date; as always, if you have any worries, concerns or questions, you can email me day or night and I will respond as soon as I see your message. These are very difficult times, especially for parents, but hopefully soon we will be able to see our friends and family again.

Judy Wheeler
Headteacher

