



# Friday Flyer

**Dear Walter Families,**

The children are in the process of having their flu nasal vaccinations; they are all being so polite, so brave and so sensible. We have noticed that many more of them know their full names AND their dates of birth, which is very impressive. As usual, all our staff feel extremely proud, especially considering we are wearing bright colours and covered in spots!

Our School Improvement Officer came to visit our school on Tuesday; she was so impressed with what she saw and said it was very clear that we remain an outstanding school: she said;

“it has been a privilege to visit your school and see the calm learning environments with enthusiastic and motivated pupils engaged in their learning.”

“it is great to see your collective enthusiasm to sustain and improve your academic success alongside the focus placed on the care and welfare of your pupils and staff.”

## **Children in Need 2019**

Thank you so much for remembering to help your children to dress in bright colours for Children in Need 2019; so far we have raised in excess of £300 which is amazing and will make a big contribution to the final amount. It is important for our children to learn to be empathetic and to want to do things to help others less fortunate than themselves.



## Our School

I thought I would show you some of the beautiful work our children have created over the last couple of weeks; it is absolutely amazing. I would also like to say a big thank you to our staff who go to so much trouble to display the work so beautifully.



## Wokingham Winter Carnival



Dear Parents,

The Wokingham Winter Carnival takes place on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November and we hope you, your family and friends will come and enjoy the fun.

Please use the following link to access the website where you will be able to see the Winter Carnival Programme and other information. You can print this out and bring it with you on the day. [www.wintercarnival.co.uk](http://www.wintercarnival.co.uk)

Please take a few minutes to look at the rest of the Website which, in addition to the Home page, includes: Programme, Join the fun, Stalls, Supporters, Procession, Gallery, History and contact us.

Follow us on Facebook at Wokingham Winter Carnival? <https://www.facebook.com/WokyWinterFayre/>

On behalf of our hardworking committee I look forward to seeing you at the Winter Carnival on 24<sup>th</sup> November.

Thank you,  
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## MOMO

Sadly, the MOMO Challenge has reared it's very ugly head; this is an internet virus that pops up on children's computers.

This is the information we shared last time; please be very aware as it can be VERY frightening.

### *What is the Momo Challenge?*

- Throughout the challenge, children are sent violent and graphic images and texts. If children want to stop the challenge, "Momo" threatens to leak their personal information*
- Then, the stranger asks children to share photos and videos of themselves completing certain tasks.*
- At first the tasks are small. For example: face a fear, wake up at weird hours throughout the night.*
- The tasks escalate until the final task, which encourages children to kill themselves*
- WhatsApp, YouTube and Facebook are the primary networks for the challenge*

### *Why should we be concerned?*

- Children who partake in the Momo Challenge are actively communicating with unknown persons and may be encouraged to self-harm*
- The Momo Challenge is not specific to one country, it is global*
- The Momo Challenge can feel real for children and may push them to harm themselves*
- Children are exposed to violent and graphic images throughout the challenge*
- Some children have reported that it's easy to come across "Momo" on Facebook and YouTube and that it's easy to connect with the character on WhatsApp*

### *What can parents do?*

- Ensure they know what their children can access online*
- Ensure children understand the importance of not giving personal information to anyone they do not know*
- Tell their children no-one has the right to make them do anything they do not want to do*
- Use parental controls to keep children safe*
- If children do receive a Momo message, remind the child Momo isn't a real person, Momo doesn't exist. The message is computer generated and is most likely an app 'phishing' for information. Tell them not to respond, at all. Then block any number that may appear.*

The NSPCC publishes advice and guidance for parents on discussing online safety with their children, as well as Net Aware - the UK's only parental guide to social media and gaming apps <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

## House of Colour

There will be a House of Colour Christmas Shopping Event held at Walter Infant School on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019; tickets are available from your local House of Colour consultant: [Sue.selisko@houseofcolour.co.uk](mailto:Sue.selisko@houseofcolour.co.uk) 07510223785. There is an Early Bird Deal; if you book before 23<sup>rd</sup> November you will receive two free prize draw tickets.

### Reindeer coming to school

The reindeer are coming to school again on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019; this is one of our best days EVER! We will be asking for a contribution of £2 per child. The PTA will also contribute from their fundraising activities (reindeer coming to school is quite expensive, but worth every penny)! You will have an opportunity at the end of the school day to take photographs with the reindeer, with Walter children and siblings if you wish.



### Elves in School

Real Festive Elves are coming to school on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December; they will be giving every child an early Christmas present of a book! The elves are going to talk to the children about lots of fun things, including how wonderful it is to be a reader! Thank you to all of you who have already made a contribution of £1.50. If you still need to contribute, please do so on the website or in the school office. If you are unable to contribute, please let us know so that we can help.

### Snow White on Ice

Year 1 and Year 2 will all be going to Bracknell to see Snow White on Ice; many families have already made a payment of £12. If you have forgotten to make a payment, please do so by 25<sup>th</sup> November. If you will have difficulty making a payment, please speak to the office team in confidence. If we do not have the consent forms back we will not be able to take your child offsite. Thank you.

