



# Friday Flyer

**Dear Walter Families,**

We have been very busy celebrating so much in school in the last two weeks; you will be able to read about the successes below. We also had our first ever double Star of the Week when Sophie was awarded star of the week by her class teachers and by Jack!



## **Book Fair**

Thank you to everyone who came to the book fair; we made more money than ever before at £942:00 which means the school received £565.20 in commission to spend on books for our library and our classrooms. Thank you so much for your support and for helping us to foster a love for reading.

## **Red Nose day**

We had a wonderful day celebrating Red Nose Day and all the children looked fabulous in their red clothes; we sold all our noses very quickly so will order more next time making £150+ for Comic Relief. We also made £297.20 from donations into our buckets! We shared information in assembly about the importance of having empathy for children in the world who do not have the same chances and opportunities as us or may not have a home, food or water.

## **Oxfam**

Thank you so much for the donations of books for Oxfam and the lovely messages that the children wrote for the future readers of their books and others. We are still happy to receive more books into the school office for Mrs Gibbs to take to Oxfam; please can you check that the books are as good as new before you bring them. Thank you.

### **Pedal Power**

Please walk, pedal or scoot to school for the next two weeks if you can; Mrs Janes has sent out all the information and our teachers will make a note of how many children come to school under their own steam! We are hoping to win prizes for our school; we will let you know how we get on. We know that most of our families walk to school already so we are in with a good chance.

### **Stuart, Wendy and Olivia**

Today we were lucky enough to have a visit from Stuart, his wife Wendy and his guide dog Olivia. Olivia is a fully trained guide dog who helps Stuart every day. The children learned all about Olivia's jobs and many facts about guide dogs. Ask your child what they learned today. We will be raising money for guide dogs again this Easter through our Tombola!



### **Governor Day**

Walter Governors spent the whole day in school on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March; you might have seen some of us at the gate in the morning – purple lanyards!

Walter School Governors general meetings are held outside of school hours so it is always a treat to be able to be in the school whilst in action. We were lucky to be in on a special non uniform day. It was lovely to see so many smiling children and parents first thing in the morning.

Governors joined the assembly which was about Kindness, introduced themselves to the children, joined in with the singing and clapped hard for those who received their star of the week awards.

A large part of the Governor role is aimed at gaining assurance that the school provides access to the best opportunities, for all children, to achieve and exceed expectations. The way the school budget is managed and children are assessed with no discrimination is part of the ongoing scrutiny governors exercise with the school. We spent time on Friday looking at specific areas of budgeting, strategy and equity of opportunities for our pupils.

We are pleased to say that Walter does well in all key areas and the data supports this; however, we are ambitious and the second part of the day, after having lunch with the children, was about how Walter can challenge itself to be even better. Many ideas came up in line with the curriculum and school priorities.

We welcome feedback and thoughts from all the parents and carers that make up our Walter School Community, please do not hesitate to contact us via email [Chair@walter.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:Chair@walter.wokingham.sch.uk) or dropping a note with the School Office at any time.

There is more information about the School Governors on the Walter website - there is a piece of work ongoing to improve this area of the website

[https://www.walter.wokingham.sch.uk/website/our\\_governors/10202](https://www.walter.wokingham.sch.uk/website/our_governors/10202)[https://www.walter.wokingham.sch.uk/website/our\\_governors/10202](https://www.walter.wokingham.sch.uk/website/our_governors/10202) so watch this space!

There are vacancies on the Governing Body so if you think you might be interested, or know someone who would be, we would love to hear from you/them, we would welcome experience in premises management and maintenance, as well as experience in fundraising.

**Ghislene Lokuciewski | Acting Chair Governors | Walter Infant School**

### **Parent Consultations and Crèche**

If you haven't had a chance to book an appointment to see your child's teacher, please do so as soon as possible. We will contact anyone who hasn't been able to as it is so important for us to share your child's progress and successes with you. We may also need to share some ideas that you can use to help support your child at home. If you are not able to come on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April or Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April please speak to your child's teacher who will be able to arrange an alternative time. It will also be an opportunity for you to look at your child's books and visit the classrooms to see the beautiful displays and where your child spends their time each day. We will have a crèche available on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April but **not on** Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. We all look forward to seeing you. If you would like to make an appointment to see Mrs Ambler or myself, please contact Mrs Janes in the office. Thank you

### **Chocolate Tombola**

We are excited to announce that we will be holding another chocolate tombola at the end of term. This will be our second! Last year's was very successful and we raised money to sponsor guide dogs. This year we are hoping to raise money to support our guide dogs and money to enhance our learning environment. We will have more information nearer the time; the Tombola will take place at 2:20 pm on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019. We would love to receive a chocolate donation from every child if possible. Please bring your donations in from next week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> March; we are hoping to collect even more than last year. There will also be a 'Guess the name of the bunny' and 'How many eggs in the jar'.



### **International Dance Day**

International Dance Day is on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April; we have managed to book Miss Joanna from the Wright School of Dance to come and teach every class a dance on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April. We would like every child to bring in a donation of £1 (or £2 a family of 2 or more children) to contribute towards the cost of the day. The last two years have been absolutely wonderful and Miss Joanna will hopefully attend our 2<sup>nd</sup> One Love Festival in July – watch this space!

### Sponsored Activity Day

We will be holding our sponsored activity day on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019; there will be lots more information to follow closer to the event.



### Pine Class Assembly

Thank you to everyone who came to watch our fabulous Pine Class assembly; it was wonderful and we were all so proud of our children. They have learned so much and were so brave and confident standing in front of such a large audience. Well done Pine Class. Next week it is Sycamore Class!



### Nursery Places in Robin

We still have a couple of afternoon places available in our wonderful nursery (Robin). If you would like to register your child or know someone who may be looking for a nursery place for September 2019 please contact Mrs Janes in the office. Your child must be 3 years old by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019. Our nursery is a truly wonderful learning environment, led by a Qualified Teacher and Early Years Practitioner as well as a very experienced Learning Support Assistant. Our children have so much fun and really enjoy their learning. If you would like to have a tour, please pop in to arrange a time.



### **Gardening Club**

We will be starting a gardening club after school on Tuesday's, led by Mrs Adams-Price who will be ably supported by Mrs Coyne and my Mum! It will be from the end of the school day until 4:15 pm and will cost £3:00 per child (this will cover the cost of tools, plants, compost etc). The children will learn all about the properties of growth, how to care for fruit and vegetables, the skills of planting and pruning, plant names and how to provide habitats for wild life. We will initially have 18 spaces. If you are interested, look out for more information after the Easter holidays.

### **Magic Show for Foundation 2 children**

The Magic Show for Foundation 2 children is taking place on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March straight after school. There is still time to return forms if you would like your child to attend; it should be amazing!

### **Bake Sale and second hand uniform**

The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is holding it's spring Bake Sale and second hand uniform sale after school on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March. They would very much appreciate bakers and volunteers to help. Please return forms to the office or contact the PTA on [walterinfantspa@gmail.com](mailto:walterinfantspa@gmail.com) There will be a meeting on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March, in the evening at The Leathern Bottel, we would love lots of people to attend to discuss ways to support the school with projects and fund raising.

### **And finally.....**

Don't forget to buy some extra chocolate over the weekend! Thank you

Judy Wheeler; Headteacher 22nd March 2019