



Friday Flyer!

Dear Walter Families,

What a surprise, for the second time this term, the fire alarm sounded from St Paul's next door, just as we had opened our doors! We usually test our alarms every Thursday but it was soon clear that it wasn't our usual test! I was amazed at how calm all our children were as they joined their teachers and classmates at their muster points! Thankfully it was a fault with the alarm next door which has now been sorted out. We very much appreciated your patience at the start of the school day and I am sure you will agree that all of your children behaved impeccably as usual! Today the children from Woodpecker, Magpie and Dove came into assembly for the first time and they were wonderful; ask them what happened.

Respect

Our value of the week is respect; we have had so many visitors to school this week and all have noticed how respectful and polite our children are. They have demonstrated that they know how to behave at all times and we could not be more proud. Louis Taylor said that our children are some of the best behaved and respectful he has met. Our tiny new Robins came into the hall for the first time ever and sat beautifully through the roadshow, listening carefully and laughing their socks off! It was a joy!

World Mental Health Day

Thursday 10th of October (yesterday) was World Mental Health Day; the emotional well-being of our children is paramount for staff at Walter Infant School and Nursery. Ms Rees, our Mental Health Lead held an age-appropriate assembly on Mental Health for our Year 1 and Year 2 children; she has placed the assembly (as a power point) on our school website under: Parents - World Mental Health Day.



Parent Survey

Thank you to everyone who completed the parent survey we received over 100 responses and 98% of those parents were very happy with the school provision and everything we offer. 98% also said they would happily recommend Walter Infant School and Nursery to other parents, which is wonderful to know. It was wonderful to read the lovely comments made by some of you and your responses have been shared with all staff: these are just a few of the many.

"We think you are amazing. We have had a long association with the school and can honestly say it has never been better. Well done to all the wonderful and hardworking staff who go that extra mile for our children."

"A lovely school where children are always happy and safe"

"A truly wonderful school"

"My child is very happy at Walter Infant School. It is an excellent school."

There were a couple of comments raising individual concerns which I would be very happy to respond to; please telephone the school or email for a chat or to arrange a meeting.

Yoga Workshops

On Monday our three Year 2 classes had a yoga session with two amazing yoga teachers; it was absolutely wonderful. The children were so engaged and really enjoyed having the opportunity to learn a new skill (as did the teachers, who will be using some of the techniques in their own teaching). Year 1 and Foundation 2 will also have the opportunity to learn yoga in the coming weeks.



Louis Taylor Road Safety Show

On Wednesday Louis Taylor came with his Road Safety Roadshow to teach the children how to keep themselves safe when they are out and about near roads. It was very funny but the messages were very clear:

HOLD HANDS

STOP

LOOK

LISTEN

WALK SENSIBLY ACROSS THE ROAD only when it is safe to do so

Ask your children to show you the hand signals they learned.



Green Redeem

Thank you to everyone who has registered with Green Redeem: I received a cheque this week for £350! We will use the money for another recycled plastic bench for the playground and some new recycling bins for our next recycling project!



greenredeem
rewarding action

Travelling Book Fair

We had the most amazing first day at the book fair; we took £430! That will mean a lot of books for our school. Please don't forget to come if you have time. The last day is Monday 14th October. See you there I hope.



Walter Boards for the Christmas Fair

We would like some of our neighbours to display for sale type boards to advertise our Christmas Fair; if you would be happy to have a board please could you let Mrs Janes in the school office know. We need to find homes for 25 boards! Thank you

Lockdown

On Monday 14th of October at 2:45 we will have our annual lockdown practice; this is when we rehearse what we would do to keep the children safe if there was a need, such as an intruder or a dangerous incident in Wokingham. We will sound an air horn to alert our staff that we are 'locking down'! The adults in school will escort our children to their safe places where they will be secure and unseen. We will warn the children and make sure they are not scared. Thank you for your understanding.

Easy Fundraising as Christmas Approaches

As Christmas approaches, many of you will be shopping on line: Please could you remember us and go through the easy fundraising website! Please follow this link <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/walterinfantpa/>

Harvest Collection for Wokingham Foodbank

As you know, this year, for the 4th year running we will be collecting donations for the Wokingham Foodbank; our collection will be on Friday 18th October. We are very

excited as we will have a representative from the foodbank coming to lead an assembly for our children.

The Manager from the Foodbank has requested specific items that they are very low on at the moment.

