



# Friday Flyer!

## Dear Walter Families,

We started our school tours today for prospective new parents; I felt so proud as I showed them around our school. The environment is so stimulating and the children were so well-behaved and polite. It was wonderful!

## Kindness

Our Value this week is kindness and our assemblies have focussed on how to be kind and what kindness is; during our whole school Friday assembly some children will receive their kindness leaves for demonstrating kind behaviour. I have prepared an assembly to talk about kindness in our school and what we expect from members of our Walter Community. I decided to write an acrostic to share with our children and would like to share it with our families as well:

**W** – Willing to help others  
**A** – Appropriate at all times  
**L** – Listens to others  
**T** – Tolerant of differences  
**E** – Equitable and fair  
**R** – Respectful and resilient

## Fire Evacuation

At lunchtime on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> of September, the fire alarm was sounded as there was a concern with a light in St. Paul's; it was right in the middle of our lunch time! We evacuated the whole school in less than three minutes and all our registers were completed in less than five minutes! This was an amazing achievement for our children and our staff! The children's behaviour was impeccable and all our procedures worked perfectly.

## Wet Weather Clothing

We have had so much rain recently and have noticed that some children are coming to school without coats, usually if they have come in the car. Please remember to send your child with a coat every day as we go outside in all sorts of weather.

Please could you check that your child has a good grip on their shoes as we have had a number of slips (from standing) causing grazed knees!

## Rise and Shine Club

We are delighted that our Rise and Shine Club is so popular and that our children enjoy it so much; as demand is high and we are only able to offer a maximum of 24 places it is very important that we know exactly how many children will be attending as it impacts on our staffing ratios and the availability of spaces. If you have booked a space that you no longer require, due to changes in arrangements or illness, please could you let us know as soon as possible. We do not want to start charging for places that have been booked and not taken up, so we would like to stop this from happening. I appreciate your cooperation with this matter.

### Harvest Collection for Wokingham Foodbank

This year, for the 4<sup>th</sup> year running we will be collecting donations for the Wokingham Foodbank; our collection will be on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October. We are very excited as we will have a representative from the foodbank coming to lead an assembly for our children. More information will follow soon. 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

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 8<sup>th</sup> 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!



### PPG

All of our children in Foundation Stage 2, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a universal free school meal. Some of our children are eligible for Pupil Premium Funding; this means (in most circumstances) they will be eligible for free school meals when they go to Junior School. In addition to this, we can use the funding to support your child in school, provide an extra-curricular club, help with school trips and school uniform, provide additional adults support, help from a Family Support Worker and in some case provide Canine Assisted Learning for children with emotional needs.

**Our school really benefits from the Pupil Premium Funding so if you think your child is eligible please speak to Mrs Janes in the office: you need to be in receipt of one of these benefits:**

- **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>

Every enquiry is completely confidential.

#### **Dates for you diary**

<b>9-14<sup>th</sup> October 2019</b>	Book Fair Support our school as we can buy books with the commission from sales
<b>16<sup>th</sup> October 2019</b>	FS Reading & Phonics Meetings
<b>18<sup>th</sup> October 2019</b>	Harvest collection and visit from the Foodbank
<b>21<sup>st</sup> October 2019</b>	Parent Consultations
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019</b>	Parent Consultations
<b>28<sup>th</sup> October-1<sup>st</sup> November 2019</b>	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](mailto:head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk) at any time. Have a wonderful weekend.

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