### Christmas Fair

We have a HUGE Storm Trooper, which has been donated to our raffle as one of our new prizes, as well as a micro-scooter, the £200 Golf Package, a £25 Garden Voucher and so much more.



If you are able to make a raffle donation we would be so grateful; we are more reliant than ever for fund raising to top up our school funds! We are hoping to raise money for a new climbing frame for Foundation Stage, but I have found out today that we need lots more new reading books as our children are so amazing at reading! Please donate unwanted brand new gifts if you can; my daughter will be cooking her supper today in the brand new slow cooker Mrs Prickett donated last year!

We would love any fabulous things that you think someone would love to win. Can you offer a pedicure voucher or a manicure, perhaps a blow dry or a free haircut? All donations gratefully received.

### Raffle Tickets

We will be sending home raffle tickets on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November for you to sell to your family, friends and neighbours. The more tickets we sell, the more money we make for the school! We will send home 5 sets of tickets with every child. Each ticket costs 25p or 5 tickets for £1! Please note there will be 25 identical pairs of tickets. If you sell a ticket, keep one and return the identical ticket to school with a name and telephone number on the back. We will then enter the tickets in the draw and the winning tickets will be drawn at 4:00pm on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November at the fair. If you need more tickets, you can collect them from the school office.

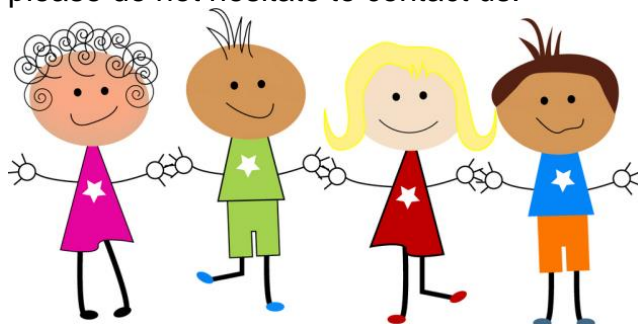


We now have more parents wishing to run a stall for 10% donation to the school, if you would like to do something similar, please speak to Mrs Hemmings or Mrs Janes in the school office.

Just like last year, will be asking different classes to make contributions to our stalls:

Class	What to Bring	Examples of Gifts
Pine and Sycamore	Gifts for Dads (limit £3)	New toiletries, socks, chocolates, keyrings, etc.
Beech and Larch	Gifts for Mums (limit £3)	New toiletries, chocolates, stationery, scarves etc.
Oak and Willow	Small new toys for Toy Tombola (limit £3)	New playing or Top Trump cards, stationery (pens, notebooks), small puzzles, construction sets, toy cars, soft toys, craft sets etc.
Robin, Dove, Magpie and Woodpecker	Sweets and Chocolates	Small boxes of chocolates, Christmas confectionery, Advent Calendars, chocolate orange, Haribo, etc.

We would like the children to come to school in their 'own clothes' and to bring a donation (as listed above) on the **22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019**. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.



We would also love to have donations to our **WORLD FOOD STALL:**

If you are able to contribute samosas, pakoras, pizzas, tapas, spring rolls, sausage rolls, mince pies, cheese straws, stollen in fact anything that is tasty and from anywhere in the world that people will enjoy eating.

If you are happy to make a contribution; please email Mrs Janes or Mrs Hemmings on [admin@walter.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@walter.wokingham.sch.uk) or talk to them in the office to let us know. Thank you.

I am particularly excited about Elf Mail! All our children, and their siblings, will be able to write to Father Christmas, using Elf Mail. We will have a direct link and all letters will be replied to using Elf Mail directly into school. We will be using this unique opportunity to raise money for our school. The Elf Mail correspondence (including a sweet treat and a personalised response) will be £3 per letter. We will provide a letter pro-forma for the children to write on nearer the time. We will have real elves in school and an official post box! The Elves are already booked and so excited to come to our school! We will send the letter template home on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019.



### **The Cake Sale at the Christmas Fair for the PTA**

If you are willing to bake things for the PTA to sell at the Christmas Fair, please could you email [walterinfantspa@gmail.com](mailto:walterinfantspa@gmail.com) where they will give you more information.



### **Bags to School 2019**

We will be sending home bags to school sacks on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November; the collection day will be on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November. Please bring your bags to school on the Tuesday morning and leave them on the train in the playground for collection (unless you arrange to have them collected). Thank you very much; this is a wonderful opportunity to declutter, recycle and make money for our school.

Please feel free to telephone the school or contact me via email if you have any questions, queries or concerns. [head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk)

Have a lovely weekend.

Judy Wheeler: Headteacher      15<sup>th</sup> November 2019

### Dates for you diary

15 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	Children In Need
25 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	Reindeers coming to school
29 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	Christmas Fair
3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2019	The Elves are coming.....
3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2019	Beech Nativity
4 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Larch Nativity
5 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Oak Nativity
12 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Y1 & Y2 Snow White on Ice
13 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Christmas Jumper Day
13 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	FS1 & FS2 Christmas Songs
13 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	iRock Concert
16 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Violin Assembly
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Y2 Christmas Concert
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party Day
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of Term – finishing 1 hour early