



Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,

This is the first of our Friday Flyers – we will be sending out flyers at the end of each week if there is information that we feel we need to share which won't wait until our next newsletter; we would very much welcome your feedback as to whether you think it is a good idea.

Parent View and Comments

We have added a comments link so that you can comment directly to me, Mrs Wheeler, and Mrs Janes. Please look for the link on the website. We have also added an OFSTED link called Parent View which will allow you to share your opinions about our school. Please look for the link:



Walter High Five

We have introduced five core values for our school: The Walter High Five. Those values are kindness, honesty, empathy, resilience and respect. We have celebrated our value of kindness today by awarding our first kindness leaves for our kindness tree.



School Funding

Some of you may have heard on the news this morning that one thousand head teachers are marching to Downing Street with a petition about school funding. It is no surprise to you to hear that school budgets are stretched and that schools have to be very resourceful in raising money to boost their budgets. We have placed a link on our school payments page (School Gateway) for our families to make a donation to boost our budget. If you would like to help, please visit the school payments page. A HUGE 'Thank you' to those of you who have already made a donation; we very much appreciate your generosity and kindness. Please be assured, there is no expectation to make a donation and we have ensured that we have everything we

need to make our children's time at Walter as good as it can possibly be and they will not be missing out on anything due to funding.



School Photographs

Our School Photographer was able to attend yesterday (27/09/2018) and all our children have had their photographs taken; thank you for your patience and co-operation with the changes, due to the photographer being very unwell.

Fire Evacuation Practice

We had our first fire evacuation practice of the academic year on Monday and it all went very smoothly; it took 5 minutes and 24 seconds to complete the evacuation and register. We will be aiming to beat this time next term!

MacMillan Coffee Morning

We held a MacMillan Coffee Morning at school for our staff and raised almost £75 for MacMillan Cancer Care.

Oakland Tree Services

We would like to thank one of our parents, Sam Cole, from Oakland Tree Services, who very kindly came and made our trees safe after the stormy weather last week; our grounds had become dangerous due to dead wood in the trees. We are very grateful to Mr Cole who donated his time and effort to help us out of a crisis. He will be visiting us again in the half term to ensure all our trees are safe, again free of charge; we are so grateful for his kindness and support.



<https://www.oaklandtreeservices.co.uk/>

Reading Volunteers

We would love our trained reading volunteers to start as soon as possible; please contact Mr Lee in Pine class if you would like to volunteer again this year. If you would like to begin as a volunteer, please sign up for a training session by contacting Mrs Janes in the office.

And finally.....

We have had a wonderful start to the term; the children have settled in so quickly and are absolutely wonderful. We are delighted to be back and we are all very happy! Please have a look at our new BIG curriculum on the website.

Have a wonderful week end - Judy Wheeler: Headteacher