



Friday Flyer!

Dear Walter Families,

I cannot believe I am writing to you today and it is July! This really has been the strangest year. In school we are putting the final touches to our annual school reports for every child and we will begin sending them via email; included in the report will be information about how you can contact us, should any questions arise from the report as well as a link to Parent View on our website, which is an OFSTED Questionnaire for parents to answer questions and comment on their child's school. The Governors of our school are very keen to understand the view of our parents, so please complete the questionnaire if you are able. Here is the link from the website:

https://www.walter.wokingham.sch.uk/website/have_your_say/370747 then click on the parent view address on the landing page.

You will be offered the opportunity to have a virtual meeting with your child's teacher. If you require a paper copy of child's report, please contact the school office on admin@walter.wokingham.sch.uk and we will print one off for you to collect from school. Thank you.

Year 2 Families

Hello Year 2 families – we are all missing you so much. I hope you are all safe and well. We have been planning a couple of surprises for our Year 2 children and would like to request that you put the following dates in your diaries:

- 17th July 2020: Socially Distanced Leavers Celebrations throughout the day (information to follow)
- 1st and 2nd September – Lockdown Leavers Party or Parties from 4:30 pm (all being well) information will follow much nearer the time.

What has been happening at home?

Foundation Stage has been learning about space and Boril has produced some wonderful work at home which I would like to share with you.



I am sure you are very impressed; what a scientist!

We also had this amazing space collage from Evie!



What has been happening in school?

Year 2 and our Green Bubble children have been learning all about mini beasts for the last two weeks; this week has been all about bees! Did any of you make a bee bath for the bees in your garden?

Here is some of the amazing work that has been happening at school; we have bees and insects everywhere!



If you haven't made a Bee Bath yet... have a go!

We have a bee bath and a bug hotel in our school garden and we have planted many plants to encourage bees, bugs and butterflies to support pollination and our environment. You could make a bee bath in your own garden if you have one; they are simply a saucer (usually for a plant pot) some stones and fresh water. This is ours: we have planted lavender next to it as bees love lavender. They also love chives and wild flowers. Follow this link to find out more: <https://friendsoftheearth.uk/bees/gardening->

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September 2020

On Thursday 2nd July we have received the information from the Department for Education (DfE) about children returning to school in September. I am able to inform you that all children will return to school full time in September (unless they have a 15 hours a week place in Robin Nursery). We will now be working to ensure we have everything in place to welcome old and new children back to school with open arms – I can't wait. Over the next few weeks there will be lots of speculation and rumours about what school might look like for children in September. We will do everything we can to ensure that our school is the best it can be with the restrictions and guidelines we have to implement. I will have dialogues with my staff, my Senior Leadership Team, our Governing Body and Wokingham Borough Council to make certain that we are fully compliant. Some things will be different and our plans may have to change quite a few times until we are sure we have found the best way. I will keep you all posted. As always, if you have any questions, please contact me on head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

We will be inviting our children back to school early in groups of 15: You will receive more information next week.

We will split each Year 1 and Year 2 Class into 15 (alphabetically by surname) so that the children can have half a day with their new teachers: the teachers from Foundation Stage will accompany the children into Year 1. The children will spend from 1:30pm until 3:00pm with their new teacher in their new classroom. There will be further information coming over the next week.

Classes in Key Stage 1

The children are staying in the same groups: for those people who missed the information on the 19th June 2020, please see below:

Current Class	New Class
Dove	Beech Miss Rose and Mrs Ullah
Magpie	Larch Miss Palmer and Mrs Wynne
Woodpecker	Oak Miss Veale and Miss Gosling
Beech	Pine

	Mr Lee and Mrs Cheslin
Larch	Sycamore Mr Herlihey and Miss Dutton
Oak	Willow Mrs Pimm, Mrs McDonough and Mrs Wyatt

Pupil Premium Funding

If you experiencing financial hardship, please get in touch with us; we may be able to help. If you have had a change to your circumstances, your child may be entitled to Pupil Premium Funding? If you contact Mrs Janes or Mrs Hemmings in the office they will be able to send you a form to complete. If your family are eligible, we will be able to register you for the Free School Meals Voucher Scheme which is £15 per child.

You may be able to claim if you are in receipt of:

- Universal credit (provided you have a net income of £7400 or less)
- Income support
- Income-based jobseekers' allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of state pension credit
- Child tax credit, provided that you are not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of £16,190 or less

The Pupil Premium for 2019 to 2020 will include pupils recorded in the January 2019 school census who are known to have been eligible for FSM since May 2013, as well as those first known to be eligible at January 2019.

There is always a very quick response and when you hear back we should be able to register you in time for the summer holidays.

Please also remember that we can help you in getting food parcels from Wokingham Food Bank so please speak in confidence to the staff in the school office on admin@walter.wokingham.sch.uk or 01189780825.

Governors

Have you ever considered becoming a school governor? We have several vacancies at the moment for a parent governor and a co-opted governor. Do you think you would like to support the school in being the best it can be or do you know someone who is looking for the opportunity to make a difference to the community? If so please do get in touch via the school admin address: admin@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

Anxiety Course

I am attaching a flyer for a free course for parents on 'Helping your child's anxiety'; some of your children may feel anxious at the moment, so this course via Zoom maybe helpful.

Stars of the Week

We have three new stars of the week; Leona for working so hard at everything, Noah for being so kind and Ben for his amazing fact file on bees. We have all learned so much.



Amazing Bee Work!



Isaac wrote 12 sentences all by himself and made a pom-pom bee! Ben produced his Fact File on two pieces of A4 card. Grace and Jordan wrote books about bees and received Headteacher awards as they were brilliant

Summer Holidays

We are hoping to have I-Rock summer camp here for one week if gatherings and distancing restrictions allow. For the last two school holidays some of our Key Worker children attended Funtastic Kids at Emmbrook Infant School; I am attaching the information for you, we have been told that spaces are going fast.

Funtastic Kids

Summer Holiday Camps

Dependable childcare in a safe environment

Open Monday 20th July - Wednesday 2nd September

9:30am - 3:30pm: £21.50 Sibling: £17
8am - 6pm: £30 Sibling: £23.50

Additional hour options:
8:30am - 9:30am and 3:30pm - 4:30pm
£3 per child per hour.

Breakfast and tea option
Ofsted registered
Ages 4-15

www.funtastickids.co.uk - bookings@funtastickids.co.uk - 07715643412

Energy Kidz will have some provision at St Paul's which was emailed yesterday and Jack Dillon is also offering some holiday clubs. We will have more information from Jack soon, it would be a lovely opportunity for some children in Year 2 to catch up. We are also hoping to have a week of I-Rock summer camp; I will let you all know as soon as know.

And finally....

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me, at any time with any questions or concerns. I will respond as quickly as I can head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk
Keep well and keep safe.

Judy Wheeler
Headteacher