



Friday Flyer!

Dear Walter Families,

We have had a very busy week welcoming more children back to school this week; it has been lovely to see the children again and we have had very positive feedback. The children in school have been doing the same work as the work that has been posted in the home learning link by our Foundation Stage and Year 1 teachers, so we have had a week full of tigers and the weather!



The Orange and Purple Bubbles in Beech



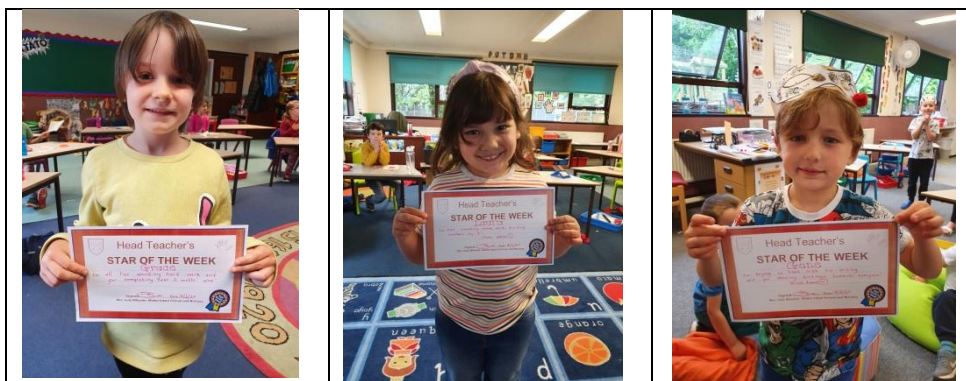
Orange doing Yoga! Good stretching!



Purple learning about a greedy tiger!

Stars of the Week

We have 3 stars of the week in school this week; each star has been awarded their certificate by one of our teachers. Grace for her amazing work (and for completing the Year 2 Maths) but I think she deserved it for her Supertato Collage! Laura is a star for her excellent division work and Gene for being so kind and hardworking. Well done all of you.



Our Green Bubble has been working on the 'Supertato' books (definitely worth a read) and have created some very interesting super heroes: some of whom seem very familiar!



September 2020

We are making plans for September; it is our intention to open as usual so 'fingers crossed'.

We will be sending out the children's end of year reports next month and you will have an opportunity to discuss the reports via telephone conversation, with your child's teacher, if you would like to.

Year 2 into Year 3: The children joining St Paul's Junior School will all stay in the same class groups that they are in now. So Sycamore, Pine and Willow register groups will be exactly the same to avoid any unnecessary changes for your children. I am in close contact with Mrs Taylor (the Headteacher) and we will be meeting regularly to discuss how to make the transition the best it can be in these unusual circumstances. If you visit their website you will be able to browse to find out more about the school and information about school uniform and such like. There will be much more information nearer the time. <https://www.stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk/website>

Year 1 into Year 2: The classes will stay the same; so that your children will be learning in the same groups they were in before lockdown. The children from Oak Class will go to Willow Class and be taught by Mrs Pimm and Mrs McDonough, with support from Mrs Wyatt. The children from Beech Class will go to Pine Class and be taught by Mr Lee, with support from Mrs Cheslin and the children from Larch Class will go to Sycamore Class and be taught by Mr Herlihey with support from Miss Dutton. They will take all their existing exercise books so that they can continue their learning journeys and we will be able to very quickly assess the differences in their capabilities since March 20th 2020. We will continue with the Year 1 Curriculum to ensure that the children do not have any gaps in their learning.

FS2 into Year 1: As you know, Ms Rees is on maternity leave from the end of the summer term, so Miss Jasmine Veale is joining us as our new Oak Class teacher. Miss Veale did her final teaching practice at Walter and knows our school very well. We are delighted she is joining us. As with Year 1, the children will stay in the same class groups. Magpie will go to Larch and be taught by Miss Palmer, with support from Mrs Wynne, Dove will go to Beech Class and be taught by Miss Rose, with support from Mrs Ullah and Woodpecker will go to Oak and be taught by Miss Veale with support from Miss Gosling. They will also take with them their exercise books and continue to work in them so that we can quickly assess progress and attainment. We will be following the Early Learning Goals in Year 1 for some time to ensure a smooth transition and a very gradual change in the way the children are used to learning. We will maintain the 20% adult-led learning along with 80% child-initiated. Fortunately we are very well resourced to do so as we recognise how much young children learn through play.

FS1 into F2: Our Robin children will hear in the next week which classes they will be in; we have prepared all the information packs and they will be hand delivered by our staff. Mrs Bennette will be the Dove Teacher, supported by Mrs Althorp and Mrs Adams-Price, Mrs Coyne will be the Magpie Teacher, supported by Mrs Issa and Mrs Parfett and Miss Prickett will be the Woodpecker Teachers supported by Mrs Lloyd.

Pupil Premium Funding

I am aware that some families maybe experiencing financial hardship at the moment; 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.

Home Learning

We will continue to update our Home Learning Link on our school website; we are grateful for all the positive comments we have received, we all really appreciate your kind words (it makes such a difference). We have added a link to Classroom Secrets that some of you may find useful. <https://kids.classroomsecrets.co.uk/home-learning-timetable/> I have received some wonderful work this week and also have a new head teachers award: A Walter Lion!



Don't forget to visit our home learning link on our website; there are some new stories on there today. I hope you all enjoyed the assembly on kindness with the Duchess of Cambridge. https://www.walter.wokingham.sch.uk/website/home_learning/456646

Wet Weather Clothing in School

The weather is so unpredictable at the moment; if your child is coming to school, please ensure they have waterproof clothing as we will be doing PE and outside activities whatever the weather.

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