- Biscuits
- Custard
- Rice pudding
- Tinned meat
- Jam, honey and marmalade
- Deodorant for men and women
- Shaving foam
- Shampoo
- All-purpose cleaner
- Washing power and washing gel packs (small boxes only)
- Washing up liquid
- Toilet rolls



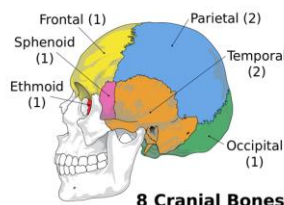
Please DO NOT donate Baked Beans, pasta or tea as they have an abundance!

The Foodbank is truly thankful for our continued support.

Head Bumps

It is our policy to telephone all parents if a child bumps their head this is because a fracture may have no symptoms and a concussion or compression may develop slowly. If your child is unfortunate and bumps the skull area of their head (not chins and cheeks) we will telephone you to explain the incident. If we are concerned we will ask for a parent or guardian to attend school to decide if a child is well enough to remain. If a child were to have a head injury that required immediate help we would call 999. You will usually receive a call from the first aider who has dealt with the incident as they will have the most information. You will be required to sign a slip stating that you have been informed when you collect your child from school. If your child is going to an after school club, the club leader will sign as they will then be responsible for your children. We will monitor all head bumps carefully in school. Thank you for your understanding.

Head Bumps! Where is the bump?



If the bump is in the coloured area you MUST telephone a parent or guardian

The Book People; Big Boost Schools

If you choose to buy books from The Book People on line; you can donate to school using this link. All donations are gratefully received. Thank you.

<https://www.thebookpeople.co.uk/bigbookboost/schools>



Rumble in the Jumble

We are hoping to have a fundraising event after half term led by the School Council to raise money to enhance our classroom book corners, which are already beautiful but we feel could be even better! We would like to have a “Rumble in the Jumble”; and to ask children to donate soft toys, which are as good as new, to sell to other children so they can find a new forever home! We will have more information soon so if you are thinking of donating some soft toys to charity or friends and family in time for some new arrivals on the 25th December, please save them for us. If every child brought us one toy to sell we could make in excess of £300 for the school but if you would like to donate more than one as long as it has not been loved TOO much already we would love to have as many as you want rehoming. Thank you.



WATCH THIS SPACE!



From Robin, Woodpecker, Dove and Magpie Classes!

We have fewer children in our Foundation Stage claiming the Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) Funding for their child than recent years; if you are in receipt of Universal Credit or other benefits your child may be entitled to Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) Funding..... please read on!

Pupil Premium Grant (PPG)

On Wednesday I went to a Pupil Premium Conference in London and I left there confident that the staff at Walter Infant School and Nursery are doing a fantastic job for ALL our children. Yesterday we had the Whole School Census which determines whether our school budget will reduce due to pupil numbers. We had 8 fewer children registered for Pupil Premium Funding: we use this money in many ways to

benefit our children, such as school clubs, Canine Assisted Learning, our Family Support Worker, resources for the classrooms, school trips, school uniform, additional staff hours, and the list goes on. If you think your family could be eligible, please read on.

What is it?

Pupil Premium funding was introduced in 2011; it is a sum of money (£1320) given to the school, for any child who qualifies for Free School Meals or for any child who was eligible for free school meals from Reception to Year 6. Pupil Premium funding lasts for 6 years of a child's school life from the date it begins.

Do you have an income that is less than...

£16,190!

Or are you in receipt of any of the benefits below?

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>

Please speak to Mrs Janes in the school office. Every enquiry is completely confidential.

Aldi Stickers

We have received a few stickers but would love more! We will start a running total next week. 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. Here is our chart so far – not very full!



PTA

The PTA met on Tuesday 8th October at 7:45pm at Ye Olde Leathern Bottel; thank you to all of you who were able to attend. It was a very productive meeting and many ideas for fund raising were discussed. This year the PTA would like to raise money for a climbing frame and safety surface for the Foundation Stage Playground.



We are gathering quotes at the moment so we will keep you posted.

Dates for you diary

9-14th October 2019	Book Fair Support our school as we can buy books with the commission from sales
16th October 2019	FS Reading & Phonics Meetings
18th October 2019	Harvest collection and visit from the Foodbank
21st October 2019	Parent Consultations
23rd October 2019	Parent Consultations
28th October-1st November 2019	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 at any time. Have a wonderful weekend.

Judy Wheeler
Headteacher