



Friday Flyer!

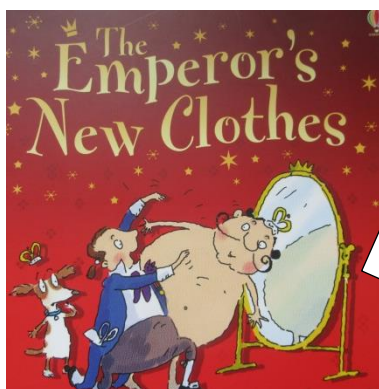
Dear Walter Families,

Oh my goodness! What a rainy day, however, the children love wet play time as they have so many wonderful games to play with what Father Christmas gave them last year (thank you PTA)! Our footballers got very wet!



Honesty

Our Value this week is Honesty; I told the KS1 children the story of The Emperor's New Clothes, it was a very funny version, published by Usborne and illustrated by Mike Gordon. The children laughed and laughed (as did the staff). So if your children tell you about a 'naked' man in school it was a picture book and very appropriate!



- ❖ We also listened to a very funny song from my childhood which you might like to listen to as well: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G55Oq3oBIs0>

Wokingham in Bloom

On Tuesday evening, 12 eager prize winners met at the Town Hall, 6 children, 4 mummies, 1 grandmother and 1 Headteacher! It was absolutely pouring down and getting dark; as we arrived we were told that the prize giving had happened the week before and we hadn't been told! What a shame; however, the mayoral staff were amazing. They showed us all the council rooms, the mayor's robes and beautiful golden chains. They gave us our certificate and £125 of garden vouchers, which Mrs Adams-Price is looking forward to spending. We took some photographs, we met Archie the Acorn and each of the children received a mayoral badge. The staff also promised to arrange for the Mayor to come to school to present our First Prize Gold Winner's Cup! The children who represented us were Millie, Robyn, Jacob, Emily, Archie and Eva; I felt very proud (and rather wet)!



Pupil Premium Grant (PPG)

On Wednesday I went to a Pupil Premium Conference in London and I left there confident that the staff at Walter Infant School and Nursery are doing a fantastic job for ALL our children. Yesterday we had the Whole School Census which determines whether our school budget will reduce due to pupil numbers. We had 8 fewer children registered for Pupil Premium Funding: we use this money in many ways to benefit our children, such as school clubs, Canine Assisted Learning, our Family Support Worker, resources for the classrooms, school trips, school uniform, additional staff hours, and the list goes on. If you think your family could be eligible, please read on.

What is it?

Pupil Premium funding was introduced in 2011; it is a sum of money (£1320) given to the school, for any child who qualifies for Free School Meals or for any child who was eligible for free school meals from Reception to Year 6. Pupil Premium funding lasts for 6 years of a child's school life from the date it begins.

Do you have an income that is less than...

£16,190!

Or are you in receipt of any of the benefits below?

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**
- These benefits have now been rolled into a single benefit, called Universal Credit.**

Universal Credit is being rolled out, with an expected completion date of March 2022. All pupils who were eligible for free school meals up to April 2018 will continue to receive free school meals during this period. This is a useful link that will tell you more about it; <https://www.theschoolrun.com/the-parents-guide-to-the-pupil-premium>

Please speak to Mrs Janes in the school office. Every enquiry is completely confidential.

Harvest Collection for Wokingham Foodbank

As you know, this year, for the 4th year running we will be collecting donations for the Wokingham Foodbank; our collection will be on Friday 18th October. We are very excited as we will have a representative from the foodbank coming to lead an assembly for our children.

The Manager from the Foodbank has requested specific items that they are very low on at the moment.

- Biscuits
- Custard
- Rice pudding
- Tinned meat
- Jam, honey and marmalade
- Deodorant for men and women
- Shaving foam
- Shampoo
- All-purpose cleaner
- Washing power and washing gel packs (small boxes only)
- Washing up liquid
- Toilet rolls



Please DO NOT donate Baked Beans, pasta or tea as they have an abundance!

The Foodbank is truly thankful for our continued support.

If you are in need of a foodbank voucher, please speak to Mrs Janes or Mrs Hemmings in the school office in strictest confidence. We are a recognised supplier of vouchers for the community.

Aldi Stickers

We have received a few stickers but would love more! We will start a running total next week. If you spend £30 in Aldi you will be given a sticker, if we collect 300 stickers, we are in with a chance of winning £20,000; this would be amazing as we would be able to buy some more fantastic outside play equipment for our children. Please can you speak to all your friends, families and neighbours and ask them to collect the stickers for us. THANK YOU.



PTA

The next meeting of the PTA is on Tuesday 8th October at 7:45pm at Ye Olde Leathern Bottel <https://www.chefandbrewer.com/pubs/berkshire/ye-olde-leathern-bottel>; we would love to see many new members there. This is a very sociable meeting and an opportunity to meet other parents and have a say in how can raise and spend money to benefit all our children. **PLEASE COME AND JOIN US!** Our PTA has provided so many wonderful resources to enhance our curriculum so we would love as many members as possible. We are all looking forward to seeing you!



Dates for you diary

9-14 th October 2019	Book Fair Support our school as we can buy books with the commission from sales
16 th October 2019	FS Reading & Phonics Meetings
18 th October 2019	Harvest collection and visit from the Foodbank
21 st October 2019	Parent Consultations
23 rd October 2019	Parent Consultations
28 th October-1 st November 2019	Half Term

And finally....

If you have any concerns that you might need help with please remember that you can contact me on head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk at any time. Have a wonderful weekend.

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Headteacher